



Harry Thomas Crouse

March 5, 1946 - January 17, 2025

Surrounded by love, Harry Crouse, age 78, entered eternal life on January 17, 2025. Blessed with a liver-kidney transplant nearly eight years ago at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Harry encouraged others to Donate Life as organ donors.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland as the sixth child of Daniel and Truda McCoy Crouse, Harry was the first of his family to graduate from high school (Baltimore's Southern High then in Federal Hill) and to attend college (Towson University). Valedictorian at his eighth grade graduation ceremony, Harry also sang "No Man is an Island" during his Civic Center graduation from high school. Growing up on Poppleton Street in Pigtown with the iconic B&O Roundhouse yard as his playground, he loved railways and history.

From his first jobs at the neighborhood grocery and in purchasing for Bethlehem Steel's shipbuilding unit to expanding his knowledge of Dandux and other textiles at C.R. Daniels until retiring from Avalon Industries in 2007 with his founding partners, Louis J. Pellegrino and Lorenz "Bud" Happel, Harry's work ethic, innovation, and standard of excellence mirrored his strength of character and integrity. Vendors, employees, and customers could take his word to the bank. Sisters Helen and Donna Trent became a second set of daughters during their tenures at Avalon, and Harry looked forward to walking Helen down the aisle this spring in Tennessee.

Harry's '65 love affair with his beloved Barbara Jean Young Crouse began at church, a cornerstone of his life. Proposing on July 23rd (three weeks after their first date on June 6th), Harry and Barbara married on December 26th and celebrated 59 years together. Honeymooning in Ocean City, Maryland ultimately led them to enjoy their annual retreats to Mystic Point on 42nd Street where both would feast on properly seasoned (Old Bay) seafood before finding the best ice cream!

Service to God, generosity to those in need, and commitment to daily devotions marked Harry's life from age 16. A lay minister, pastor, Sunday School superintendent, bus captain, and teacher in Baltimore and Cincinnati, Harry practiced what he preached, especially when encouraging church-goers to sing "loud and long." He believed in giving freely as he had freely received blessings from above. He supported the ministries of Shepherd's Global Classroom, Samaritan's Purse, and The Salvation Army, as well as tithing to his local church.

Before his retirement in 2007 and moving to Cincinnati, travel adventures meant road trips in his red Thunderbird convertible with Barbara by his side. Their time in Hawaii, Williamsburg, The Biltmore, Route 66 tour, and exploration of over 50 national parks brought joy, wonder, and awe of God's creativity and magnificence. When visiting London, Paris, Normandy, and Giverny, Harry appreciated the connections to art and history, not knowing yet of his family ancestry ties to Boudicca.

As a lifelong learner, he enjoyed reading biographies and books on military history, but especially theological books about holiness and the Methodist tradition. His teaching talents benefited students who took classes on business and entrepreneurship at God's Bible School and College in Cincinnati, where he also served as the facilities director for a short time after

he retired to Ohio.

His beloved wife Barbara and their three children survive this loss: Michael and Renay Suckow Crouse of Hubbard, Ohio; Tim and Bethany Crouse Dentler of Medina, Ohio; and Michael and Rebecca Crouse Kelley of Cincinnati, Ohio. Harry's four grandchildren miss their PopPop: Joshua and Nathan Crouse and Alexander and Adam Kelley.

Harry was preceded in death by his sister, Inez Crouse Clevenger and brother-in-law, Alvie Ron Clevenger; brothers, Mancil Crouse, Frank Crouse, Bobby Crouse, Charles Crouse, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 11:00 - 1:00 pm at New Life Community Church (638 Old State Rte 74, Cincinnati, OH 45244), followed by the funeral service at 1:00 pm. A committal service will take place at Mount Moriah Cemetery after the funeral.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Harry Crouse.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Moriah Cemetery

686 Mt Moriah Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45245

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Life Community Church
638 Old State Rte 74
Cincinnati, OH 45244

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Cincinnati, OH 45244

Tribute Wall



“ Barbara and family, thank you for sharing the information and links on Harry's death. I appreciated the opportunity to watch his memorial service and the beautiful remembrances shared. I too am grateful for briefly sharing time with you Barbara and Harry. May God's comfort, peace and strength continue to strengthen each of you.. Blessings,
Harvey W. Koch

Harvey W Koch - January 25, 2025 at 09:29 AM



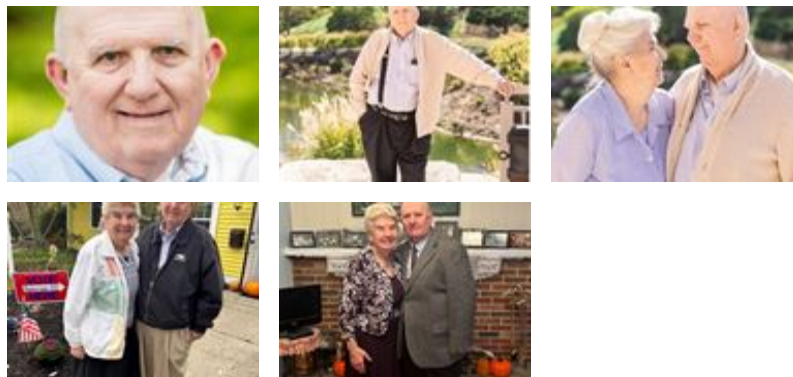
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.



