



## John "Harvey" Nash

September 18, 1921 - April 22, 2010

John Harvey Nash, formerly of Rosemont and then a resident of Riddle Village, Media, for the last 8 years, died on April 22. He was 88 years of age. John was predeceased by his loving wife, Blanche Lubovich, in 1981. Born in Bryn Mawr to Frances and Thomas Nash, John (also known as Harvey) graduated from Haverford High School in 1939. Losing his father at a very young age, John then attended The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Media where he was a four-letter athlete and graduated in 1942.

Upon graduation from Williamson, John joined the Air Force pilot training program. He loved flying, but two weeks before getting his license, it was announced that there was an immediate need for bombardiers and that he would need to change course. He became a bombardier on the B-17 Flying Fortress Wee Willie's Wolves. A member of the 7th Bombardment Squadron, 34th Bombardment Group, John flew 33 missions in the Eighth Air Force in WWII, became a bombardier instructor, and attained the rank of 1st lieutenant. He was awarded the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement and demonstrating "courage, coolness, and skill". John was one of six brothers, five of whom served our country in that war. His older brother Stanley lost his life in Casino, Italy, during that conflict.

A lifelong and active member of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Bryn Mawr, John was a member of St. Luke's Angels where he was co-captain and

starting pitcher of the softball team--champions in the Main Line Softball League. He was also a member of the basketball team and bowling squad. John captured the attention of Wynnewood Lanes the night he bowled a 289. He continued his love of sports and competition when he moved to Riddle Village. You'll find his name more than a few times in the pool and shuffleboard championship records.

Upon discharge from the Air Force, John worked alongside his brother James for Delmac Plumbing Supply Company in Narberth. He then helped his loving step-father, John Murray, maintain the 429 Apartments in Haverford and worked 25 years for the Bryn Mawr Post Office, retiring in 1986.

A compassionate son and brother, John faithfully helped care for his mother, his brother Thomas, and his brother Robert in their later years. Some of his happiest days were spent at family gatherings and playing sports with his brothers. There was particular joy in the many hunting and fishing adventures he shared with them. In his later life, John found that joy in watching his grandchildren on the playing fields.

John is survived by his older brother Francis (Bim) of West Chester, his pal and only child Nancy Pantano of Wayne, and his three grandchildren--Jason, Jesse, and Nina--all of whom were the light of his life.

Friends and family are invited to attend John's memorial service on Saturday, May 8th, at 11:30 am at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Montgomery Ave. and Pennswood Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's or The Williamson Free School.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 8. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Luke United Methodist Church  
568 Montgomery Ave.  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

# Tribute Wall



“ I am very soory to hear of your loss. I came upon Mr. Nash's life story while researching Wee Willies Wolves. My grandfather, Michael A. Torre, also serverd as a bombadier aboard the same aircraft for a few missions at the end of the war; with 34th Bomb. Group, 7th Bomb. Sqd. I wish I had pictures of the aircraft to share with your family, but I have yet to uncover any such photos

*He was truely part of the greatest generation and it pains me to hear of the loss of another hero. Bless your family and Mr Nash.*

*The Torre Family##imported-begin## Michael A Torre ##imported-end##*

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August 23, 2010 at 11:24 AM



“ Unfortunately we never had the pleasure of meeting Harvey but it was evident to me over the years that Nancy and her Dad had a very special relationship. Our thoughts are with you and all of Harvey's friends and family.##imported-begin##Landy Blank##imported-end##

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May 10, 2010 at 01:51 PM



“ Thank you God for making a decision that your dear Nancy was struggling with. You made a difference in this world, and you will be missed. I'm praying that Nancy and her kids and family will be able to grieve in their own way, and that Harvey remembers how much he was loved then, now and forevermore.##imported-begin##Susan Hartman##imported-end##

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May 07, 2010 at 09:35 PM



“ Harvey was a wonderful caring person. He lit up the room when he walked in. He enjoyed life and his family so much. It was a joy to know him.##imported-begin##Lillian Harris##imported-end##

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May 07, 2010 at 12:41 PM



“ Oh my sweet Nance, how he loved you and your family. You were his life, his laughter, his sparring partner, his motivator, his pain in the neck, mother of his wonderful, beloved grandchildren and the list goes on. I cannot remember a time without him, that twinkle in his eye, his enjoyment of life and a good laugh, always ready for dinner! He was such a gentleman. We had many stimulating conversations, I loved his stories. His passing leaves a huge hole but his life was a blessing to us all. Now your parents are reunited and one day you will see them again.

