



Capt. Harold Tiekling USMC (Ret.)

January 1, 1953 - September 28, 2014

Capt. Harold Laverne Tiekling, USMC (Ret.), passed away at home, surrounded by his beloved family, friends and his Pekingese babies, Sunday, September 28, 2014. Harold was born in Wichita and adopted by William and Mary Tiekling of Concordia, Kansas. At an early age he went into the US Marine Corps, came back and graduated from Concordia High School, class of 1949, and attended El Dorado Junior College. When the conflict in Korea broke out Harold went back into the Marines and made a 30 year career of it, seeing duty in Japan, in the Mediterranean aboard the USS Forrestal, and in Vietnam. He served as a Casualty Officer upon his return from Vietnam until his retirement. Harold and Berniece Naillieux were united in marriage on December 30, 1951, in the Concordia Lutheran Church. They were blessed with 62 years together. To this union were born two daughters and a son. The family moved back to Topeka and Harold went to work for Credit Union One and attended Washburn University. He retired from the credit union in 1990. Harold was a member of First Congregational Church, Marine Officers Association, Marine Corps League, Humane Society and Delta Sigma Pi. Survivors include the love of his life, Berniece, daughter, Christina Johnson (Rocky); grandson, Josh Johnson (Carlee) and Joel Johnson (Savannah); two great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons, all of Topeka; many nieces and nephews and his beloved Pekingeses, Abby and Bandit. He is preceded in death by an infant daughter, Tina Marie and son, Gregory Paul; his brothers, Ted and Billy Tiekling; his parents and his in-laws, Vernie and Ruth

Naillieux and brother-in-law, Floyd Naillieux. Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Congregational Church. Committal service, with military honors, will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 SW 21st Street, Topeka KS 66604, and First Congregational Church, 1701 SW Collins Avenue, Topeka KS 66604.

Tribute Wall



“ *Capt. Harold Tiekling USMC (Ret.)*

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“ *Uncle Harold was a loving, funny, and vivacious man. I will never forget his smile, jokes and caring ways. He and Aunt Berniece were the perfect couple who had a wonderful life together. I am so proud of his achievements. What a wonderful role model he was for his family. I will honor his memory by striving to be more cheerful. That was his legacy, always being cheerful and having a quick wit. Thank you, Uncle Harold for the fond memories. Love, Brenda Grant-Garrison*

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“ *It was a sad day Monday when I opened the paper and learned we had lost Harold! What a great loss this is. I will forever remember his huge smile, his jokes and his great sense of humor and love for life. Berneice, you and your family are in my thoughts n prayers. Please give my little "buddy", your grandson a hug for me. Take care of yourself and will be in touch soon. Karla (McDonald's)*

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