



Henry "Hank" Eugene Henricks

September 29, 1942 - September 17, 2020

Hank was born September 29, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky to Edward Marshall and Dorothy Collins Henricks. He passed away peacefully on September 17, 2020, at the age of 77, in Tallahassee, Florida, where he had made his home since 1976.

Hank graduated from Male High School, Louisville, Kentucky in 1960, then attended the University of Louisville until enlisting in the military in 1964. The son of a decorated Marine, he proudly served his country in the United States Army as a medical laboratory technician until his honorable discharge in 1967.

Hank enjoyed a long, impactful career with Florida State University where he oversaw the Bioanalytical Synthesis Services (BASS) Laboratory within the Department of Chemistry. For twenty-eight years he coordinated the processing and synthesizing of DNA and peptides for numerous researchers at FSU and other universities across the country.

Outside of his children and grandchildren, his next greatest passion was, without a doubt, bass fishing. He had skills and knowledge of the sport like no other, and he delighted in teaching others. When he was no longer able to get out on the water, he enjoyed reading, genealogy, studying military history and helping others whenever the opportunity presented. One of his most cherished pastimes was connecting with and visiting retired Marines who had

served alongside his father at the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Hank had a strong faith in the Lord and looked forward to being reunited with his parents and his only brother, Edward Henricks, all of whom predeceased him. He is survived by his children, son, Brendan Shane Henricks (Angie) and daughter, Shana Henricks Lasseter (Lee); grandsons Spencer Shane Henricks, Jared Kenneth Henricks and Marshall Carlisle Lasseter; Goddaughters, Lilly Hurt Lewis and Samantha Hurt Buckley, and numerous, very special lifelong friends.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Tamesha Graham, owner, Love and Care Senior Companion Services, and each of her team members who so lovingly cared for Hank in his home over the last few years.

A memorial service celebrating Hank's life will be at 11:00AM on Friday, September 25, 2020 at Pisgah United Methodist Church. The inurnment with military honors will follow at 1:00PM at Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>).

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Henricks family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pisgah United Methodist Church
7000 Pisgah Church Road
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *It is September 29th and I just want to say, Happy Birthday, Hank. We will miss you at the Lab and the smile you put on everyone's face. Prayers for you and your family.*
Karol Bickett

Karol Bickett - September 29, 2020 at 10:08 AM

“Hank, we made it! Thirteen and half hours, eleven thousands mile each way in one and half days. Such was the kind of energy you gave us, though you are with us no longer. The two moving, memorable ceremonies touched our hearts and left profound marks on us for the rest of our lives.

For many of friends and family, Hank loved fishing; I love fish too, in a different way. So we did not talk about fish that much. Hank was a man of God; I have another of a sort. So we did not talk about Him that much. Hank was proud of his service in the army; I have never been to the army (still have never even touched a gun). Naturally, we did not have much to share about military matters. Hank and I couldn't be more different physically as well: he is big and tall and I am short and small. However, none of these hindered our friendship one bit: Hank was the best friend I have ever had.

Hank has been especially well known for one of his passions: bass fishing. It was stated in his eulogy that “he had the skill and knowledge of the sport no one has.” And when it comes to other skills, Hank's talent in negotiation was as equally unmatched--if not more so--than that of the fishing. He was the greatest negotiator I have ever known. He was amazing regardless of the matter of negotiation: expensive science equipment, houses, cars, loans, and appliances, anything you need. He knew exactly what to hold and when to fold. He was extremely knowledgeable and treated everyone with thoughtful consideration and deep respect. Everyone on both sides always ended up happy at the end of each deal. Hank was a great strategist and skillful tactician when it came to making a deal. In his own words, he approached every negotiation with “sharpened pencils”, stayed as calm as “the middle of the eye of a hurricane”, and conduction of the whole deal was “as smooth as a baby's butt”.

“Hank's Dogma” of negotiation, seemed easy but was hard to follow. It is based on detailed and insightful knowledge of what to deal with, the understanding and thoughtful consideration of whom to deal

with, and the utmost unselfish placement of the heart. The “Art of the Deal” I learned from Hank is far superior to the method the author of “You Know Who” described. Hank was amazing at getting good deals for everyone, as well as both sides. If Hank were given the power to “make deals” in the world stage, there would be less conflicts, if not everlasting peace on earth.

