



Harry Schatmeyer

July 28, 1942 - November 1, 2018

Harry Schatmeyer, Jr., passed away November 1, 2018. Harry was originally from northern New Jersey, but also lived in Piermont, New York and Newport, Rhode Island. He was born July 28th, 1942 to parents Fahmie and Harry Schatmeyer, Sr. and was married to two beautiful women: to Susan Christine Schatmeyer, the mother of his children Harry III, Simon, and Kirsten; and to Cheryl Gainer Schatmeyer, grandmother to his six grandchildren, Sam, Charlie, Jakob, Morgan, Vanessa, and Harry.

As a young man, Harry liked to work on cars with his friends, and he played high school football as an offensive lineman. Each summer, he traveled to Holland with his mother to visit with his extended family. After he graduated from Hawthorne High School, he attended Seton Hall University and graduated with a degree in English.

Harry served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was initially stationed at Fort Jackson, Georgia, where he rose to the rank of sergeant, and became an M-16 rifle marksman. As a Signal Corp Instructor, Harry taught young men to communicate during battle using Morse Code and other secretive methods.

Harry was a McDonald's executive, President's Award Winner, and owner/operator for many years, owning several restaurants in the northern New Jersey area, including the two highest volume McDonald's sites in the state located along the Garden State Parkway. Later, he owned and operated two historic luxury bed and breakfast hotels in Newport, Rhode Island.

Harry always enjoyed working and being an entrepreneur, and he read the Wall Street Journal and New York Times nearly every day. He enjoyed playing cards, traveling, visiting with his family, and watching his six grandchildren grow up. He loved living here in the lowcountry with his family. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Comments



“ We will cherish fond memories of our visits with Harry, from innkeeper meetings to parties and a fun dinner out. He was a kind man and he and Cheryl were a fun couple to spend time with. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family.
~Heather and Michael de Pinho

Heather de Pinho - November 28, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ Paul and I met Harry and Cheryl when we first joined the Newport Bed and Breakfast Association. We so appreciated their mentoring and friendship. Harry and I were on the Inspection committee where we had to inspect .all the inns in a timely fashion. Harry said he would only inspect them if we could go for coffee and pastry after the meetings.! His sense of humor was contagious and we will miss him greatly, Rest in peace old boy, you deserve it,

With deepest sympathy,
Diane and Paul Cardin

Diane Cardin - November 26, 2018 at 07:44 AM



“ Susan and I are saddened to have heard about the passing of Harry. We came to know Harry through our Bed and Breakfast affiliations. Harry was a good, kind man and I always enjoyed his company and his sense of humor. Susan and I will miss Harry dearly as we considered hi a good friend.

Bill & Susan Farrell
Newport, RI

William Farrell - November 25, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ Jan, So sorry to hear about Harry. He was lucky to have had you to care for him and bring him so much happiness! May you find peace and comfort in knowing what you did and how much he must have appreciated having YOU! Jan D

janice - November 19, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ I was so so sad to hear of Harry's passing. What a kind, gentle, generous soul he was. I was so fortunate to have met him through his Significant Other Jan, and get to know Harry these past couple years. Harry loved nothing more than to sit & chat about all of our pets, and the animals in our rescue. Such a huge smile would come over his face when Jazzie & Amy would come into the room to see him, or he would attend one of our events. I am honored to have had him as a guest at my daughters graduation party ... looking dapper as ever! Always a class act! We will all miss you Harry! ~Rebecca, Save A Lab Rescue- Middletown, RI

Rebecca Clark - November 19, 2018 at 07:40 AM



“ Harry was my across-the-way neighbor the past four-plus years, and I will remember him for always having a pleasant greeting to share when we saw each other, often amusing me with a lighthearted joke or outlook on life. Even during his illness, while his wonderful companion Jan was lovingly caring for him the past few years, Harry frequently managed to find a positive comment or thought. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing (just heard from another neighbor today) and wish his family many good memories of Harry's profound kindness, modesty, and genuine appreciation for those who cared for him. My sympathy to his family and to Jan, who helped him truly enjoy his last few years in comfort and security. Sincerely, Rob Nigro

Rob - November 18, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ Harry was always so kind and joyful when he would come to Petvalu. He was a true animal lover and had so much love for Jazzy and Ami. Sincere condolences to his family and friends! May he rest peacefully.

Love,
The Middletown Petvalu Team



Petvalu - November 17, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ Sincere condolences to family and friends. Harry was a tough and successful businessman and a gentle and kind friend. He has been missed and will be remembered fondly. Lynn Creighton

Lynn Creighton - November 08, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ Harry had a soft spot for WESTIES and rescued Maddie...and also adopted his cat Mya.
He was a true animal-lover!
Jan Ciampanelli

Jan Ciampanelli - November 08, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ My deepest condolences to his family and friends. My first job was at Vauxhall McDonald's Harry was the best. He will be missed

Cheryl J - November 04, 2018 at 08:59 AM