

Harry Gottlieb (1918 - 2015) Obituary

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Harry Gottlieb, Jr.
November 21, 2015

Harry N. Gottlieb Jr., of Chicago and Fort Myers Beach, FL, died peacefully on November 21, 2015 in Chicago at the age of 97. His wife of 73 years- Jean Stern Gottlieb- his 6 children, and several of his 12 grandchildren were by his side. He also leaves 6 great-grandchildren, and one soon to arrive. Harry was born to Harry Gottlieb and Dorothy Kuh Gottlieb on January 7, 1918. He graduated from Williams College in 1939 and married Jean on May 23, 1942 in New York City. He lost his only brother, Alan Gottlieb, a U.S. Navy Air Force pilot, in a test piloting accident on February 28, 1943. Harry was a World War II veteran who served for two years as adjutant to the 583rd Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion in New Guinea and the Philippines. He had a successful 23-year career at the Chicago real estate firm Draper & Kramer. A proponent of civic service, Harry served (1971-2000) as Director of the Regional Housing Coalition for the nonprofit Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities.

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- Lore Silberman

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The Gottliebs discovered Fort Myers Beach in 1955. Harry and Jean avidly fished Estero Bay and walked the shores of Fort Myers Beach, teaching their children to delight in the natural environment. Their house at 50 Aberdeen has sheltered four generations for vacations, fishing, weddings, environmental activism, and sunsets. Harry was officially named the Director of Sunsets of Fort Myers Beach by Town Council. Harry served as a member of several local environmental organizations, including the Association for Bay Management.

No formal memorial service is planned. Please donate to a civic or environmental charity of your choice in memory of Harry Gottlieb.

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