

## Harold Warren 'Zeke' Landis Jr.

Harold Warren "Zeke" Landis Jr., born in Philadelphia, Pa., on April 12, 1923, died June 1, 2004. This was Flag Day, the 64th anniversary of



his first date with his wife of 60 years, Elisabeth. The couple raised seven children, David (Carol, of Palmdale, Ca.), Beverly Killins (Tom, of Ft. Lauderdale), Steven (Pam, of Boca Raton, Fla.), Wendy Vinal (Bruce, of Littleton, Ma.), Cynthia Devalario (Jim, of Starke, Fla.), Laurie Keneipp (Richard, of Franklin, Tenn.) and Lance (of Pompano Beach, Fla.). They have 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. "His family and friends shared both prayers and good memories over his final week," a friend said.

They were residents of the Davie area since 1965, where his wife worked in the town hall for over 30 years. Mr. Landis worked in many different jobs, beginning work after high school as a mail boy for the Budd Company in Philadelphia, and finally retiring as the city forester for the City of Deerfield Beach, Fla., in 1998. In that position, he established the Deerfield Beach Arboretum in Constitution Park and a support group.

He was active in Boy Scouts for more than 69 years, serving as scoutmaster or troop committee chairman for Troop 131 in Ft. Lauderdale for 30 years. In 1960 he was one of the original founders of the Scoutmasters' Camporee and led seven troops to the National Boy Scout Jamboree held at Valley Forge and later at Camp A. P. Hill, Va.

He was a U.S. Marine and still wore a flat-top haircut. He volunteered for service the day after Pearl Harbor and participated in the amphibious landings and battles at Guadalcanal and Okinawa. He was part of the Marine force that liberated and repatriated Tsingtao, China.

A viewing was held at Forest Lawn South (the Pyramid), 2401 SW 64th Avenue in Davie, on Friday, June 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 19, at 11 a.m., at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 7601 SW 39th Street, Davie.

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Friends of the Deerfield Beach Arboretum, 1101 NW 5th Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33432; [www.treezoo.com](http://www.treezoo.com).

Forest Lawn Funeral Home South was in charge of arrangements.