Love,

Berta##imported-begin##Roberta Beard Leyrer##imported-end##

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May 07, 2010 at 12:31 PM



“ I have been thinking of you at this difficult time, words can not express how sorry I was to hear about your Dad Uncle John. The years gone by so quickly as we were cousins. Summers spent with Uncle John and Aunt Blanche in Rosemont and Michigan are memories I won't forget. Your Dad was a passionate, loving, man. He had that big smile on his face, and I knew how close you were to him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in Peace. Your Cousin, Susan##imported-begin##Susan White##imported-end##

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May 06, 2010 at 06:03 PM



“ Dear Nancy, I did not know your Dad, but I know how special he was and how devoted you were to him. In the past year or so, I know you were always there for him, how hard it was for you to see him suffer and how glad you were when he had good days. I remember we finally celebrated your birthday, on one of his good days. Please remember how lucky you have been to have this wonderful man as your father. He has left this world a better place.##imported-begin##Susan Jablov##imported-end##

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May 06, 2010 at 04:02 PM



“ I did not know Mr. Nash but I do know his fabulous daughter, Nancy, so he must have been a great man and father. It looks like he spent his time here well. Dana##imported-begin##Dana Murray##imported-end##

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May 05, 2010 at 02:19 PM



“ To Nancy, Jim, and Nina -  
You all were blessed with a wonderful person in your life. We should all be so lucky.  
I understand his health was not great at the end and he was suffering so I am glad he is out of his suffering.  
Wish all of you the same great life and Harvey.

Love-

Mo##imported-begin##Morris Murray##imported-end##

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May 04, 2010 at 03:52 PM



“ Nancy,

*My deepest condolences on the passing of your dad, Harvey. As we grew up in Garrett Hill, I often remember your dad working on the lawn, the hedges, etc. and your mom, too. We were both blessed with at least one parent who had a long life after losing our mothers at a relatively early age. I know how close you were to your dad as we were growing up and I know that bond only grew stronger in adulthood -- and as you helped your father deal with the health challenges he faced in his later years. God bless him and may he give you strength in these difficult days.##imported-begin##John McQuaid##imported-end##*

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May 03, 2010 at 10:34 PM



“ Nanc: *I've had to think about this long and hard because I have so many great memories to choose from. I don't remember my Dad calling your Dad to come change Buddy and my dirty diapers - I only heard about that in later years. But one of my fondest memories of Harvey was way back in 1956 when he held up the weekly pinochle game to join us in the living room to watch Elvis on the Ed Sullivan Show. My Dad, Bob and Lyle were going crazy trying to get him back into the kitchen to finish the hand but he would not budge until the performance was over! Harvey and Blanche (and YOU) were an integral part of my childhood which I'll always cherish. Love to the whole Family, Joanne##imported-begin##Joanne##imported-end##*

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May 03, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ Harvey,  
You leave a legacy at St. Luke, a legacy of love and caring for the young people, genuine interest in all their activities - (especially if they played baseball!) You leave a legacy of and for your family. You leave a legacy of humor and grace in under pressure. You even went through the last couple of years with such humor and caring, it seemed confusing that you would suffer. You lived a good life, pal. Thanks for the gift of your spirit, your laughter, your brotherly wisdom, and your legacy of love.##imported-begin##David Tatgenhorst##imported-end##

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May 03, 2010 at 11:14 AM



“ My heart goes out to you and your entire family, Nanc. It's not easy to lose a life-long best friend. Your father was an extraordinary man and will be greatly missed by all.

