



Harry B. Leeds

November 19, 1933 - April 4, 2026

Harry Benjamin Leeds passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, passion, and deep devotion to family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Wilma Gitchel; his daughters, Rhona Grosser and Caron Dickinson; his cherished grandchildren, Joshua Dickinson, Alexandra Brown, and Liana Grosser; his great-granddaughter, Charlotte Brown; and his brother, Alan Levy. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother whose warmth, kindness, and generous spirit brought joy to all who knew him.

A lifelong train enthusiast, Harry shared his passion generously with others. He served as President of the Westchester Garden Railway Society, contributed to the Holiday Train Show at the Bronx Botanical Garden, and volunteered at the Danbury Railroad Museum. He also delighted fellow travelers by sharing his knowledge of the Hudson Line during narrated Amtrak journeys.

Harry's backyard model train layout was a source of wonder and connection, especially during his annual Memorial Day gatherings, when he and Wilma warmly welcomed friends and family to celebrate, explore, and create lasting memories together.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered for his enthusiasm, his kindness, and the enduring joy he brought into the lives of those he loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to the New York Botanical Gardens. <https://www.nybg.org/join-support/honor-memorial-gifts/>

A gathering of Family and Friends will take place, Thursday, April 16th, 11am, at Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home in Tarrytown, followed by a burial at Mount Carmel Cemetery at 1pm.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home

90 North Broadway

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Burial

APR **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mount Carmel Cemetery

83-45 Cypress Hills St

Glendale, NY 11385

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ We always were delighted to attend well Harry’s spring parties with their amazing garden, and Harry’s marvelous trains. It is clear that he was such a giving and caring soul that he brought his passion to many venues and gave of his time profusely.

Mariann Turato - April 18 at 05:22 PM

RG

“ I was pleased when I saw that the family had requested donations to the New York Botanical Gardens as a memorial to Harry I’ve been an enthusiastic gardener and was privileged to have a TDG certified butterfly garden/habitat in my own backyard We were ably to tag and release migrating Monarchs for several years Once when Wilma and Harry were visiting Dallas I was able to share that experience with them Harry seemed to really enjoy it We appreciate these societies that provide habitat and protection for these magnificent pollinators

Ruth Gitchel - April 12 at 12:50 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Dye lit a candle in memory of Harry B. Leeds



Jennifer Dye - April 11 at 12:00 PM

JD

“ Pete and I thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with Harry and Wilma going to different train displays around Denver on one of their visits to Colorado. Harry’s passion for trains was infectious and we were so honored to be part of that activity.

Jennifer Dye - April 11 at 11:59 AM



“ I really enjoyed seeing Harry's model railroads, and his kind smile every time I saw him. I'm grateful for the happiness Aunt Wilma shared with him.



David Julian - April 11 at 10:31 AM

RS

“ I appreciated Harry’s sense of humor and his vast knowledge of everything! My most vivid memory is of Wilma and Harry driving to work in New York City, I was so scared I hunker down in the backseat!

Randal Julian Stevens - April 08 at 01:19 PM

CD

“ 1 file added to the album Harry Leeds



Caron Dickinson - April 07 at 01:52 PM

RS

I admire Harry's sense of humor and vast knowledge of all things. My most vivid memory is riding with Wilma and Harry to work in New York City, I was so scared I hunker down in the backseat. Have a good trip!

Randal Julian Stevens - April 08 at 01:15 PM

MT

We always weren't delighted with Harry and Wilma's spring garden party the beautiful flowers and the astonishing trains. Is clear what a giving soul he was bringing his passions to many venues
Mariann Ed & Serena

Mariann Turato - April 18 at 03:36 PM

GJ

“ *Gay And Mike Julian lit a candle in memory of Harry B. Leeds*



Gay and Mike Julian - April 07 at 12:33 PM