



## Harold Bittleman Jr

May 2, 1924 - August 2, 2022

Mr. Harold (Hal) Bittleman Jr. of Charlotte, NC passed peacefully on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at Brookdale Charlotte East Assisted Living.

Hal was born in Manhattan, NY on May 2, 1924 and was the first born son of the late Harold and Clara Bittleman (nee Hamborsky). While living in Brooklyn NY Harold was drafted by the U. S. Army the at the age of 19 in 1943. He served in the Army Air Corp with the 574th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion during WWII from 1943 to 1946 in the Pacific Theatre.

After WWII Hal moved to Lindenhurst Long Island, NY and was a member of VFW Post #2718 in Franklin Square NY.

While living in Long Island Hal was employed by Continental Vending Machine Corporation as a Production Manager. He met the love of his life, Marilyn, who was also working at Continental. The two were married on February 21, 1962 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in East Northport NY. The couple was transferred with the company and lived in Charleston SC and Maryland before settling in Charlotte, NC in 1979.

Harold and Marilyn were members of St. John Neumann Catholic Church for over 40 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #7343. Hal served as the Council's First Star Grand Knight. He was one of the

Founding Members of the K of C 4th Degree at St. John Neumann. He later served as Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree. Hal was very active in coordinating the Fifty Plus Club, Bingo and planned many trips and events in service to the Church.

Hal was a great cook and enjoyed entertaining at home. He also enjoyed gardening, woodworking and travel. Hal joined VFW Post #9488 as a Life Member when he moved to Charlotte NC. His wonderful stories, twinkling humor and quiet demeanor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Harold is survived by nephew Ronald Bittleman and Kenneth Bittleman both of Arizona. He is also survived by his Mother-in-Law Louise Anna Blowers (nee Hoffmann) and three Sister-in-Laws': Emma (Cookie) Amoreisky of NY; Sandra Knolle of Florida; and Louann Arp of NY.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Clara Bittleman, his wife, Marilyn Louise Bittleman (nee Blowers); brother Raymond and wife Joan Bittleman; brother Samuel and wife Anne Bittleman and Sister Eleanor and husband Frank Olish.

In honor of his faith, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 8451 Idlewild Rd Charlotte, NC 28227 followed immediately by a reception in the Church Hall.

Interment will be held at 10 AM on Friday, August 19, 2022 at the Salisbury National Cemetery Annex, 501 Statesville Blvd. Salisbury NC 28144.

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/salisbury.a  
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# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St John Neumann Catholic Church  
8451 Idlewild Rd  
Charlotte, NC

## Interment

AUG 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/salisbury.asp>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Bittleman Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Harold Bittleman Jr*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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“ We have posted a couple of photos of 5 of the 10 WWII Veterans that the Squires interviewed on 2/17/08. It was a special honor to be there as these members of the "Greatest Generation" provided some insight to these young teenagers about what it was like before, during, and after the War.

*Hal was a big part of the discussions. He shared a lot of memories, but he, and the whole group, also laughed and enjoyed a very nice afternoon.*

*The write-up (please allow for punctuation) from the Squire that interviewed Hal follows, providing some insight to a special man (in his own words):*

*"Harold Bittleman  
Corporal Army/Air Force  
Serial #32868102  
Married to Marilyn  
Born in New York, but currently resides in Charlotte*

*He was drafted in 1943 at the age of 18 yrs old. Hal spent one year in the southwest pacific jungles of New Guinea and was trained in self survival in the desert as part of scout unit. The unit would land ahead of primary invasion for info on the enemy. Their diet consisted of deer, ants and other insects. Patrols were at night to find and locate Japanese looking for the Army base. Arriving by ship and taking smaller boats by night to landing area. Soldiers had to cool 50 caliber machine guns down with water. Americans took guns from Japanese crates made by U.S. Red Cross International laws stated they should not shoot at the Japanese, but the Japanese would shoot at them. Navy land unit arrived on last island in the Philippines. They found out they were on the wrong side of the island and had to walk on land from there to find airbase in Borneo and had to hike over Mountains. The Japanese were hard to find because of the camouflage.*

*Natives on the island were brainwashed by the Japanese and were resistant to US landings. The Japanese hid in coconut and palm trees so they could snipe at us. While in New Guinea they lived in jungles. The people there were married at young ages and were on their own as soon as they walked. He made swords out of Army truck springs. Slept in pup-tents, always moving with radar. Very uneasy feeling while trying to sleep, every little noise was nerve racking. They had boa constrictors, wild boars, etc. And Hal was never captured.*

*When World War II first started, Hal worked as a mechanic for a defense*

*company on war equipment and old aircraft equipment. Hal went to Manhattan to work on them and eventually left NY to go to war. Hal feels that he accomplished a lot and feels good about his accomplishments and that the US did the right thing.*

*After the war, Hal got a job in the vending machine industry making jukeboxes and was still a mechanic. Hal also worked manufacturing vending machines for good part of his life and supervised 72 employees. His wife Marilyn used to work for him and has been married for 46 years with no children.*

*Hal has lived in Charlotte for 28 years, 3 ½ yrs in Charleston and 3 yrs in Maryland."*

*When we were still going to St John Neumann up until ~ 2014, we would occasionally meet Hal, Marilyn, and some other friends after Sunday Mass for breakfast at Jimmy's in Mint Hill. The conversations there could have been straight out of a TV sitcom. Hal would love to laugh, and we can still hear him.*

*God Bless Hal.*

*Myrtle Palmisano and Tony D'Angelo*

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**Tony D'Angelo** - August 16, 2022 at 05:27 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album WWII VETERANS - 2008 INTERVIEW



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**Tony D'Angelo** - August 16, 2022 at 04:53 PM

LS

“ Love Sandra purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphillum for the family of Harold Bittleman Jr.



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**Love Sandra** - August 16, 2022 at 04:28 PM

RB

“ My Uncle Harold lived a good life, he once had a Cannary Yellow Cadillac Convertable, that he was very proud of, in addition he enjoyed boating, him and Marilyn owned a 26 foot Cabin Cruiser.



*My parents and Harold and Marilyn bought Pop Up Campers, and would take to the road camping.*

*My parents were very close to Hal and Marilyn and spent many weekends together playing cards, what ever enjoying each other's company.*

*I hope the two are together again in heaven with the rest of their heavenly family.*

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**Ronald R Bittleman** - August 12, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - August 12, 2022 at 11:52 AM