



Harold "Hal" Cessna

July 12, 1920 - March 13, 2014

Harold "Hal" Cessna passed away on March 13, 2014, at Anne Arundel Medical Center peacefully surrounded by his family. He was 93.

Born in Adrian, MI, the son of the late Clarence and Alice (Colvin) Cessna, he graduated from Michigan State in 1942. After graduation, he married and was drafted into the Army, serving with Patton's third Army at the Battle of the Ardennes Forest. After the war, Hal then began a career in broadcasting in Carthage, IL.

In 1956, he joined Westinghouse broadcasting, WOWO in Fort Wayne, IN, and then KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA, where he covered political conventions. In 1967, he became a News Director for COX Broadcasting on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC ending his career in 1988. Hal and Char retired to the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

He is survived by his daughter, Melody Sutherland, and her husband, Don of Stevensville, MD; son, Marc Cessna of Stevensville, MD; three grandchildren, Erin Janes, Ethan Sutherland, and Owen Sutherland; and 10 great grandchildren. Mr. Cessna was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Cessna, in 2012; sister, Jean Cory, in 1961; and brother, Gerald Cessna, in 1991.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014, at 12:00 pm, at Christ Episcopal Church, 830 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD, where family and friends can visit starting at 11:00 am

Memorial contributions may be made to charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Broad Creek Cemetery

370 Romancoke Road
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church (Kent Island)
830 Romancoke Road
Stevensville, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold "Hal" Cessna*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 10, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *Harold "Hal" Cessna*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Harold "Hal" Cessna*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Harold "Hal" Cessna*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *The very respected and talented Hal Cessna was my colleague on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC who had GREAT broadcast journalist experience at WOWO, Ft. Wayne and KDKA, Pittsburgh. I have sad at his passing, but joyous about what he contributed to humankind. Blessings. Dick Brasie, Wilmington, NC*

Richard Brasie - March 26, 2014 at 02:08 PM

AL

“ Melody

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad, I always enjoyed seeing him when he came into the pharmacy.. He was a kind, gentle soul.

Alice

Alice - March 16, 2014 at 06:06 AM

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Marc & Melody et al

My thoughts and prayers have been with you in a big way this last week. We will be missing Uncle Hal greatly. What a joy to see this beautiful video tribute to him.

I like to imagine him with Aunt Char, my Mom & Gram &Grampa and Rosalie - saving a place for us.

Every Blessing,

Ellen

Ellen Niemann - March 26, 2014 at 08:56 PM

KH

Marc and Melody, When Gram was still here, she would talk about the Twins and Hal.Or she would call all three of them the (Kids)Now all the Kids are together again with their parents MY Mom Jeanie Uncle Joe and Uncle Hal and Gram and Grandpa.

Love Kristin

Kristin J Cory Husom - March 27, 2014 at 11:32 PM