



Henry 'Hank' Jenkins Jr.

May 4, 1916 - February 18, 2012

HENRY (HANK) JENKINS Henry (Hank) Jenkins, age 95, passed peacefully away surrounded by family at the Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver, Washington on Saturday February 18, 2012. Henry was born May 4, 1916 in Menominee, Michigan ; to Henry and Charlotte Jenkins. He was one of thirteen siblings who grew up on a farm in Pembine Wisconsin. He completed twelve years of schooling, after graduating he entered the CCC camp where he earned his first wages. Shortly thereafter he would meet his future wife Lottie Jacobs, they shared vows in the year 1939. The following year Henry and Lottie would present to the world their one and only child Margaret Ardell Jenkins. Henry entered the armed services in 1944 serving in the army during world war 2, in Amarillo Texas, where wife Lottie and daughter Margaret went along and stayed near the base. Margaret remembers having a date with her father the soldier. Honorably discharged he took a job with the local railroad in Pembine Wisconsin. In 1950, due to a lack of work available Henry and his new family would take a journey across country to the northwest. In Washington state Henry found employment with an aluminum plant. During his life in Washington he would say goodbye to his wife in 1986. Henry would remarry to Margaret Wokal enjoying the great outdoors with his family, he loved animals, and it wasn't unusual to see him with a cow and chickens, he loved to go fishing, and just loved hanging out with all his family, he liked to build things, like a barn, or anything he thought was genuinely helping someone out. Margaret Wokal would pass away, and Henry would move into

his daughters home, where he would spend the remaining years of his life. Margaret's Father and soldier had come home. Henry's relationship to God was grounded in the Catholic church, he dedicated himself to praying for all family, and anyone that ever played a role in his life, as well as those who just needed help. His mailbox would be packed with mission work that he would often be involved with. He couldn't refuse helping anyone. His only regret was not having enough to help them all. Henry is survived by his daughter Margaret A. Dykgraaf of Vancouver, he had five grandchildren, Angela Vogel of Vancouver, Cathy Johnson of Vancouver, James Dykgraaf of Monroe, WA, Robert Dykgraaf of Woodland, WA.. And Joseph Dykgraaf of Vancouver. He had six great grandchildren, Chris, Ryan, Benjamin, Tabitha, Brandon, Ashley. And he would have one great great grandchild named Michael. He is preceded in death by all twelve brothers and sisters. His final twenty-two years living with his daughter were filled with much love, his daughter would take care of him right up to his final breath. Henry was able to communicate his love to all who saw him, he is at peace in the love of God's arms, this soldier has made it home, rest in peace Henry, we love you. A Memorial Mass will be held on March 6th 2012, 11:00 AM at St. Josephs Catholic Church, 400 South Andresen Road, Vancouver, WA. We will be praying the rosary at 10:15 AM, all are welcome. Following services there will be hospitality and refreshments, followed by graveside memorial service at 1:30 PM. Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 N.E. 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA. Any contributions please make to any US Bank in care of "Light of Lights International Health Link" #1-53560253301. One of Henry's final quotes. "After I'm dead, that's it. No more worry or thinking. Don't extend grief." Hank

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:47 PM

MJ

“ Margie & Henry will always be the best neighbors anyone could have. They were more like family than neighbors. Though we moved away, our hearts will always remain as close as next door. Margie if you need anything you have our number. We will always have Henry in our hearts and you are right next to him. We love and miss you, the Minnick clan

Michael & Linda Minnick ,Kevin, & Joseph - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ In a little town called Pembine Wisconsin, a little boy (me) watched my uncle play baseball with a team that actually had uniforms. He was my hero because one day he played "catch" with me. I was so proud of him then as I am now. So get your mitt out uncle Hank and we will play again soon. Thank you for making me feel special.

Sid Larrabee - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Now what am I going to do with all the extra pasties? Every time I make these I will always think of you! Don't worry I gave them all to mom :) I love you grandpa, thank you for all the memories, until I see you again. Love Cathy

Cathy Johnson - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *The grandest grandpa anyone could ever have. I will miss your wit and humor. You will be missed for only a while, and then we will see you again one day in Heaven. Love you Grandpa!*

Angela - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man! His sense of humor was one of a kind. A very intelligent individual. I didn't get to spend as much time with him as others did, but the time I did share was special and will remain in my heart forever. We will be together again one day, in Heaven! Until then, keep it rockin and a rollin Grandpa...and when I look into the sky and I see that ray of sunshine coming down, I will know it is you looking down on the rest of us smiling and patiently waiting our arrival! Love you always!*

Amy Rhodes - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *22 years of love and friendship, between the best dad and his only daughter, I miss you so much, but I am happy for you. You won't be tired anymore, hug Jesus for me, you'll always be by my side, time to party Dad! And what a party, the children are all home. Love always, your daughter Margaret*

Margie - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Henry was a very special man he had a heart for making people happy and making people laugh. He was a great father and grandfather. He will be missed greatly. We love you Hank.*

Jeanne Dykgraaf - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *To the greatest grandpa in the whole world, I will miss you very much, thank you for all the wonderful memories, and for always making my birthdays so special, I love you, your grandson Bob*

Robert Dykgraaf - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM