



## Harry J. Conrey

April 7, 1925 - July 17, 2015

Harry J. Conrey, age 90, of Camdenton, Missouri, passed away early Friday morning, July 17, 2015, at Via Christie Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas with family by his side. A visitation will be held at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel on Thursday, July 23, 2015, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a rosary prayed at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 24, 2015, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie with Father Patrick Dolan celebrating. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Harry was born on April 7, 1925, in Plainview, Nebraska, to John and Bertha Conrey. He spent his early years in Omaha, Nebraska and enlisted in the Navy in 1943, where he served his country in World War II aboard the USS Blue in the South Pacific. He also served two years in the Korean War. He attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha with a bachelor's degree in business and on June 14, 1947, he married Arlene Withrow. He gained employment in 1951, with the JC Penney Company and over the next thirty-four years, served as store manager in Pittsburg, Kansas, Kansas City, Missouri and Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1985, Harry retired and he and Arlene moved to the Lake of the Ozarks, Camdenton, Missouri.

Harry was an active member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4th degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat

Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie and a member of the Westside Senior Center. For thirty years, he was the founding member of the 4 o'clock happy hour gang on Sellers Road. In 2010, he was invited to be a part of a WWII honor flight where he was flown to Washington D.C. to see the WWII memorial. His family is proud to say he was truly a member of the "Greatest Generation", living through the great depression, serving in two wars and raising a family of six children. Harry enjoyed many things especially reading, listening to music and spending time with family and friends.

Harry was preceded in death by his wife Arlene, parents, John and Bertha, three brothers, John, Frank and Joe, one sister, Mary Ann Browning and a grandson, Daniel Fornelli.

He is survived by his children, Mark of Omaha, Nebraska, Mike of Austin, Texas, Patty Borushaski and husband Ron of Neosho, Missouri, Cathy Snyder and husband Ken of Cherokee, Kansas, Kevin of Laurie, Missouri and Mary Jo Ernst and husband Matt of Kansas City, Missouri; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

The children would like to give special thanks to Harry's granddaughter, Kate Fornelli and great-granddaughter, Hope Sluder "little one". Their ability to bring a smile to his face and care for him the past 3 ½ years was remarkable.

Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel  
417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful man! His loving smile and ways were always so welcoming to his children's friends. Loved visiting his home in Pittsburg and enjoying the time with his family.*

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**Peggy Polsak** - July 23, 2015 at 02:43 PM

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“ *The little contact I had with this gentleman, those moments I remember as being in the company of a true patriot and statesman. Harry was like so many in his generation, hearing the call to serve his country.  
Patty, you are blessed with fond memories of a loving earthly father, and I thank our Heavenly Father for that.  
May God bless you and your brothers.*

*Michael D. Martin*

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**Michael Martin** - July 22, 2015 at 02:15 PM

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“ *I so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. I really enjoyed the "happy hour" visits and chats. Had some good time.*  
*Mark Ortinau*

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**mark ortinau** - July 22, 2015 at 07:48 AM

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“ Our prayers are with all of you. We were blessed growing up and having Harry's quick wit, and humor, and his support. We enjoyed our time around growing up in Pittsburg. God Bless him and all of his family.

*The Marrone Brothers  
Albert, Ron, Dale*

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**Ron Marrone** - July 21, 2015 at 05:38 AM

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*Go with God Harry. Our prayers and sympathy to each of you. You Conrey kids had wonderful parents who loved you all the way! Take care of one another. Our Love.*

*Your Catalpa neighbors--Bill and Dorothy Baker.*

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**Bill and Dorothy Baker** - July 25, 2015 at 01:05 PM