



## Harvey Benson Pord

August 19, 1930 - February 18, 2024

February 18th, 2024, surrounded by family, and his nurse Kim, Harvey Benson Pord passed away.

Serving in the 8th Army Infantry Division during the Korean War, Harvey was proud to be a United States veteran, insisting his final days be spent among those who also served.

Born August 19, 1930, to the late Bertha and Irving Pord in Boston Massachusetts, Harvey graduated from Cambridge Academy in 1948. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts- Amherst in 1952.

Harvey later moved to Manchester NH to take over a food service business for relatives. Known as Kwik Café the company was later absorbed into Servomation where he worked as a traveling salesman for a few years and ultimately became district manager. Servomation Cooperations' success was one of his proudest legacies and most often spoken about past times. It is also during this time he met the love of his life, Marcia.

Harvey and Marcia met at a Parents without Partners meeting. She made him her famous brisket for dinner and so their love story began. Many moves, trips, and memories were made over the course of their 51-year marriage.

The Breakers in Palm Beach Florida held a very special place in Harvey's heart as he was a Matre D and manager. Known by many as 'Captain Harvey' he loved to reminisce about his employee first management style. Having saved not one but two customers with the Heimlich Maneuver over the course of his time there, he considered his experience purposeful.

Harvey went on to enjoy many other adventures including a successful paper route with Marcia. At one time having over 700 customers.

Priceless memories and bonds with friends were made over the years as he lived in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, and Florida before calling Salisbury, North Carolina home in 2009.

An avid bird and squirrel watcher-he loved to keep his feeders full. He enjoyed reading, binge watching a good Netflix series, and listening to Alexa play his favorite artists; P!nk in particular. Dogs, babies, a good meal, Grey Stone pedicures, chocolate, laughter, bourbon happy hours and anything at all with those he cared about. If there was a game to be watched, he was. Specifically, any Boston team.

Shocking many with his experience flying in a WWII era biplane in 2019 at 88 years old. Harvey loved the reactions he would get when sharing his age as he neither looked nor acted it.

He was using an iPad and iPhone until his final days. And using them well.

Harvey loved very few things more than a good toast. Well known for finding the good in every day and something to be grateful for; he insisted on toasting to something positive every chance he got.

A love for traveling, cruising specifically, he loved to see new places. However, there was one location he enjoyed going back to several times, inspired by the Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue with its original sand floors, he truly admired the historical beauty of the temple in Curacao. Having taken a trip there as recently as May of 2022.

Harvey loved to love and take care of others. Family as well as friends who soon became family were the key to his heart. Making memories regardless of how ordinary or simple they may seem was his daily goal. Rarely did he miss an opportunity to make a day special; for himself or for those he adored.

In addition to his parents, Harvey is predeceased by his sisters Janice and Deena, as well as his best friend and loving wife, Marcia.

Those left to continue his song are daughters Lisa Larue of Palm Harbor Florida and Sherri Houghton of Williamsburg VA; his first wife, friend and mother of his daughters, Ruth Berman also of Williamsburg VA; stepsons Raymond Kohn of Salisbury NC and Maury Kohn of East Greenbush NY; grandchildren Alex Larue (Bri) of GA, Amanda Heiserman (Seth) of FL, Sawyer Kohn of Salisbury, Mark Kohn and Holly Kohn of NY; great grandchildren Lexi, Noah, Luke and Grace Heiserman of FL, Phoenix Rubio of GA, and a nephew Josh (Karen) of Washington State.

Also are honorary granddaughter, primary caretaker over the years and best friend-Mandi Boehm (Karl) and great grandchildren Joseph and Emmalee Boehm all of Salisbury; dear friend Betty Campbell and her loving children Susan, Lynne (Scott), and Elyse (Tracey) and special friends Bill and Kimberley Naves, Steve Konop, Fred and Lynn Kudish, Liz Sloop, Ashley Blaisdell, Kristina Sousa, Olivia Sebastian, and Fern Pucciarello (David, Beth and Avery).

The family wishes to thank all those who had a part in making the most of his final years.

Funeral Services officiated by Rabbi Andrew Ettin and Chaplain Linwood Buford will be held on Wednesday February 28th, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Summersett Funeral Home. A private VA burial officiated by Chaplain Gary Willeford will be at a later date. Harvey has requested those in attendance wear red, white and/or blue in honor of his military service and love for the country.

An avid supporter of dog rescues, Harvey requests donations be made to Shelter Guardians Po Box 1934 Salisbury, NC 28145, or Rowans Meals on Wheels.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Pord family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## U.S. National Cemetery

1601 Brenner Ave.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

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“ Steve, Sonya, Kenny & Emika purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harvey Benson Pord.



Steve, Sonya, Kenny & Emika - February 27, 2024 at 08:57 AM

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“ Steve, Sonya, Kenny & Emika planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harvey Benson Pord.

Steve, Sonya, Kenny & Emika - February 27, 2024 at 08:57 AM

NM

“ NCDOT Rowan County Maintenance purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Harvey Benson Pord.



NCDOT Rowan County Maintenance - February 26, 2024 at 12:33 PM

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“ NCDOT Rowan County Maintenance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harvey Benson Pord.

NCDOT Rowan County Maintenance - February 26, 2024 at 12:33 PM

SK

“ So very sorry to hear that Harvey has passed. Harvey always had a smile on his face and a great sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Sue Kohn*

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**Sue kohn** - February 23, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ I love you pop pop - I'll always miss you

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**Amanda Beth** - February 23, 2024 at 11:33 AM