



Henry Edmond Jarabek

November 16, 1922 - July 17, 2014

Henry "Hank" Jarabek, 91, of Charlotte, passed away on July 17, 2014, at Eaton Community Palliative Care. He was born on November 16, 1922, to Richard and Pauline (Kristinek) Jarabek in Cleveland, OH. Henry was one of six children. He always credited much of his success and his personality to the close relationship with his brothers and younger sister. He attended Saginaw High School, graduating in 1941. Henry entered the U.S. Army Air Corp November 13, 1942, during WWII. He was a remote control gunnery instructor on the B-29 Bomber. After returning from the service, he married the love of his life Nancy Topham on August 23, 1947. Henry attended Central Michigan University graduating with a degree in education in 1949. His first teaching position was in Northport, Michigan, in 1949. In 1953, his family moved to Charlotte where Henry taught 7th grade Social Studies and 8th grade History. In 1962, he earned a Master's Degree in History from Michigan State University. Henry retired in 1986 after 37 years of teaching. Henry was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he served in the St. Mary's Men's Club. He was also a long time member of the Charlotte Lions Club. Henry and his family spent the summers in Lake Leelanau, Michigan, managing the Birch Beach Resort which he owned with his brothers. The family spent many summers since 1964 at their cottage on Lake Leelanau. Henry was proud of his children and his community. He served the City of Charlotte as a City Councilman, as well as numerous boards and commissions. Henry was a current member of the Fitch Beach Airport

Advisory Board. Henry is survived by his three sons, Jeffrey (Sarah) Jarabek of Cape Coral, FL; John Jarabek of Cape Coral, FL; Christopher (Kristin) Jarabek of West Des Moines, IA; two daughters, Susan Miller of Fort Wayne, IN; Beth (Dave) Jarabek-Moravek of Golden, CO; sister, Veronica Bressette of Midland, MI. Henry was especially proud of his grandchildren Jamie (Brittany) Jarabek, Justin Miller, Juliette Jarabek, Dyer Jarabek, and Fabian Jarabek, great granddaughter Victoria, and step grandchildren Sean and Kelly Klingler. He was preceded in death by father, Richard Jarabek, mother, Pauline Jarabek, brother, Thomas Jarabek, brother, Daniel Jarabek, brother, Bernie Jarabek, brother, Benjamin Jarabek, daughter Julie, and his wife Nancy. Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 22, 2014 3:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan. Funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, 11:00 am at the St. Mary's Catholic Church - Charlotte, Michigan, with Rev. Fr. David Rosenberg, celebrating. Burial will take place in the Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Eaton Community Palliative Care or St. Mary's Catholic Church of Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Henry's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ To the Jarabek Family Your Father made a huge difference in my life during 7th grade, one that will never be forgotten. Last year to celebrate his birthday I got the biggest box of Whitman's Chocolates I could find and I made him copies of pages from our yearbooks that he appeared in and included it in his card & pkg. When I received the thank you from him I was thrilled! He was truly a great man and knowing him was a true treasure to me. May he rest in peace for all he gave to the world.

Carolyn Griest-Makin - July 30, 2014 at 10:11 PM

MH

“ Hey Chris- I'm sorry about your Dad. If I had known I would have been there. Whenever Greg Smith would tease me in class and call me "Max" your Dad would look at me to make sure I wasn't going to start crying! Take Care.

Mary Jo (Wehr) Huver - July 26, 2014 at 01:58 PM

JF

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Hank. He was a good friend to my Dad, Bud Bellinger, and I'm glad we were able to celebrate his 90th Birthday with him attend the pig roast last year. He will be missed by so many. Our thoughts are with your family.

Julie & Tom Foltz - July 22, 2014 at 04:49 PM

MG

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Hank's family. I would like to share a Poem which once brought me great comfort. I hope it will do the same for the Jarabek family. Miss me but let me go... When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want not rites in a gloom filled room. Why cry for a soul set free. Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love we once shared. Miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take and alone each must go. It's all a part of the Master's plan, A step on the road home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends you know and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me, but let me go.

Max Guerrero - July 21, 2014 at 09:17 PM

DK

“ To the Jarabek family, we were saddened to hear of Hank's passing. We enjoyed his many visits with Gladys over the years. Please accept our condolences for your loss.

Dennis and Peggy Klein - July 21, 2014 at 02:07 PM

TF

“ I know hard it is to lose a parent. I send my condolences to you. I had the pleasure to bring your dad communion from St. Mary's while he was in therapy at the healing center. We had a few times the last few months to get reacquainted and reminisce. You should rest assured he is with God and your mom :-). He was a fine man of great character and I was very fond of him. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend his funeral as I'm vacationing in northern Michigan.

Tim Francis - July 21, 2014 at 08:56 AM

AJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Hank's family. He was so kind and wonderful to my parents, Edward and Leona, of Cleveland. Especially to my Mom by keeping in touch after Dad passed and to me recently in December (2013) when Mom followed him. I am so fortunate he told me some stories I had never heard before about his family's visits to Cleveland when he and my Dad were young. I will always cherish the fun I had at Lake Leelanau in earlier years and regret I never made any of this reunions that my parents attended more recently. I will always love "Uncle Hank".



Annie M. Jarabek - July 20, 2014 at 04:42 PM

DJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Hank's passing. He was truly a great man who' s life centered on family and tradition.

Dan Jarabek - July 20, 2014 at 01:58 PM

LW

“ To the Jarabek family, Please accept my condolences for your loss. Hank was a very special person and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to know him. Whenever he introduced me to anyone, he quickly pointed out that I was in his very first seventh grade class as a teacher in Charlotte. He had many friends and will be missed. He left us the gift of warm memories of his friendliness and good-nature.

Leila Whiting - July 18, 2014 at 03:47 PM