



Harold Corkern

October 9, 1946 - May 4, 2019

HAROLD T. C. CORKERN, AGE 72

And a resident of Franklinton died Saturday May 4, 2019 at his home. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Harold was retired after a 36 year career in the Maintenance Department of the Town of Franklinton but continued on as the overseer of the Franklinton Municipal Airport for the last several years. Harold enjoyed sitting on his porch and watching his favorite shows Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune each afternoon. He loved to eat lunch every day with his friends at the Fair City Café, formerly Main Street Café, and would often return for dinner as well. Harold's favorite hobby was collecting antique Chevrolet cars and trucks which he frequently took to car shows throughout the area. He would keep and drive the cars until selling them and then moving on to the next treasured one he could find.

Survived by:

Daughter and Son in law: Abbie Marie Golab and Steven Kyle Golab of Orlando, FL

2 Sisters and a Brother in law: June and George Stevens, Judy Corkern and Albert Young all of Franklinton

Uncle: Marvin Magee of Franklinton

Father in law and Mother in law: Bill and Janet Friesner of Vandalia, IL

Brother in law: Darryl Friesner of Emily, MN

Also numerous nephews, cousins and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his wife Diana Lynn Friesner Corkern, who passed away also on May 4th twelve years before, his father Archie Corkern, mother Lois Magee Fairburn and numerous aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Tuesday May 7th from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. A graveside funeral service will be held in Ellis Cemetery at 10:00 am on Wednesday with Rev. Joey Miller officiating. Burial will follow the service.

Honorary Pallbearers are his good friend Kenneth Strahan, brother in law George Stevens and his former coworkers with the Town of Franklinton.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

AN

“ Praying 🙏 for the family sure going to miss him going around car shows bringing his old timey vehicles going to miss him he's a good man

Angeliciacarter - May 19, 2019 at 12:33 AM



“ Abbie, I was out of town when your Daddy died and found out from your grandmother. I am so sorry for your loss. It couldn't have been more than a few weeks ago I ran in to Harold, as I often did, as he was always out and about in Franklinton, the town he loved so much and served so well for all of his life.

I find it amazing and heart warming that he died the same day as your MaMa. My friend, Diana. They loved each other so much and you are the miracle child of that union.

Blessings to you and yours. May your daddy and mama rest in peace together forever.

JoBeth Gatewood Valentino



JoBeth Valentino - May 13, 2019 at 02:02 PM

DV

“ Debbie Varnado lit a candle in memory of Harold Corkern



Debbie Varnado - May 09, 2019 at 02:19 PM

SB

“ Love you Harold . May you Rest In Peace with Aunt Lois, Uncle Archie , Diana, Granny Bonnie, Aunt Mary, and my Mom, Chris. Hope you all enjoy the family dinners and visits up there in Heaven.

Sandra Berry - May 07, 2019 at 05:22 PM

VT

“ I will miss seeing you on your porch when I pass going to work. Also seeing you at the Fair City Cafe and Sugar Shack. You and your wife are reunited forever in God's arms. My prayers and condolences for you Abby.

Vikki Taylor - May 07, 2019 at 04:03 PM

DB

He was a good man I will miss him picking at me rip will be miss like your dad

Doris King Lewis Brown - May 07, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Harold Corkern.



May 07, 2019 at 02:28 PM



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



May 07, 2019 at 09:05 AM

JJ

“ Harold we were like family and our days go way back. I remember you and my own brother Harold playing in the yard on the dirt tracks y’all made and toy cars. Later on as you two grew it went to riding and building your own bikes along with special details like playing cards or cardboard in the spokes. Later it went to your own old vehicles. You and Harold J designed, painted and worked on those cars nonstop. Then your stint in Vietnam and those letters back home to us. Harold J stayed at your Dads house and was so happy when you made it safely back. Lord I could go on and on especially when y’all didn’t want me, or any girls, in your space. Fond Fond Memories my dear sweet friend and brother RIP now because you will live on in our hearts forever. We will meet you again one day.

Janice O’Bryant Jones - May 07, 2019 at 08:53 AM

GH

“ Harold was a kind and Honorable man. Passed 12 years later on the exact date his wife passed:) Sweet.

gail jones hayes - May 06, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ My husband will miss him at the Car shows Prayers for the family.Paul and Ruth Bailey.

Ruth Bailey - May 06, 2019 at 07:12 PM

RS

“ The entire community will miss your big smiling face and those “oh so cool” old vehicles. Fair City Cafe will never seem the same. My family has a special love for your whole family. You Rest In Peace with Jesus now. We will all certainly miss you until we meet again. Love, Renee and the Sandifers

Renee Sandifer - May 06, 2019 at 07:05 PM

BJ

“ Will surely miss seeing you in the cafe . But it brought a smile to my face to see you were reunited with your sweet wife on the same day as her passing. God Bless your pride and joy , your daughter, you spoke so often of her and her husband and how proud you were of their accomplishments! You will be thought of fondly for a long , long time.

Betty S. Jones - May 06, 2019 at 04:18 PM

BD

“ I'm going to miss you so much. Bonnie Dier

Bonnie Dier - May 06, 2019 at 12:41 PM