



## Harry Lambert Mills

July 23, 1923 - March 9, 2018

Harry Lambert Mills, 94, of Huntington, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, March 9, 2018, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House from general organ failure due to simple old age. Harry is best remembered as the good-natured, high-spirited square dance caller and comedic sidekick to host Dean Sturm on WSAZ's long-running Saturday Night Jamboree, airing 1953-64. During the 11-year run of the show, Harry did not miss a single live performance, totaling almost 600 uninterrupted weekly appearances. His late wife, Billie Mills (1925-1993), was also a performer with him on the show.

Harry and Billie Mills had one son, David, who lives in Huntington and one granddaughter, Sophia Mills, currently a student at OSU in Columbus. Harry was a courageous combat Marine during WWII, fighting to liberate the occupied Pacific islands. Following WWII, Harry worked 36 years for the Veterans Administration, first at the local VA Hospital, then, for most of his career at the Downtown Huntington VA Regional Office helping veterans purchase homes through the GI Bill. He was a Life Member of the Marine Corps League and an ethically-impeccable representative of The Greatest Generation. Harry was a gentle, soft-spoken man incapable of anger or raising his voice. He was empathetic and generous to a fault. He fed and adopted every stray animal clawing at his door. For the last 71 years of his life, Harry lived in his same home on Washington Avenue. He was an avid fan of Marshall football. He loved to drink beer and chew tobacco (and he outlived most). Per Harry's wishes, he will be cremated with a can of Bud

Light Lime beer. There will be no services or visitation. The family asks for privacy during this time of loss.

"Do not regret growing old. It is a privilege denied to many."

- UnknownOnline condolences may be expressed to the family below.FC18-035

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Lambert Mills*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Billie, I am so sorry ! I just found out. I hope you and David are doing well !!*

**William S. Naylor** - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of your loss, David. I hope you and Sophia are doing well.*

**bob entzminger** - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry to learn this. I was very fond of Harry as well as Billie. Harry was as unassuming as he was popular among the generation who remember the Jamboree show. Most importantly, he was a fine human being.*

**David Black** - March 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM