



Arthur "Art" Harry Hinkel

August 25, 1922 - September 5, 2016

Arthur "Art" Harry Hinkel, age 94, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 25, 1922, and died on September 5, 2016. He was the youngest of seven children born to Gertrude Gilles Hinkel and Edward "E.J." Hinkel. His parents and siblings predeceased him.

Art is survived by his three daughters: Carole Lynne (Joe Novak), of Southport, NC; Jan Davenport, of Concord, OH; and Conni Hinkel (Paul Stefanchik) of Fort Collins, CO. He was the proud grandfather of three grandsons: David Arthur Novak and Jeremy Dennis Novak, both of Bloomington, IN; and Jesse Kai Cassidy, of Concord, OH; and of four great-granddaughters: Adrianna, Olivia, Lucinda, and Adele Novak, all of Bloomington, IN. He also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews. His wife, Thelma Phillippe Hinkel and his two sons, David Arthur Hinkel and Dennis Arthur Hinkel, predeceased him, as did his dear companion of his later years, Stella Hansen.

Art learned to rebuild auto engines in his father's mechanics garage, Hinkel Ignition. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1943, served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater in the 3rd Floating Air Craft Maintenance Unit, and was stationed in New Guinea, where he kept U.S. airplanes in flying condition. His unit was among the Occupational Troops in Tokyo after Japan's surrender in 1945. Art was honorably discharged in 1946.

When he returned home after the War, Art and Thelma settled in Mentor to raise their family. He was employed at Lincoln Electric Co., from which he retired in 1981. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Mentor and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He was a lifelong fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, Northern Illinois Huskies, and Purple Raiders of Mount Union - some of which brought joy to his life, and some aggravation.

Art's family wishes to thank the staff and volunteers of Hospice of the Western Reserve for their compassionate attention and care.

Private family services will be held in memory of Art.

Final arrangements are entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

At Art's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any Veterans' organization, in his words, "to honor the boys that didn't come home."

Please share memories or condolences with the family at <http://www.brunners.com>.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Jan, I am so sorry for your loss. You being there for your dad everyday was his greatest gift. You took such good care of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Love you,
Polly and Joe

Polly Seum - September 08, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JD

Thank you so much Polly & Joe; your love and support gave me so much strength!
Love you!
Jan

Jan Davenport - September 08, 2016 at 10:30 AM

PG

“ *Hi 'Cuz..... Sorry to hear of Art's passing. I remember the day that I wheeled him and Stella over the threshold of their new apartment at Emeritus with Stella on his lap! I know that the past few years have been very difficult for you girls and know that Art is now in a better place. Love, your 'cuz Pattie Glavac*

Pattie Glavac - September 07, 2016 at 07:20 PM

CN

Thank you, Cuz PattyG! You were so helpful & Art got a charge out of your sense of humor! -CaroleN

Carole Novak - September 07, 2016 at 08:02 PM

JD

Cuz, you were a Blessing!! Many thanks for your kindness to Art and your condolences.
Jan D.

Jan Davenport - September 08, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your Father, Carole. May the light of his life shine forever in you and your loved ones.

Elaine Charland - September 07, 2016 at 07:08 PM

CN

Thank you, Elaine, for your kind, hopeful words.

Carole Novak - September 07, 2016 at 08:33 PM

GS

“ Thinking of you Carole, Joe, David, Jeremy and families! We have been so blessed by having our parents/grandparents in our lives. May your fond memories and stories sooth your hearts. Love you, Steve and Gayle

Gayle Stripling - September 07, 2016 at 05:21 PM

CN

Thanks, Gayle & Steve. How much fun did we all have together, with NIU & IU Football through the years?! Yes, we've been blessed to have our Old Folks with us for as long as we did - and we did enjoy the Good Times!

Carole Novak - September 07, 2016 at 08:44 PM

GS

“ Gary Smith lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Harry Hinkel



Gary Smith - September 06, 2016 at 10:13 PM

CN

Thanks, Gare!

Carole Novak - September 07, 2016 at 07:32 AM

ER

“ *The dad I wish I had. Love you Art. What a wonderful person and great dad. He remembered me when i saw him last August.*
Emily Rhinehart.

Emily Rhinehart - September 06, 2016 at 08:56 PM

CN

That was a special day! Thanks, Em. ❤️ -C.

Carole Novak - September 07, 2016 at 07:31 AM

DL

So sorry for your loss Carole😭. He certainly had a wonderful family and a long life❤️. Donna Lagerstedt

Donna Lagerstedt - September 07, 2016 at 07:42 PM

CN

Thank you, Donna.

Carole Novak - September 07, 2016 at 08:16 PM