



## Mr. Harry S. VanSteenburgh

August 19, 1916 - February 10, 2014

Harry S. VanSteenburgh, 97, of Gloversville passed away at River Ridge Nursing Home, Amsterdam, NY, on Monday, February 10, 2014. Harry was born on August 19, 1916 in Gloversville; he was the son of the late Samuel and Irene Wheeler VanSteenburgh.

On June 21, 1941 Harry was married to the late Eleanor Brookhiser, they shared 55 years until her passing in 1996. Harry enlisted with the United States Navy and served with the 21st Seabee Battalion in the Western Pacific during World War II, as a Petty Officer 2nd Class.

Harry was a self-employed painter and paper hanger; he retired after 23 years and became a Letter Carrier with the United States Post Office retiring after 20 years. He was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers for 50 years.

Harry will be warmly remembered for being a true gentlemen, having a gentle soul, and loved by many. He was a standout runner in the 1/4 mile and tried out for the 1936 Olympics. He was a center for the GHS Basketball Team and the Martin & Naylor Semi-Pro Basketball team, playing all the best semi pro teams throughout the North East. He ran the Gloversville YMCA City-wide basketball program in the 1930's with over 100 teams in the program, he was a head coach of the Shamrocks Youth Basketball Team that traveled throughout the Northeast. Harry was the first President of the CSEA Labor Union that fought for a raise for all the workers and increased their pay from .50 an hour to \$1.00. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and bowler. Harry was

an active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit, served on the Parish Council, Holy Name, Usher, and worked on the Bingo Committee. He was a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus 4th degree post #245. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Harry is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Thomas and Phyllis of Gloversville.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 from 9:00-10:45 am at the Amico Funeral Home, 150 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY followed by a 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Burial will take place at Ferndale Cemetery, Johnstown, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. On-line condolences may be made to [www.amicofuneralhome.com](http://www.amicofuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ferndale Cemetery

Perry St.  
Johnstown, NY 12095

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB **15**. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Amico Funeral Home  
150 S Main St  
Gloversville, NY 12078  
(518) 725-8916  
<https://www.amicofuneralhome.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Spirit  
151 South Main St.  
Gloversville, NY 12078

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Larry Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry S. VanSteenburgh*



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**Larry Hicks** - February 22, 2014 at 10:11 AM

LH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Harry's passing. I only knew Harry through bowling at Perry Lanes and Starlite. We had fun bowling, and some nice chats. Those moments are missed. Harry was a great guy.*

*Larry Hicks - Fonda*

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**Larry Hicks** - February 22, 2014 at 10:09 AM

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“ *From the family of Atty Mario M. Albanese, we send most sincere condolences. We are saddened by his passing.*

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**Nanette J. albanese** - February 14, 2014 at 08:35 AM

CM

“ *Although I have not seen Harry for many years, I recall him as being one of the kindest gentlemen I have ever known. He and Eleanor lived in a house on South Main Street owned by my mother at the time...174 South Main Street. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss.*

*Cynthia L. Morey*

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**Cynthia L. Morey** - February 13, 2014 at 05:19 PM

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*I fished with Harry in his later years and always admired his appreciation for life and the small things that are sometimes taken for granted. An all around nice guy, he will be missed.*

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**David DiMezza** - February 15, 2014 at 07:06 AM