On the way back driving through the long night, I kept thinking what Pastor West asked at end of the memorial service in the Pisgah United Methodist Church in Tallahassee: “What would you want to be remembered as? What would you do if you only have twenty four hours to live?” I have not yet thought of the answer to the first question, but I remembered I had asked Hank the second question one day in his office during our often-shared lunch hour. His answer was: “I cannot think of doing anything different. I just continue do what I am doing every day.” From that day on, I have been trying to live the same way Hank did.

Hank was one of the ordinary men walked on this earth, yet he has left extraordinary prints along the way, for his friends and family to remember, cherish and follow. He lived a four “-ful” life of “helpful, cheerful, grateful and peaceful”. His legacy was not money or fame, but a true gentleman and a noble person whom every man should try emulate.

Driving on the Sixth Street at 7:15 at dusk in the city of Lawrence, the huge setting sun occupied the center of the entire end of the street, a rare event that only happed a few times in a year. For me, it looked like the smiling face of Hank, looking back from the edge of this world. Hank, one day we will sit down, sharpen our pencils and get another “deal” together.

Philip and Lily

Philip Gao - September 27, 2020 at 04:21 PM

BJ

Beautiful, insightful, inspirational. Thank you for sharing Hank with those who didn't have the good fortune of knowing him. Such rare people not only accomplish great things, but also become powerful models of how to live a meaningful and blessed life. RIP, Hank. We'll meet someday.

Bob Swan, Jr - September 29, 2020 at 12:36 PM

TC

“*Hank was just an amazing staff member in the Chemistry Department at FSU. I started as an Asst. Prof. in 1984 and my project that was going to earn me tenure was not going so well until I heard that there was instrumentation that could be purchased to synthesize the compounds I needed. I purchased the equipment, but I knew nothing about how to operate and maintain such instrumentation, but Hank saved me - he had friends whom he called for help - he read the manuals! and I got tenure - what a deal! Not only that - he was always cheerful, always helpful - just a great colleague - Hank - we will miss you and I know that I speak for the dozens of students and postdocs from my research group.*

- Tim Cross

Tim Cross - September 24, 2020 at 10:43 PM

PG

“ Just like the fall of a beautiful autumn leaf, the departure of Hank left us with sorrow, yet still many cherished memories.

This Friday, Lily and I will drive from Kansas to Tallahassee, with the van that you had helped us bought, to say goodbye one more time. This would be the first friend I bid farewell in the last thirty-one year since I came to the country where I considered home now. For the seven years of my life in Tallahassee, you stood as the best friend we had. You helped us built and sold the very first house we ever had, fought the immigration process for Lily and witnessed the births of our two daughters. For Lily and me, you are a caring, kind and generous friend. For our children, you are the beloved “Grandpa Hank”.

It is our fortune to know you in this life and hope to meet you again hereafter. I will cook you the favorite Chinese dish you always liked.
----- Philip

Philip Gao - September 24, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PI

“ Peavy & Son Const. Co., Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry "Hank" Eugene Henricks.



Peavy & Son Const. Co., Inc. - September 24, 2020 at 09:55 AM

LU

“ My thoughts and prayers to Hanks family. Hank was a special person to the Krupp family! During my visits At Christmas I got to visit with Hank.. He was family and was always there enjoying all the food and company! In addition, I always Enjoyed our talks and him asking about my sweet dog Ms Harley!
Rest In Peace Hank. Look for Ms Harley and throw her that ball that she so enjoyed!!

Laura Krupp Upton - September 23, 2020 at 09:02 PM

MK

“ So many memories... Lake Talquin, Lake Carr, upper river, lower river, buzz baits, rubber frogs, motor oil worms, snakes, gators, birds nests, getting up before dawn so we could be out on the lake at first light (listening to the snoring coming from Hank's boat); FSU football Saturdays (with two of the most opinionated arm-chair coaches that ever graced my livingroom); every other Friday night feeding the kids hotdogs and beans or cardboard pizzas; helping one another through the angst of teenage daughters; Sonny's BBQ dinners, Fazzolis, Ma's Chile, spaghetti dinners, the "sock", grandchildren, birthdays, holidays.....Hank touched our lives in the most profound and beautiful ways. He may be gone but we can take comfort in knowing that when our turn comes, he will be waiting for us, rod and reel in hand, ready to show us the very best fishing spots. The streets of gold are so much brighter now....

Marilyn and David Krupp - September 23, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Eugene Henricks.



September 23, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Eugene Henricks.*



September 23, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Huajun Qin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry "Hank" Eugene Henricks.*



Huajun Qin - September 23, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ *Hank, I have known you for 17 years since I started my worked at FSU. I sincerely appreciate your kindness, sense of humor, and your willingness to help whenever we need it, especially during the time you worked with us in the Cross lab. I felt really relaxed when you were here, because I did not to worry about any issues related to purchasing or equipment. I knew you were the go-to person whenever we had a problem!*

I still remember that I called you in early this year, it appeared that you were enjoying your life of retirement. During the phone call, I promised you that I would visit you when the pandemic ends. You brought joy, happiness and laughter to all the people around you; you will be sorely missed.

Huajun Qin - September 23, 2020 at 12:12 PM

PG

Huajun, thank you for letting us know in time the memorial services of our beloved friend so we could make the trip. Otherwise, we would regret forever.

Philip Gao - September 27, 2020 at 08:11 PM

AW

“ *There are so many special memories that were already shared by others who knew Hank. I would add that he was a unique person who took the time to really get to know you, offer you time and advice, and really hear what you were saying. As others already said before me, Hank was an incredible source of support to the FSU students completing their graduate studies and is warmly remembered and missed! Sincere condolences to his family during this difficult time.*

Anna Kozlova Wright - September 23, 2020 at 12:03 AM

SE

“ *My condolences to the Henricks family. Hank was a big influence in my life and my memories of him would fill a book. He was the best brother-in-law anyone could possibly have and he enriched my life. Rest in peace my friend. You will be dearly missed.*



Steve Engleman - September 22, 2020 at 07:11 PM

LB

“ *Hank the Crank is what my Family called him. He was the best fisherman and meant a lot to the Lasseter Family from Macon. He always brought us Christmas and just was special Gentleman. He was always a great friend and had a smile for everyone. Rest In Peace my sweet friend. 🙏*



Laine Lasseter Bolton - September 22, 2020 at 12:40 PM

DR

“ So very sad to hear of Hanks passing Praying for Brendan and Shana and all other family members

Debbie roso - September 22, 2020 at 11:55 AM

KM

“ Hank was always full of life and always joking. When he came to the lab he would say hello then followed by “are you working hard or hardly working?” You will be missed. Rest in Peace.

Kim Mozolic - September 22, 2020 at 07:41 AM

JP

“ Graduate school at Florida State would not have been the same without Hank. I met Hank as a newly arrived international graduate student in Tim Cross' Lab and Hank immediately took me under his wing. He called me trouble! His good-humored nature balanced his laser focus to solve every problem, no rock left unturned. He showed me the best way to talk to vendors and technicians. He introduced me to important people that would help me get what I needed cheaper and faster. He advised on how to choose the best brand chemicals, without him and Umesh Goli, my peptide synthesis for sure would not have turned out so well. But Hank went beyond all that. He was a friend and supported me as a female scientist. He helped me with details of everyday life in the US. Without him I would not have had such a simple experience buying my first car, which I drive to this day. Once he could no longer come to FSU he left a hole no one could ever fill. I will miss cutting strawberries for him, he would only eat them if I would cut the leaves off and I did not mind obliging him. We shared a love for laughter and cake. To this day I can still close my eyes and hear him saying: “are you working hard or hardly working?”

Joana Paulino - September 22, 2020 at 03:06 AM

DM

“ I always looked forward to the days that Hank would come to the lab. It was always a joy to talk with him. I remember the lab lunches at the Bamboo House fondly. Hank was always willing to go the extra mile to help people out and I could never thank him enough for what he did for myself and the rest of the lab. I would like to send my condolences to Hank's family. Hank was a great man. Enjoy the eternal fishing Hank!

Dylan Murray - September 22, 2020 at 02:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Eugene Henricks.



September 21, 2020 at 06:58 PM