



Ralph Bruce Haven

November 9, 1923 - January 1, 2016

Dateline: Greenfield

Ralph Bruce Haven, 92, died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, January 1, 2016 at Eunice Smith Home in Alton. Born November 9, 1923 in Greenfield, IL, he was the son of R. B. and Jessie (Hodges) Haven. He served in the Marine Corps Aviation during WWII. He retired from Marine Transport Corp in New Jersey as Chief Marine Engineer. On July 1, 1954 he married the former Dorothy Armour in St. Louis, MO. She preceded him in death on September 21, 2012. Surviving is a step-daughter Ann Goodman of Godfrey, two grandchildren, Kenneth Goodman of Carlyle, IL and Gwen Goodman of Godfrey and three great granddaughters. Along with his parents and wife he was preceded in death by a son Roger Bruce Haven and a brother Vernon Haven. There will be no services. Private burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Greenfield, IL. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Bruce Haven*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ralph Bruce Haven*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Bruce was active in our community, and we'll all miss him. I'm sorry for your loss. Over the years, Bruce and Dorothy joined us in lots of activities. One year, they went with our group to the Fox Theater to see the play Cats. It was my sister, Millie, and her husband, Carl, my daughter Alice and her husband Steve, Bruce, Dorothy, and myself. Most of us had a good time, but Bruce didn't. He didn't hesitate for a minute to tell us that. He was delightfully opinionated about many things. We'll miss his stories about people and places he had visited. May God bless him and keep him. Mary Hill Downard*

Mary Hill Downard - January 11, 2016 at 09:38 AM

AB

“ My condolences for your loss. Bruce was a good friend, and we'll miss him. When Bruce was working as a Merchant Marine, he normally did not come through Hawaii. One of his trips did bring him to Honolulu in the late 1970s. He got my phone number from my parents, Byron & Mary Hill, and he called my husband, Steve, and I. He said, "I'm in town for one night. Do you want to meet somewhere and go out for supper?"

We were happy to go out for the evening. We walked all over Waikiki. We went from one club to the next. We stopped where ever they had live music or good smelling food. Later that night when Steve and I drove Bruce back to the ship, he said, "Do you want to come on board and take a look?" So we did that, too. He showed us around the public areas where guests were allowed. It was very late, so no one was there. I suspect the others were either still on shore or in bed. It was a fun evening with our home-town friend. There were lots of other times when my Hill family shared good times with Bruce and Dorothy Haven and Roger, as long as he was with us: camping trips to the Current River, parties at my parents' house, my grandmother Ruth Valentine's 90th birthday party at Burk's restaurant in 1985, and so much more. Bruce was generous and always supported the Greenfield Public Library. Good friends throughout the years.

Most recently, Bruce was in the Eunice C. Smith Nursing Home in Alton, which is where my mother, Mary Hill Downard, also lives. It was great fun to push mother's wheelchair down the hall to Bruce's room. We would sit and visit until one of them tired. It was good knowing we could go again whenever we wanted.

We survivors must let him go, but we will cling to the memories of our friend.

Alice Hill Bartelli

Alice Hill Bartelli - January 09, 2016 at 02:22 PM

SF

“ I will miss talking to you deeply Bruce. We had so many good talks about the Marine Corps. I still can't believe your gone. You have been a dear friend to me for many years and I will always remember you with a loving heart and gentle soul. May God Bless You.
Suzy

Suzy Fernandes - January 09, 2016 at 01:36 PM

JS

“ Sorry for your loose. Bruce was a good FRIEND! and Customer for many years and will be missed john scott

john r. scott - January 06, 2016 at 06:58 AM

JH

I apologize for being late in commenting, but both your parents were a delightful part of our growing up years at Hill House in Greenfield. I am sorry for the loss of your last parent and trust you are comforted by many stories and good memories. Best Regards, Jeannie Hill, Lakeland, FL

Jean Hill - January 28, 2016 at 05:27 PM