*Love and sympathy, always.*

*Dee##imported-begin##Donna Thompson Gambino##imported-end##*

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May 02, 2010 at 09:55 PM



“ Here is a brief excerpt, from a poem called "Togetherness":

*"...Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner...*

*All is well. nothing is past. Nothing has been lost. One brief moment, and all will be as it was before--only better. Infinitely happier.*

*We will be one, together forever..."*

*May its words console you, its message ease your grief, and may all the happy memories of Mr. Nash as a father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, and friend be remembered always...*

*He fought the good fight...*

*Vicky Benedict Farber##imported-begin##Vicky Benedict Farber##imported-end##*

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May 02, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ You were a wonderful man and leave an amazing family here on earth to love and care for each other until the day comes when you'll all be together again! Thank you for the living legacy of love you built and left behind to be shared for generations.##imported-begin##Peter##imported-end##

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May 02, 2010 at 02:15 PM



“ The whole Gallup family celebrates your life with your daughter and grandkids cheering at all of their games. You will always be fondly remembered.

Dave, Linda, Pete amd Paul###imported-begin##linda  
gallup###imported-end##

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May 02, 2010 at 01:06 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Nash and Pantano family but especially to Nancy who loved him and cared for him until the end. We should all be so lucky to have a father like "Harvey" or a daughter like Nancy.

Susan###imported-begin##susan cleary###imported-end##

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May 02, 2010 at 11:00 AM



“ Bev, Randy, Brian & Scott have such wonderful memories with Uncle Harvey ("Old Harv"), who we loved dearly, and will miss him.###imported-begin##Beverly Good###imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 11:03 PM



“ Uncle John,  
Even though I have not seen you for many years I have many good memories of growing up with you & Aunt Blanche. The many trips to PA in the summers and you all coming to MI for visits. It is all about family and caring for those you love. I can only hope we have given our children the same values we grew up with. Rest in peace. Love,  
Peggy###imported-begin##Peggy DeLobel###imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 08:21 PM



“ Being one of Nancy's best friends, I felt so blessed to have known her dad, "Harvey". Having been brought up by a single Mom, Harvey, to me, was the epitome of a true father and gentleman. He will be so very missed, but will always be remembered for being the very special person that he was. He was a real trooper, but is now comfortable and at peace. My love and sympathy is extended to his whole family.##imported-begin##Pamela H. Bentz##imported-end##

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April 27, 2010 at 09:36 PM



“ Grandpop, you were a rock in my life I could always depend on being there for me. All of the games you watched me play in, all of the unconditional love you gave me...will be with me forever. I learned a lot from you and most importantly you taught me how to be a good person. I always looked up to you and respected you. I will live my life knowing you are still there cheering me on.##imported-begin##Jesse Pantano##imported-end##

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April 27, 2010 at 09:45 AM



“ Grandpop,  
  
You were always there for me and made me feel special and cared for... I am so grateful for your love and support over the years. I hope you know how much I love and appreciate you! It was such a blessing for me to have you in my life -- I will never forget you. I will miss hearing you sing and making me laugh! You were very good at both. I love you, Grandpop, and I look forward to seeing you again someday... xo

Love, Nina Bianca##imported-begin##Nina##imported-end##

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April 27, 2010 at 02:47 AM



“ I couldn't have asked for a better grandfather. Easy going, supportive, and loving, you always got a kick out of anything we did. I'll miss catching you watching me stuff my face at the dinner table with a huge grin on your face. I won't 'foresake' you Grandpop... Love, Jas##imported-begin##Jason Pantano##imported-end##

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April 26, 2010 at 04:57 PM



“ Dad, you will always be my hero. Thank you for your unselfish love and care. Thank you for making me who I am. May I continue to be a reflection of you. Love always, your pal, your daughter Nancy.##imported-begin##Nancy##imported-end##

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April 26, 2010 at 10:22 AM