



Harold Francis Shanz

October 3, 1923 - October 3, 2012

Harold Francis Shanz, 89 of Jupiter, FL formerly of North Palm Beach, FL and Mt. Vernon, NY passed into eternity on Wednesday October 3, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 21, 1923 in Mt. Vernon, New York to Charles F., and Anna Mary(Sillery) Shanz. He was raised in Mt. Vernon and proudly served his country in The United States Army in the medic unit in England during World War II. Upon returning from war he attended Iona College in New Rochelle NY on the GI Bill and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He received his Masters degree in both Education and History from Fordham University in Bronx, NY and Hunter College in NY. He began his forty years of teaching at Lincolndale School in Lincolndale NY, a school for juvenile delinquents for four years. In 1954 and for the next 20- years he proudly taught History, Latin, English, directed school plays and was Vice-Principal for All Hallows High School in Bronx New York. In 1974, while on vacation visiting family in North Palm Beach, he was offered the position as Principal of St. Clare School and remained there until he retired in 1989. His many years in Catholic education helping students become young adults were some of the proudest moments in his life.

He is survived by his fourth wife Susan (Marks) and his children Maureen Pappas and her husband Jeffrey of Washington Twp., NJ, Mark and his wife Erica of Jupiter and Peter and His wife Patricia of Bristow, Va. He was a loving Grandfather to Steven, Michael, Morgan, Ryan, Madeline and Zachary.

He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters, Charles, Edwin, Loretta and Muriel in addition to his three wives whom he lovingly took care of through each of their illnesses; Stephanie (Ansbro-Hargrave-1965), Maureen (Morgan-1992), and Barbara (Tupper-Taylor-2001). He was a loving "Pop" to Ann-Marie Hargrave-Altman (1990), Jane Simpson, Jill Reuss, Hope Lett, Mary Gail Daly and Priscilla Hargrave. Beloved "Grumpy" to 19 step-grandchildren and Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

He was a founding member of the Gold Coast Florida Chapter of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association following the passing of his wife Maureen from the disease where he was responsible for organizing many golf tournaments and walk-a-thons. He's also a member of the Board of Directors at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter as well as a member of various organizations throughout his lifetime. He was an avid sports fan, especially baseball and the New York Yankees. He was a loving and giving person who will be missed deeply by many people whose lives he touched.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday October 7th from 1-3pm and 6-9pm at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home 250 Center Street Jupiter Florida. 561-744-2030. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10AM, Monday, October 8th at St. Clare Catholic Church 821 Prosperity Farms Road North Palm Beach with the burial at Royal Palm Memorial Gardens West Palm Beach FL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to St. Clare School 821 Prosperity Farms Rd. North Palm Beach Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Francis Shanz*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Harold was a great person from the first time I met him almost 10 years ago. I remember him telling people how when We first met I asked him if He heard of Anne Frank. He was a good person to talk to. Love you Harold and RIP.*

Kenneth Kelty - Raleigh, NC - Step grandson - November 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Farewell to a great teacher and a man for all seasons. Rest in peace Harry.*

Thomas R. Hallahan

All Hallows High School class of 1972

Thomas R. Hallahan - Ephrata, PA - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *The best teacher I ever had. He always kept in touch and he always touched my life. Probably, the most inspirational man I ever met.*

Thanks, Harry.

Bill Baldwin, All Hallows, Class of 1971

Bill Baldwin - Hollywood, CA - student and friend - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Harold was an amazing man and he had such an impact on our lives. He had a love for people and was generous and compassionate beyond words. His memory and recall of events put us to shame! From the road trip Bruce took to Rhode Island with Harold, to ball games at Roger Dean Stadium, trips to Washington D.C. to fight for ALS patients, working on the Walk to D'Feet ALS, support groups and a host of other events and times together, we have the fondest memories of a man who had endless energy and a voice that we miss dearly. We are so blessed to have had Harold and his family in our lives.*

Dottie and Bruce Burkett - Denver, CO - Friends - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *...a wonderful man and teacher. He inspired me to go into to teaching.*

steve masciangelo - aquobogue, NY - former student at All Hallows - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of one of my favorite high school teachers, Harry Shanz.

I was in the Class of 1959 at All Hallows High School(in the shadows of Yankee Stadium).

I have one special memory of Harry Shanz.

Late in the N.Y.C. C.H.S.A.A.(Catholic High School Athletic Assoc.) Basketball Season, All Hallows, who had not won a City Championship in 25 years, was playing one of it's arch rivals, Power Memorial in a very important game as our school was contending for the playoffs at that time. As a Senior, our classrooms were located on the top floor of a three story building on Walton Avenue in The Bronx.

I managed to organize a Pep Rally just after lunch that Friday, and had all the Seniors line up in front of their lockers and pound on them while yelling our school chant: " Let's Go A.H. "

Myself and one other of my co-conspirators were taken to the Principals Office to be reprimanded by Brother Power, The Principal.

When Harry Shanz found out that we were being threatened with suspensions, he told the Principal that although the 2 culprits should have asked permission(which they were unlikely to get) he felt it was the best sign of School Spirit he had seen in all his years as a teacher at All Hallows, and if the punishment was not reduced, he would tender his resignation.

Harry, I'll never forget you for that and all the work you did in your wife's memory for Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Rest In peace Harry !

Joe Healey - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Former Student - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Mr. Shanz was an excellent teacher and administrator who cared deeply about his students. He touched many lives.
My deepest sympathies to the Shanz family.
Will Guadalupe
All Hallows, Class of '74*

Will - Tampa, FL - Friend - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ *An outstanding teacher. An outstanding man. An outstanding role model. May God bless you and keep you, Harry.*

Frank Daly - Syracuse, NY - All Hallows Alum - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *The world has lost an outstanding man.*

Our family has indeed been blessed to have enjoyed a friendship with Harold Shanz and his family for almost forty years.

We have lost a dear friend. Harold was my employer for fourteen years. I was further blessed to have known him as my mentor, strong supporter and dear friend. He was there for me for the good , the bad and the ugly through the laughter and the heartaches. He believed in me and consoled me and prayed with me when I needed it the most. And God bless him, he never once told me " I told you so". This wonderul man always stood by me strong and tall.

Some people come into our lives and go quickly.

Some stay for a while and leave footprints in our hearts and we are never the same.

Harold Shanz has left footprints in our hearts.

Memories woven with love and brightened by laughter will help us keep our dear friend close to our hearts forever.

Jane & Jim Smith and family - Palm Beach Gardens,, FL - friends - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My condolences to all his family members and friends. Rest in peace Mr. Shanz you will be missed. My thoughts and prayers. xo*

Lisa Bridgeman - Port St Lucie, FL - Erica's sister - October 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM