



## Harold Joseph Wagner

July 22, 1923 - December 30, 2019

Harold Joseph Wagner age 96, born July 1923, died December 30, 2019. He is survived by his loving wife of seventy years Leonora; sons Michael (Diane) and Mark (Debbie) Wagner; grandchildren Rebecca, Max (Molly), Paul (Stefanie), and Alison Wagner; great-grandchildren Brooklyn, Grant and George Wagner; brother Eugene and many nieces and nephews. Harold was a proud Army veteran of the WWII Battle of the Bulge where he was captured and endured for five months in captivity in Germany. He was especially proud of the Combat Infantryman Badge he earned for his service. When he returned from the war he continued work at The Ohio Bell Telephone Company from which he retired after forty-two years. Harold had a lifelong fascination with airplanes and flying and obtained his private pilot instrument rating in his early sixties. He was a member of the St. James the Less parish for sixty-three years where he was a past president of the Parish Council, lector, groundskeeper and handyman for many years. When his limitations prevented any other service, Harold returned to the job that he began as a child, he was an altar server at 8:00am Mass every Sunday right up until he died. For many years his trademark was his consistent answer to the questions, "How are you Harold?" "Almost perfect". As I told him I would do when this time came we can now strike 'almost'. Harold's family will receive friends 2-4pm Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the Schoedinger North Funeral Home, 5554 Karl Road. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Monday, January 6, 2020 10am at Resurrection Cemetery Chapel.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street  
Lewis Center, OH, 43035

**JAN**

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**Visitation**

02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service - North  
5554 Karl Rd, Columbus, OH, US, 43229

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**Mass of Christian Burial**

10:00AM

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Resurrection Cemetery Chapel

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Schoedinger Funeral Service** - January 03 at 04:58 PM

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“ Harold and I first crossed paths back in the days of the Westerville Athletic Club. We would regularly meet, and hold court, at the poolside where he came to swim almost every day. As part of our routine, Harold and I would complete the Columbus Dispatch crossword puzzle and converse about a wide array of topics. Harold's stories of WWII and his time as a POW impacted me greatly and were influential in my decision to later serve in the US Army. The pride Harold had for his family was always evident in each conversation as he boasted about being Daddy Wags' Daddy, and lit up with excitement to share regular updates on his children and grandchildren. On occasion, Harold would even bring Max, Paul and Alison to WAC to enjoy a swim in the pool where I was fortunate to see first hand his pride in being a grandfather and the perfect love he had for his family.

It saddens me greatly to know that this world has lost such a vibrant, caring, happy and strong soul. I wish that I had the opportunity to reconnect with Harold before his passing so that I might share the stories of my service in the military and how I now have a family of my own. Still, his light shines on in my memories and the friendship and education he provided will always remain with me each for the rest of my days.

My condolences to all who's hearts and lives were touched by Harold. I imagine that if I could ask him right now, "how are you today?" he would say "perfect" as he reflects back on the life he lived, the family he cared for and the friendships that he created.

Chad C. Schirtzinger

**Chad C Schirtzinger** - January 17 at 10:58 AM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words. We miss him but, and this is a feeling I could not have anticipated, we have experienced overwhelming joy at the richness of a life now completed. I am glad you got to share some of that life and I know he would have loved to hear about your experiences and accomplishments. Thanks again and continued success to you.

Michael Wagner

**Michael Harold Wagner** - April 29 at 01:12 PM

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“ My father Bob Pearson and Harold worked at Ohio Bell for years together  
Best friends  
Both also served WW11  
Always had a lot to talk about  
I lost my Dad in 2010, but Harold was one of his visitors every week at Wesley Glen  
When Dad might not be talking, Harold would come in and yell “ HEY PEARSON”  
Dad would smile and talk to him  
Thank you Harold for bring my Dads friend

**Carol Moore** - January 05 at 07:01 PM

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“ Stefanie Wagner lit a candle in memory of Harold Joseph Wagner



**Stefanie Wagner** - January 05 at 12:02 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph Wagner.



January 05 at 11:38 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph Wagner.



January 05 at 11:25 AM



“ As a cantor in at St. James the Less Church for many years I enjoyed the banter with Harold in the sacristy when I cantored the 8:00 Mass which he served every Sunday for many years. When I asked him how he was he always replied "Almost perfect," He was a shining light always perked me up when he said it! Now we believe he is "perfect." We will miss you! The Frickey family (Anita, Dave and David Jr)

**The Frickey family** - January 05 at 08:28 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph Wagner.



January 04 at 11:09 AM

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“ Our entire family has wonderful memories of Grandpa Wagner. He attended all the kids sporting events and cheered on my children with equal enthusiasm to his own. My girls vividly remember getting gum and there was always a selection of flavors. We called him Grandpa but he really should be called a legend. He will be missed. The Berno Family

**Kim Berno** - January 03 at 04:07 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph Wagner.



January 03 at 08:26 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Joseph Wagner.



January 02 at 05:51 PM

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“ Harold and I met when he coached little boys in baseball at St. James, in the late 1950s or 1960s. My brother Billy "Whitey" Marzen was on his team. We re-connected about twenty years ago as members of the Catholic Record Society. He was a researcher for the Society and I learned a lot from him as he phased researching out of his busy life and I phased it into mine as a new retiree. What a guy! I'm glad he is "perfect" now but those of us left behind will miss him. He was so proud of his family!

Patricia Marzen Hardesty

**Pat Hardesty** - January 02 at 04:40 PM

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“ Zeb Throne lit a candle in memory of Harold Joseph Wagner



**Zeb Throne** - January 02 at 01:51 PM