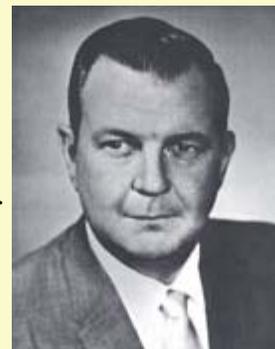


Harley E. Harmon

November 21, 1918- September 24, 2001

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Harley E. Harmon, son of Clark County's first clerk, Harley A. Harmon, was born and raised in Las Vegas and served on the County Commission for twelve years. He was a dedicated booster of Las Vegas and helped transition Clark County during a period of enormous growth in the 1950s.



Harmon was born at his family's home at Fifth and Bridger Streets in 1918. He attended Las Vegas public schools and graduated from the University of Nevada. In World War II, Harley E. Harmon served in the U.S. Navy gun crews of merchant ships running military supplies through hostile waters. He returned to Las Vegas in 1946, and married Cleo Katsaros in 1947. Their sons, Harley L. and Jeff, would eventually take over the Harmon business interests.

Harley E. worked in the Nevada Legislature for one session before going to Washington, DC under the patronage of Berkley Bunker. In 1948, Harmon won a seat in the Nevada State Assembly. During his time at the legislature, the Las Vegas Valley Water District was created.

Following his service in Carson City, Harmon returned to southern Nevada and became traffic manager for Bonanza Airlines. In 1949, he resigned the position in order to focus full time on his growing insurance business. He was a member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

In 1950, Clark County voters elected Harmon as a county commissioner. During his twelve years on the commission, he oversaw the expansion of McCarran Airport, the development of a sanitation district, and the creation of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Harmon declined to seek reelection in 1962, in order to focus on his business and family.

Harmon, with a group of others, bought Nevada State Bank in 1962. During that same year, his insurance company merged with William Peccole Insurance Agency. He remained active in civic affairs and business throughout his life. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Grand Exalted Leader of the Elks, and of the Chamber of Commerce.

In 2001, Harmon died of congestive heart failure.