



Harold T. Oswain

March 21, 1931 - April 7, 2013

Mr. Harold Thomas Oswain, 82, a longtime Pittsfield resident, died Sunday morning, April 7, 2013, at Berkshire Medical Center.

He was born in New York City on March 21, 1931, a son of the late John and Lillian (Hubbard) Oswain, and attended schools in New York.

He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the US Navy from 1951 until 1956.

Mr. Oswain last worked as a quality control specialist in the Naval Ordnance division of General Electric Co. in Pittsfield from 1969 until his retirement in 1986. Earlier, he had worked for Honeywell Corp. and the Curtis Wright Corp. He had been a member of South Congregational Church in Pittsfield. He was a member and Past President of the Berkshire Knapsacker's Hiking Club, a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and a member of the Mogul Masters Skiing Club.

He enjoyed hiking, skiing, biking and the outdoors. He also completed two transcontinental bicycling trips in his lifetime.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Janet E. Loewen, whom he married on November 9, 1957;

A son, John Oswain and his wife, Sheila, of Cheshire;

A daughter, Karen Oswain and her husband, Thomas Cabana, of Cumberland, RI;

7 Grandchildren, Meghan and Sean Oswain; Keeley Murphy and William Murphy III; and Nathan, Joseph and Crystal Cabana;

2 Great Grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by 2 brothers, John and Edward Oswain, and by a sister, Virginia McGrath.

Relatives and friends are invited to calling hours in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, on Friday, April 12th, from 4 to 7 PM.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Memorial donations may be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy St. Boston, MA 02108.

To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Janet & Family,
I was very saddened to hear of Harry's passing. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. I was recently in touch with Betty and Chrissy when they told me the sad news. Please accept my deepest condolences on my behalf as well as that of my family. I'm sure Harry is on a bike ride somewhere looking down on all of you. Treasure the memories and before you know it, they'll bring a smile or a laugh again soon.
With deepest sympathy,
Pat Buckley*

April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have been a hiking, biking buddy of Harry's since I moved here in 1991. Happy Harry was one of my heroes. I will remember him always when we pause to gaze at the view or sit down to lunch and remark: it doesn't get any better than this. I am away this week and cannot attend in person so I send these thoughts to express my condolences.*

April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Oswain Family,
My name is Heidi Bachli MacLean.
My late father, Werner Bachli, was a close friend and hiking buddy
of Harrys for MANY years.
It was with a heavy heart that I read about the passing of Harry.
We can only hope that the two of them are now in a better place
sharing many happy reminiscences.
With my sincere condolences,
Heidi MacLean

April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Janet and family,
Am sorry to hear of Harry's passing. I enjoyed being with him and
we had some very interesting discussions. He will be surely missed.

HOPPY

April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to again extend my sympathy to all the Oswain family on
the passing of Harry. Harry was one of the most delightful men that I
had the pleasure of talking to regularly at cardiac rehab. We talked
about skiing and biking and all the great adventures that he had
experienced with those activities over the years. He always had a
smile on his face. We will miss him. I'm sure he's smiling now! Trish
Sweeney, RN

April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM