



Henry E. Frailey

August 5, 2018

Henry E. Frailey, 89, of Lancaster, passed away Sunday, August 5, 2018, at Homestead Village, Lancaster. Born in Lancaster on November 14, 1928, he was the son of the late Henry E. and Frances Gordon Frailey and was married to the late Mary Anne Gohr Frailey, who died in 1992.

From an early age, Henry had a natural curiosity and a keen sense of adventure. In 1946 he signed up to be a Seagoing Cowboy with Heifer International helping to deliver horses to Poland. This was only the beginning.

He was a 1948 graduate from J.P. McCaskey High School and a 1951 graduate from Franklin & Marshall College. While in college, he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, played varsity lacrosse and earned a degree in sociology. After attending the Naval Cadet Program, Henry served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Upon returning home, he took a position as a traveling salesman for American Chain and Cable. In 1959, an opportunity presented itself to Henry that he could not turn down. He joined the growing franchise Midas Automotive, building the Columbia Avenue and Lincoln Highway locations in Lancaster. In 1994, he retired handing the reins over to his son, Scott. However, Henry could frequently be seen sipping his coffee and reading the morning newspaper in the Midas waiting area and chatting with customers.

Planes, boats and automobiles, Henry enjoyed them all. He was a member of Lancaster Aero Club, Lancaster Power Squadron, Lions Club, and Conestoga Country Club. While his love of travel took him all over the world, his twin engine plane took him under the Columbia Bridge. Henry Frailey was a kind and gentle man who truly lived life to the fullest. He will be fondly remembered for his extraordinary adventures and fantastic stories.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Jennifer Healey Frailey, two grandchildren: Tate Michael and Pierce Michael Frailey. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Scott M. Frailey and three brothers: James, Robert and Edward Frailey.

A graveside service will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Military honors will be provided by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice

Tribute Wall



“ *Henry E. Frailey*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *What an amazing life Henry had. I knew him as my best friend's dad who was slightly mysterious. I mean the guy won a plane and even his wife didn't now. He really instilled so many wonderful Midwest qualities in Scott, me and a ton of friends. I grieve with the remaining family and am confident that those passed are all together in a wonderful place where Marianne irons Scott's underwear, Henry is the salesmen of the year and Scott is drinking milk after playing basketball. Lots of love to the Frailey family. Henry you will be missed.*

Mike O'Hara - August 22, 2018 at 12:15 AM



“ *I worked for Henry for about 12 years and saw him treat every customer fairly and honestly. Learned a lot about making a business work. He loved airplanes and boats and took me along on a flight to Kitty Hawk one time. He went out of his way to help people that would stop in at his shop.*
Brad Koppenhaver

Brad Koppenhaver - August 19, 2018 at 01:02 AM

DW

“ I was lucky to know this kind and happy gentleman. Unassuming, intellectual and a great sense of humor. He allowed me to work on my cars off-hours in his early shop on Harrisburg Pike. And my brother loved Henry for allowing him to fly a Waco (biplane) that he, Mr. Frailey, had purchased down South to Lancaster. I always admired him. Still do.

Denny Weber

Denny Weber - August 18, 2018 at 07:59 AM

RW

“ I worked for and traveled with Henry FOR 30+ Years I have so many fond memories of him he never had a bad word about anyone .When Maryanne was Ill with cancer he stopped his work day at noon and went home for a while to spend time with her ,took walks with her .

HE WILL BE MISSED! Bob

Robert Witte - August 17, 2018 at 08:34 AM

JW

“ *Jennie and Boys,*

I was so sorry to hear of Henry's passing. My fond memory of him was when we went to Disney and had lunch with him at the Rain Forest Cafe, He was a comedian in his own right. He was feeding a fake parrot that was sitting over our heads, he was like a little kid caught with his hand in the cookie jar when he was reprimanded for doing this. He had a love for life and enjoyed every minute of it even though much sorrow followed him when he lost his dear wife and later his son. Jennie you took very good care of him and you wrote a very nice write-up in his obituary. I know he appreciated all you did for him.

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy as we will miss this dear man. Our hearts and prayers are with you all.....Jane & Rob Witte

jane & Rob Witte - August 14, 2018 at 05:25 PM