



Harold Mills

February 13, 1944 - July 3, 2020

Harold Mills, 76, died Friday, July 3, 2020 at home. He was born February 13, 1944 in Dothan, Alabama to the late Kos Nobel Mills and Jewell Miller Mills. He worked for many years as a commercial painter with the International Union Painters & Allied Trades, Local 88. Harold was a member of the Indian River Camp 47, CSA of Civil War Reenactment, and was a member of his neighborhood watch group.

Harold was a proud veteran of the US Marine Corp and a Vietnam Veteran. Surviving are: his wife, Pamela Mills of Lakeland; a daughter, Heidi Harper and her husband, Eric of Lakeland; a son, Doug Mills and his wife, Angel of Lakeland; a grandson, Ethan Harper of Lakeland; three granddaughters, Hayley Harper, Shelby & Bailey Mills both of Lakeland; three brothers, Carrol Mills of Frostproof, Birdie Mills of Bartow and Tommy Mills of Merritt Island. The family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 pm Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, 3350 Mall Hill Dr., Lakeland. Funeral services with military honors will be held at 10:00 am Friday, July 10, 2020 in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions to Wreaths across America. Please select to remember a Vet and add Harold Mills name <https://donate.wreathscrossamerica.org/?pageId=19520&relatedId=0&productId=11>

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Graveside with Military Honors

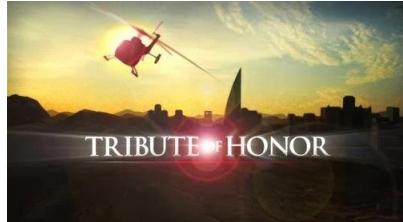
JUL **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Mills*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 09, 2020 at 09:09 AM

JC

*Beautiful tribute.
Sending condolences, love and prayers for all the family.
Sorry I can't make it to the viewing tonight i will be there with you in Spirit.
Cousin, Judy Curlee*

Judy Curlee - July 09, 2020 at 11:55 AM

LS

A beautiful tribute ,We send our heart felt Sympathy and our prayers for comfort in this difficult time .. Bobby and I thought a lot of Harold,he and Bobby had that Marine bond ..Bobby and Linda Simpson

Linda Simpson - July 10, 2020 at 08:04 AM

BY

Such a stunning tribute to Harold! I hope the family can find some peace - he will be dearly missed.

Beatrice Kyle Young - July 10, 2020 at 12:26 PM

WF

I am sorry to hear of uncle Harold passing. Prayers for Pam and the family.

Wanda Faulkner - July 11, 2020 at 10:59 PM

WS

“ Google: Operation Starlite (note spelling).

Opening photo is helicopter background,
2 Marines, VC prisoners.

I doubt that Harold ever saw this photo. I'm a writer and I just found it last winter. The sweat soaked guy drinking from the canteen is your Corporal Harold Mills. The other guy with the .45 on his hip is me, Cpl. William Schwicker of Big Pine Key, Florida. We were rushed in to handle prisoners, hot off the battlefield (August, 1965) and were awaiting shotguns, thus no rifles, but I had Sgt. Powers' .45.

It was really hot and humid and they were bringing more VC and bodies of some 50 Marines KIA. Starlite was the first USMC engagement of the Vietnam War — they never fought us again in a “set-piece” battle as we'd obliterated a battalion or two.

I was astonished to find this photo and memories came flooding back. Wish I could have shown it to my buddy “Mills” and heard his memories of that week. Harold, me, and a big black guy from Tracy CA, L/Cpl Earl Williams were a triumvirate— always together. I'm sorry for your loss — Harold was a great guy to know and a trusted buddy. You should treasure this photo, as I do. God Bless.

William Schwicker - September 10, 2023 at 09:56 PM

LI

“ Harold, I am going to miss your big warm hug a lot. You are such amazing and funny man.

Li

Li - July 10, 2020 at 09:37 AM

SM

“ To Pam Mills and family, LaBron and I are keeping you and your family in our prayers! We are send our deepest condolence for the lose of such an Amazing man! Harold funny and such a great man. I was just going through some pictures of The trips we made to Disney, when I was much younger. We love you all very much! Always, LaBron Taylor , Shawna Miller and families!!

Shawna Miller - July 08, 2020 at 10:12 PM

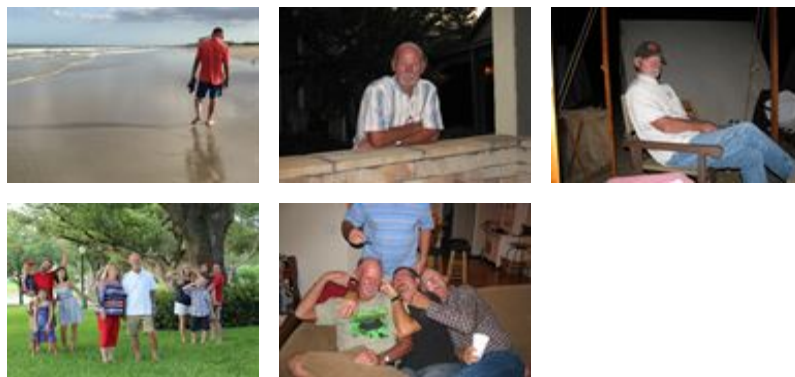
GM

“ To Pam and family: We are so sorry to hear of Harold's passing. Please accept our condolences and prayers for you during this time as well as the days ahead. Greg & Lisa Mills, (Charles & Ruth Mills)

Gregory C Mills - July 08, 2020 at 08:18 AM



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 07, 2020 at 03:17 PM



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 07, 2020 at 10:59 AM



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 07, 2020 at 09:41 AM

AC

To Pam, Heidi, Doug and family you are in my thoughts and prayers, Harold was one of the best. I thought the world of him and will truly miss him. May God send you peace and comfort in the coming days. Rip Harold your friend and co-worker. Andy corbitt

Andy corbitt - July 08, 2020 at 01:53 AM

RE

“ RexnColleen@yahoo.com lit a candle in memory of Harold Mills



RexnColleen@yahoo.com - July 06, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Mills.*



July 06, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *I have the fondest of memories, sitting with Harold during our annual family reunions. His sense of humor, sass, grit. and ultimately, his love for this family told me everything I needed to know about his character. He was a man of honor, the loved his country, he would do anything for those he loved and I know he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. From Marvin Vann and the rest of the Vann clan, we love you all and will miss Harold deeply.*

Melissa Vann-McCray - July 06, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *I have so many memories of Uncle Harold; growing up, he was my dad's sidekick, his best friend. Uncle Harold taught me several things. He even taught me how to use my middle finger and that nothing will be given to you unless you worked for it. Uncle Harold was a hard worker. He dearly loved his wife, kids, grandkids, brothers, and nieces and nephews. He would give you the shirt off of his back if you needed it. Uncle Harold will be missed and loved forever but it is comforting to know he is not in pain anymore. Rest In Peace Uncle, until we meet again...*

Kelley Mills - July 05, 2020 at 03:52 PM