



Harry Israel Koontz, Jr

April 17, 1929 - July 31, 2024

Harry I. Koontz, Jr., 95, of Orlando, FL, went to be with Jesus at home on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, after an extended illness.

He was born on April 17, 1929, in Longwood, FL, the son of Harry I. Koontz, Sr. and Cora Mae (Owens) Koontz, of Orlando, FL, and he accepted Jesus Christ into his heart as his Lord and Savior when he was 8 years old.

Harry graduated from Winter Park High School in 1947. Attended courses at Orlando Junior College, Bob Jones University, and Stetson University. Also, he studied at New Tribes Missions to become a missionary. His interests were in Biblical studies, botany, sociology, psychology, American literature, political science, and health. For many years, he was a member of the Sertoma Club where he served for a time as President, and was a member of Cancer Victors and Friends, where he served as Treasurer.

Harry was actively involved in various outreach ministries with each church he attended, serving as preacher, deacon, music leader, choir member, Sunday School teacher, and various other ministry needs. He helped to start a church in Aloma, Winter Park, FL and in other places. As a young father, he occasionally took his family with him to the orange groves to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with migrant workers. For years, he and his wife, Canaveral Rose Koontz, and daughters, Faye (Koontz) Kalapp and Kaye

(Koontz) Roig, sang as a family at various churches.

Throughout his life, Harry industriously took care of others. As a child, during the depression of WWII, Harry helped to provide for the family by growing a “victory garden” and selling tomatoes to neighbors, working a newspaper route, and mowing lawns. As a father, he worked hard to provide for his family, and helped friends and strangers in need. There were times he found people on the street to assist him in his lawn care business, helping to provide them with employment and the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Christ.

Harry was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who read stories and made up fun new stories for his children and grandchildren; and who taught his children as well as others by word and by example to love Jesus and to follow Him. He was also a kind friend to many.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Harry I. Koontz, Sr. and Cora Mae Koontz; his wife, Canaveral Rose (Tucker) Koontz; his half-sister, Ina (Avant) Logsdon, and her husband H. Aubrey Logsdon; his brother, Gerald Koontz, and his wife, EllaLouise Koontz; and his brother-in-law, Robert E. Williams.

Harry is survived by his stepson, J. Wayne Partin, and his wife, Charlene Partin; his stepson, C. Ed Lipsey, and his wife, Marilyn Lipsey; his daughter, Faye (Koontz) Kalapp, and her husband, J. Chris Kalapp; his daughter, Kaye (Koontz) Roig; his step-grandsons, John Partin and Will Partin; and his granddaughters, Amarissa Kalapp and Briana Kalapp; as well as his sister, Norma (Koontz) Williams, and many nephews and nieces.

Family and friends are welcome to join us as we celebrate his life on Sunday, August 11, 2024, at A Community Funeral Home, 910 W. Michigan Street, Orlando, Florida, with viewing at 1:30pm and memorial service at 3:00pm. A private family service will be held for his burial on Monday, August 12, 2024, at

Christmas Cemetery in Fort Christmas, Florida.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 11. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

AUG 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christmas Cemetery
Christmas Cemetery Rd
Christmas , FL 32709

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Israel Koontz, Jr.*



August 11, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ *Freda & Richard Logsdon purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Harry Israel Koontz, Jr.*



Freda & Richard Logsdon - August 10, 2024 at 11:01 AM

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“ *My Uncle Harry was an inspiration and great encouragement to me beginning in my early childhood and thru out my adult life. My earliest memories were of him teaching me to sing Jesus Loves Me in Spanish. I can still sing it as he taught me. Thru out the years I enjoyed my many visits with him in Orlando or his sister’s house, my mother Ina Logsdon, in Jacksonville. His caring and engaging spirit drew me to him. He took a personal interest in my life and journey.*

I admired his love of the Lord and consistent sharing of his faith

His influence on my life contributed to me studying for and entering the Christian ministry. During my 57 years in ministry included pastoring, church planting with English, Spanish, Korean and Afro-American groups. These were some of the same focuses of my uncle Harry’s life. I thank the Lord for my uncle Harry’s life and for his loving influence on my life thru all these years.

I Love you Uncle Harry and will miss you very much until me meet again in Heaven.

Richard and Freda Logsdon

Richard Logsdon - August 09, 2024 at 11:51 PM