



## Don Harrett

May 3, 2018

Donald Milton Harrett, lifelong resident of Dresden, Wallaceburg and Port Lambton passed away on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. He was 98 years young. He was a man of faith and an active member of the North Dresden Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Wallaceburg. A veteran, he served overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II working with the new and secret technology of radar and travelling all over Britain and North and South Africa. He was one of the few non-Americans to be awarded the U.S. Soldier's Medal for distinguished heroism by risking his own life in saving American soldiers after a fiery airplane crash. A proud 60-year member of UA Local 663 (Plumbers/Pipefitters Union), Don worked on the construction of the original Burlington Skyway Bridge, the St. Lawrence Seaway and spent many years at Kel-Gor in Sarnia. Don was a genuinely nice man who always smiled and spoke to everyone who crossed his path. As recently as January, Don could be seen driving his PT Cruiser, having just passed a driver's road test. Don loved board games and cards – as his family will attest to – and was up until 3:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve playing cards with friends at the Sydenham Retirement Residence. Don was devoted to his family. He was predeceased by his first wife Grace in 1970 (nee VanSickle) and his second wife Rose Marie in 2009 (nee Amos). Loving father of Ron (Dianna), Lorne, Donna Jean Cornelius (Wayne), Randy (Lynn), Peter (Debbie) and Paul; and step children Shirley Carter (Lawrie), Ron Kerr (Karen), and Nancy Drew (Dale). Cherished

grandfather of Byron, Mike, Shawna, Jamie, Amanda, David, Irene, Jeff, Hannah, Eric, Christine, Ian, Erin, Richard, Rebekah, and Kyle and 15 great-grandchildren. The last of his generation, Don spent many hours researching his family tree, starting with his parents, Milton and Bertha Harrett, brothers Frank, Fred, Bill and Ralph, and sisters Winifred Elder, Florence Lynn, Doris Jackson and Annebelle Milne. Don was always in contact with their families and recording all of the family milestones. The family will receive relatives and friends at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 7 – 9 PM on Sunday. The funeral will be celebrated at First Baptist Church in Wallaceburg on Monday, May 7 at noon, with visiting at the church in the hour prior. Interment in Dresden Cemetery. If desired, remembrances to the Heart & Stroke Foundation may be left at the funeral home 519.627.3231. Online tributes may be left at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Don Harrett*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - May 10, 2018 at 02:13 PM



“ *Don Harrett*

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ *My condolences to Don's family.*



William (Bill) Arends - May 19, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ *The McGrail Family lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett*



The McGrail family - May 11, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ 121 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - May 10, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ Frank, Cathy Johnston lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Frank, Cathy Johnston - May 09, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ Adam Authier sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Harrett



Adam Authier - May 07, 2018 at 05:45 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Harrett*



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**Norma Authier** - May 07, 2018 at 05:43 PM

BS

“ *Our Sincere Condolences to the Family.*



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**Brian and Elaine Shaw** - May 07, 2018 at 02:03 PM

HC

“ *I have fond memories of Donald. We came together through genealogy and he told me stories about my grandfather I could have never gotten through a book or the internet. We chatted on the phone and he wrote me letters full of information. I will treasure those letters and our time spent together. Deepest condolences to all of his family. He was a wonderful man.*

*Heather Badder Clark xo*

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**Heather Clark** - May 07, 2018 at 07:56 AM

SL

“ Shirley Lalonde lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Shirley Lalonde - May 06, 2018 at 09:35 PM

SH

“ Shawnfetcher lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



shawnfetcher - May 06, 2018 at 08:00 PM

BS

“ Bill And Sharon Stonehouse lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Bill and Sharon Stonehouse - May 06, 2018 at 04:27 PM

BS

*Sending sincere condolences to Don's family. Remember interesting conversations with Don. Treasure your memories. Sorry we couldn't attend visitation. Bill and Sharon Stonehouse (Roy and Mary Robinson's daughter)*

Bill and Sharon Stonehouse - May 06, 2018 at 04:32 PM

JD

“ John And Tammy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



John and Tammy Dunn - May 06, 2018 at 11:02 AM

ES

“ Lula Vansickle and family extended our deepest sympathies to Don's family.