January 21, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ 210 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 21, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



January 21, 2025 at 02:28 PM



Rebecca Kelley

“ *21 files added to the album Harry Crouse Memories*



Rebecca Kelley - January 21, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



January 21, 2025 at 11:47 AM

SH

“ *Crouse Family,*

Please accept this plant as an expression of my thoughts and prayers for your family during this time.

Sonya Hunte

Sonya Hunte - January 21, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



January 21, 2025 at 09:51 AM

TS

“ *Todd and Wendy Suckow purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



Todd and Wendy Suckow - January 21, 2025 at 08:06 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



January 20, 2025 at 05:17 PM

JF

“ *Joann Avant & Family lit a candle in memory of Harry Crouse*



Joann Avant & Family - January 20, 2025 at 04:47 PM

JF

“ *Joann Avant & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



Joann Avant & Family - January 20, 2025 at 04:28 PM

YF

“ *Your Bass Pro Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



Your Bass Pro Family - January 20, 2025 at 03:59 PM

BC

“ Farewell Uncle Harry...

Though my only recollection of meeting you was at my Grandfather's Funeral in 2019, It was indeed a pleasure . In reading your life's journey, which was quite remarkable, I seen that you were a graduate of Southern high School in South Baltimore / Federal Hill. I also Graduated From Southern, class of 1996, so we are bonded as "Bulldog Alumni" forever... You were loved by my Grandfather deeply, as he expressed to me one of his biggest regrets was not having a closer relationship with you, and spending more time. In my life, no one has had a more profound impact than my PAPA, to me he was "one of a kind", and for him to speak as highly of you as he did, solidified you as a good man.

I am comforted in the hopes that you are reconnecting with your family and friends in heaven...

My heartfelt condolences go out to your Family / Friends and all the lives you touched on your journey...

Godspeed Sir...

Bill Crouse and Family

Grandson of Frank Crouse

Dundalk, MD

Bill Crouse - January 20, 2025 at 12:56 PM



Thank you so much for sharing what Uncle Frank told you. That means a lot. Bethany (Crouse) Dentler - Harry's daughter

Bethany Dentler - January 20, 2025 at 09:00 PM



Thank you, Bill. I exchanged Christmas cards with your Papaw, my Uncle Frank. My dad noted his joy at my delight in receiving annual greetings from his brother! While our in-person visits to Uncle Frank's home when we lived in Baltimore were rare, dad shared many family memories of his brothers over the years. Your kind words and shared Bulldog history bring comfort!

Rebecca Kelley - January 20, 2025 at 09:01 PM

NT

“ *Neva Thomas lit a candle in memory of Harry Crouse*



Neva Thomas - January 20, 2025 at 08:52 AM

BJ

“ *Bill and Laura Johnson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



Bill and Laura Johnson - January 20, 2025 at 07:54 AM

DA

“ *DJ Alexander purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



DJ Alexander - January 19, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



January 19, 2025 at 08:35 PM

LD

“ Love, Beth & Tim Dentler purchased the A Full Life for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.



Love, Beth & Tim Dentler - January 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM

TT

“ The Waterford Philanthropy & Grants Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.



The Waterford Philanthropy & Grants Team - January 19, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.



January 19, 2025 at 08:34 AM

TK

“ The Kelleys purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.



The Kelleys - January 18, 2025 at 10:58 PM

WT

“ *Waterford’s Executive Leadership Team purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



Waterford’s Executive Leadership Team - January 18, 2025 at 09:50 PM

DT

“ *One of my favorite memories of Harry is when he came to our house and visited with our mom when she was bedridden with cancer. He told her not to worry about us that he would always look out for us. He always did. I have never known such a sweet and generous man. He was also an amazing boss. I will miss him dearly. I know I will see him again. Until then I will always treasure his memory.* ❤️❤️ **Donna Trent**

Donna Trent - January 18, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



January 18, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



January 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM

KM

“ *Uncle Harry you will be missed! Heaven gained another angel! Love Kathy*

Kathy Mrozek - January 18, 2025 at 02:53 PM

AF

“ *April Porter & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



April Porter & Family - January 18, 2025 at 02:06 PM

TF

“ *Trent Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harry Thomas Crouse.*



Trent Family - January 18, 2025 at 01:40 PM

HT

“ *I'm deeply saddened by the passing of Harry Crouse. He was such an influence to me when I met him at 24 years old! I worked for him at Avalon for 26 years. He always talked about his Christian faith and the importance of tithing. I have never forgot it. I credit Harry with my becoming a born again Christian. It was the best thing I ever did! So I know I will see my great friend again in the Lords house. RIP (Uncle) Harry. You are missed. Love Helen Trent*



Helen Trent - January 18, 2025 at 01:32 PM



Rebecca
Kelley

“ 4 files added to the album *Harry Crouse Memories*



Rebecca Kelley - January 18, 2025 at 01:10 PM