

Harvey Lockwood Baker

July 27, 2018

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On D-Day, June 6, 1944 Harvey was just 20 years old as he embarked on his 9th combat mission on a B-17 heavy bomber as a ball turret “belly” gunner. He completed his 25 missions over a course of 3 years. Harvey composed a brief memoir of his time in the 94th bomb group. In his memoir he describes, “a thousand more stories can be sandwiched in between the foregoing events, but those are the highlights as best I can reconstruct them... I guess you can

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He goes on to state, “Enemy fire passed my ears many times. Our aircraft was often riddled, my friends wounded and still I was spared. So I must conclude that God had another plan for me and that plan was Sylvia and the Church which she revealed to me and the wonderful children she blessed me with... and our beautiful grandchildren.”

Harvey knew that God’s plan for him was a long and happy marriage of nearly 73 years to the love of his life, Sylvia. He described his life with her as “unbelievable” and “fabulous” and recalls the Church and his family as two of his greatest blessings.

Harvey taught kindness by example. He loved making people laugh and carried your burdens if he sensed they were troubling you. He was constantly concerned about your spirit’s well-being and happiness. He moved away from his childhood security for love, and accepted his extended family as his own, embracing those cultures and beliefs with open arms. He was very sensitive, emotional, kind, gentle and compassionate to all. We are forever grateful for his service to this country and he will always be remembered as “common man, doing an uncommon thing”.

The Rosary will be said July 30 at 7 p.m., and the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. July 31, both at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Ft. Collins. A Veteran’s Honor Guard Ceremony and reception for friends and family will follow in the church basement. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent “In Memory of Harvey Baker” to St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 101 N. Howes St., Ft. Collins, CO 80521.

Previous Events

Rosary

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<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

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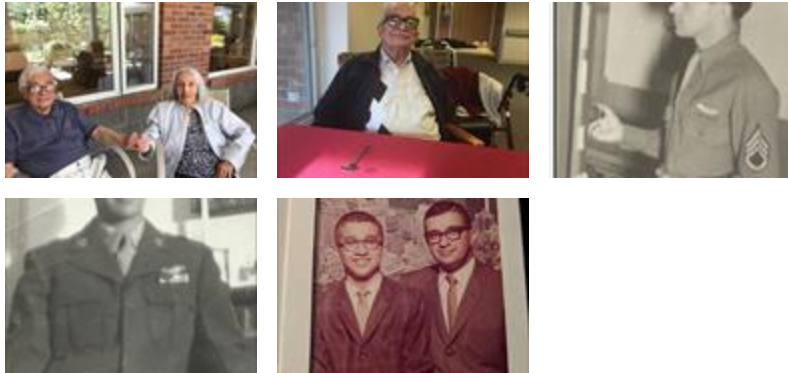


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Emily Skrocki - August 01, 2018 at 02:21 PM

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“ My prayers and sympathy are offered for Sylvia and family for the loss of their loving Harvey. His death is a loss for all of us who have had the privilege of being his friend. We are all indebted to him for his part in preserving world freedom in World War II. He was truly a hero and one of the few remaining members of the "Greatest Generation". He has related to me in the past about his service in the Army Air Force, where, because of his size, he was selected as a belly turret gunner on a B-17 bomber. He may have been small in stature, but he was a giant when it came to courage. May God bless his soul and take him into His eternal presence. Dick Hecker

Dick Hecker - July 29, 2018 at 04:22 PM