eileen sutherland - May 06, 2018 at 07:40 AM

DR

“ Diane Ross lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Diane Ross - May 05, 2018 at 04:48 PM

DH

“ Dee Heath lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Dee Heath - May 05, 2018 at 02:15 PM

JL

“ *Jane Lauwereys lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett*



Jane Lauwereys - May 05, 2018 at 01:01 PM

JT

“ *Jack And Kim Thomaes lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett*



Jack and Kim Thomaes - May 05, 2018 at 11:48 AM

Joyce Ritchie

“ *Joyce Ritchie lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett*



Joyce Ritchie - May 05, 2018 at 11:33 AM

GB

“ *George & Bev Bradley lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett*



George & Bev Bradley - May 05, 2018 at 11:11 AM

BR

“ Don was a great neighbour and always had to have a little chat.



Betty Reek - May 05, 2018 at 11:07 AM

KW

“ Kelly White lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Kelly White - May 05, 2018 at 10:54 AM

KW

*Gone, but not Forgotten*

Kelly White - May 05, 2018 at 10:55 AM

AM

“ Amanda lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Amanda - May 05, 2018 at 09:50 AM

MH

“ *Merle Shelly Hazzard lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett*



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**Merle Shelly Hazzard** - May 05, 2018 at 09:41 AM

TF

“ *We are saddened with the news of your passing, Uncle Don. You will be greatly missed. Love and Prayers to all the family.*



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**Ted Harrett & Family** - May 05, 2018 at 09:14 AM

JH

“ *Harrett Family - we wanted to send you our condolences on the passing of a great man - Uncle Don will always remain in our memories - John & Diane Harrett*

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**John & Diane Harrett** - May 05, 2018 at 09:00 AM

WJ

“ I was 5 and we had just moved to Wallaceburg. I was at the Church and he walked past me. He stopped and said I looked familiar and asked if he knew my parents. I told him who they were and he realised he had known my mom years before, which is why I (as a child) looked familiar. What a small world it was, and it was a nice reunion of friends.



*I never saw him without a smile, and am thankful I had a chance to see him when I was back home in Feb.*

*My condolences and prayers are with the family.*

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**Wendy (Tapp) Jones** - May 05, 2018 at 08:28 AM

LP

“ Lola (Lumley) Pamer lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



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**Lola (Lumley) Pamer** - May 05, 2018 at 08:04 AM

BA

“ My condolences to the Harrett family.

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**Bill Arends** - May 05, 2018 at 07:56 AM

GM

“ George & Betty McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



George & Betty McGaffey - May 05, 2018 at 07:35 AM

RL

“ Don was a life long customer of patterson motors he will be missed Rob



rob labadie - May 05, 2018 at 07:21 AM

PC

“ Pete And Alalia Carter lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Pete and Alalia Carter - May 05, 2018 at 06:55 AM

ES

“ Ed&Janet Sterling lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett



Ed&Janet Sterling - May 05, 2018 at 06:28 AM

BC

“ *Your Dad was one of a kind. Always enjoyed chatting with him at the residence.*



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**Bill & Kate Van Campen** - May 05, 2018 at 04:40 AM

RT

“ *Roxanne Thomson lit a candle in memory of Don Harrett*



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**Roxanne Thomson** - May 04, 2018 at 09:18 PM

DB

“ *Don was such a wonderful man who set a high Christian example for others to follow. His heart was large and his wisdom on life deep. We will miss his enthusiastic greeting each time we met and the many bits of often comical knowledge he would share. Your loss here on earth is truly the Lords gain in Heaven. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Doug & Cindy Babbitt** - May 04, 2018 at 08:03 PM

JW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear Father. Our sincere sympathies are with you in your time of sorrow. Thinking of you.*  
*Jeff & Susan Williams*

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**Jeffrey Williams** - May 04, 2018 at 07:53 PM

JC

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on the loss of your dad, Donna. My prayers are most certainly with you and your family.  
Jan Cornelius



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**Jan Cornelius** - May 04, 2018 at 06:30 PM