



Harold M. Ness Jr.

August 30, 1927 - February 6, 2022

Harold M Ness Jr. died on February 6 at his home in Pawleys Island, S.C. He was born August 30, 1927 in Baltimore, Md. the son of the late Harold M. and Anna Ullrich Ness. He attended Baltimore Friends School, where he lettered in Football, Basketball and Lacrosse graduating in 1946. He enlisted in the Army during WWII spending two years in the 24th Infantry Division in Japan attaining the rank of Sergeant. After service he attended Hobart College, in Geneva, N.Y. graduating in 1952. While at Hobart he played Football, Basketball, and Lacrosse. He was a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity and President of the Interfraternity Council as well as a member of the Orange Key and Chimera Honor Societies. He was the General Agent for several Life Insurance Companies from 1956 until 1977 when he formed his own company NIA Inc. He attained his CLU degree in 1965 and held officer positions in several professional organizations as well as the Kiwanis Club. Lacrosse was his favorite sport and he served on the Board and the Executive Committee of US Lacrosse where he was named Director of the Year in 1991. Upon semi retirement in 1997 he moved to Pawleys Island, South Carolina and was a founder of the S.C. Chapter of US Lacrosse. He helped build the sport to a position of being sanctioned by the State High School League. He was honored by the chapter as their first Hall of Fame member, in 2004 and 2006. Known as "Sonny" while at Friends he was inducted into the Friends School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela G. Ness, sister Bettyann Black, daughters Laura Peffers, Pamela Mackinnell, Sarah Robinson, son William Ness, stepdaughters Kimmerly Bulkley, Kelly Newman, stepson Scott Bulkley, 14 grandchildren, and two great grandsons. Contributions of remembrance may be made to US Lacrosse, 2 Loveton Circle, Sparks, Md. 21152.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel is assisting the Ness family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Harold M. "Hal" Ness, Jr. was a fine man, a veteran, and a patriot. He lived here in the Heritage Plantation subdivision, Pawleys Island, SC, for many years. He kept a list of veterans residing here and for years maintained a loose knit veteran's organization. He loved to talk about his service in the 24th Infantry Division with other occupying troops in Japan after WWII. He had many photos and scrapbooks of that period which I hope will be donated to an appropriate organization. Historians will be interested.

Both Hal and I served in the 24th Infantry Division, once known as the "Hawaiian Division". Its shoulder patch is the leaf of the Taro plant, common in Hawaii. The Division was immortalized as the "First to Fight in Korea." I have posted a photo of that patch under "Photos and Video." Hal and I had several conversations sharing our Army experiences separated by some 25 years.

Hal Ness will be remembered and missed by many! May he rest in the palms of God's immortal hands.

Alan Wright
Pawleys Island, SC

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“ Pam from your loving hands into God's. My sincerest sympathy to all of Hal's family.
Joanne Urso

Joanne Urso - February 09 at 10:10 AM



“ Hal will be truly missed as he made an impact on so many people. I only met him a few times but he always made you feel like the most important person in the room. God Speed to you Hal :)

Lou Corsetti - February 08 at 01:27 PM



“ Hal was an amazing encouraging mentor to those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. God speed my dear Hal, you will be sorely miss by all of us who knew you, brave Sole. Love, peace and prayers to you Pam and your family.

Meg Hendy - February 07 at 02:13 PM