



Harold F. Filkins

September 16, 1925 - October 19, 2014

Albany-Harold F. Filkins died peacefully on Sunday, October 19, 2014. Born in Albany, N.Y. on September 17, 1925, he was the son and step son of the late Margaret and James Trotta and beloved husband of Ruth Filkins.

A U.S. Navy WWII veteran, Harold served aboard the USS Arkansas BB33 in the Atlantic theatre, including the Battle of Normandy, and with the USS Riverside Amphibious Boat Group in the Pacific.

After graduation from Siena College, class of 1951, he began his career with Trans World Airlines and eventually retired as Area Sales Manager in 1977. Throughout his years at TWA and later, Harold and Ruth enjoyed worldwide travel.

He then joined the N.Y. State Assembly as a research analyst with the Ways and Means Committee, retiring from there in 1997.

In later years, and because he loved the game, Harold worked part time as a starter at the Capital Hills Golf Course. Another favorite sport was skiing, and he enjoyed both activities well into his seventies.

A member of the Knights of Columbus Ancient Order of Hibernians, American Legion Fort Orange Post, VFW Sheehy-Palmer Post, and the Siena College

Alumni Association, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth Kemp Filkins, his children, William Filkins and Barbara Filkins Gillespie (Tom); a brother, Anthony Trotta, and four grandchildren, Brendan and Holidae Filkins, and Thomas and Patrick Gillespie, who knew him affectionately as Poppy. Funeral services Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 8:45 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany at 9:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:00 to 7:00pm in the funeral home.

Interment at Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery will follow the Mass Thursday at 12:00 pm.

Those wishing to remember Harold in a special way may send a remembrance to Wounded Warrior Project, care of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, 375 Ontario Street, Albany, NY 12208. To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Service

OCT **23**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold F. Filkins*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 22, 2014 at 10:39 AM



“ *Harold F. Filkins*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - January 27, 2016 at 10:40 PM