



Henry "Harry" J. Glah, III

January 21, 2024

Henry "Harry" Joseph Glah, III, 78, died peacefully in his home on Sunday, January 21, 2024 following a hard-fought battle with cancer. He spent his youth in Lancaster, attended Malvern Preparatory School outside Philadelphia, and graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967.

After extensive world-traveling adventures, he founded a bicycle shop and motorcycle parts store before shifting gears in the late '70s and, after studying in New York City, became a stockbroker where he quickly rose to the top of that profession. With his first wife Inta by his side for 42 years, Harry continued to crush the market while using his success to obtain bigger and bigger boats to catch bigger and bigger fish. Harry retired from being a broker at Royal Bank of Canada several years ago but never stopped sharing his immense knowledge with basically anyone who would listen. After Inta died of cancer in 2011, Harry married Melanie and they found much happiness continuing to explore the ocean trenches off Costa Rica and always coming home to cultivate his own personal jungle next to the Conestoga River.

Harry was many things to many people; a fiercely loving and devoted husband; a larger than life father who expected greatness but saw the perfection in all the stumbling blocks along the way; an eccentric Granddad whose 4 grandsons will forever explore what it means to be his legacy all while remembering how he carefully curated the perfect ice cream cone, cheesesteak sub, iced tea and extra dark pretzels; a steadfast, protective big brother and patriarch to a family that sometimes, most of the time, feels larger than life; a deep sea Marlin hunter whose reputation preceded him around the world (and not just because of his angling prowess); a long-haired, Harley riding stock broker who would just as soon tell you about the benefits of Vanguard investments as give you grief about how dirty your pipes are on your bike; a semi-accurate bird shooter who'd jump up at 5am to lay in the blinds with his buddies in 20 degree weather but you'd have to shake him awake with a cup of coffee on any non-hunting day; a walking plant encyclopedia who was known for his big bulbs and even bigger leaves; an avid traveler who hated museums and sought out and stumbled into experiences few on the planet could fathom might possibly be real;

a long-legged, close talker who called everyone “Baby”...everyone.

Through all that, the common thread was passion. He was passionate. There was no partway. No “a little bit”. He was always all in. And if you chose, or were chosen, to take that ride with him, you best hold on. Because it was going to be fast, exhilarating, and rough sometimes. Sometimes, you even fell off. I think we all have at one time or another. Life was his wide-open road. And the world is a better place for having had Harry Glah living in it.

Harry is survived by his wife, Mary Melanie Burnette of Lancaster, his son, Henry J. Glah IV, 52, of San Diego, California, his daughter, Maya E. Glah Trout, 47, of Eugene, Oregon and Melanie’s children, Abigail Burnette-Peake & Savannah Lefever. He was wildly proud of his four grandsons, Henry & Oliver Glah and Nikolas & Casher Trout. He is also survived by 5 sisters and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Inta Kirsteins Glah, his first wife of 42 years, his parents Dr. Henry J. Glah Jr & Alice Kathleen Glah, his sister, Kathy MacDonald, as well as his niece, Kathleen Benz and nephew, Marco Mastropietro.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Harry’s Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. Private family interment.

In lieu of flowers, anyone interested in making donations in Harry’s name might consider the International Game Fish Association, Habitat for Humanity or the American Lung Association. May you always have tight lines, our Captain Harry, our Old Man and the Sea. You are forever loved.

To watch a recording of the service, please click on the link.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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<https://thegroffs.com/>

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Tribute Wall

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“ Could you please send this to the family of Harry Glah
Hi apologies for using this route and my condolences for your loss. Harry invested
in a motorcycle project of my father's (Brian Littler) based on a Honda 450cc
Engine. Do you have any photos of Harry/Brian and the bike or bike alone that
you can share with him, his contact details are brianlittler03@gmail.com, thank
you in advance.

brian littler - December 04, 2025 at 12:04 PM

PE

“ Paula E. planted a [Memorial
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry "Harry" J. Glah, III.

Paula E. - February 06, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video of Service



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - February 05, 2024 at 11:45 AM

OP

“ Office of the President purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for
the family of Henry "Harry" J. Glah, III.



Office of the President - January 31, 2024 at 10:36 AM

JT

“ Captain Harry, My Brother, mentor, friend and all around great guy. I have so many memories of times we shared, thanks for showing and sharing all of your fishing and nautical skills with me, Nathan and Ryan. Every time I'm on the water at sunset this photo and memory comes to my mind, it captures all that u are and I will cherish it forever!



James Robert Todd - January 30, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ As the blue jean wearing, long-haired "hippie" in an office of 3-piece suits and blue blazer brokers, I met Harry as a 16-year-old stock market nerd. He would let me sit at his desk, fiddle with a new fangled machine called a Quotron and listen to his stories. Story after story...and man, they were GREAT stories! He would drag me to lunches with his best clients, let me answer his phone and even pitch him the odd investment idea. Throughout college I would return to bask in the aura that was Harry -- the excitement of life, the joy of other people, the thrill of adventure. Oh, yeah, and I learned a thing or two about the investment world. I've been in the industry now 34 years and the biggest reason why is Harry. I have been doing a college internship at my firm for over 10 years now solely for the purpose of helping younger folks seek out a professional path for themselves -- as Harry helped me chart. And I start every session with every new intern, telling them about Harry. My small way to keep his memory alive. I trust the many others he touched will do the same. Fish on Baby!!

Bob Brown - January 29, 2024 at 09:53 AM

RW

“ A fisherman from early on, Harry Joe helped me to catch my first fish - he was a teen and I was probably 6. He fashioned me a pole with a stick, a string and and hook and I caught my first fish - a sunny, in our pool, which was a pond at that time! That's probably my strongest early memory of Harry Joe. I will always remember him as wise counsel, a great conversationalist, a lot of laughs, and a wonderful cousin. I'm sad you are gone, Harry

Love to all of his family,
Ruthie and Mike Wilson-McCall

Ruth Wilson-mccall - January 28, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ *Fish on... RIP brother.*



Michael Kirchhoff - January 28, 2024 at 01:14 PM



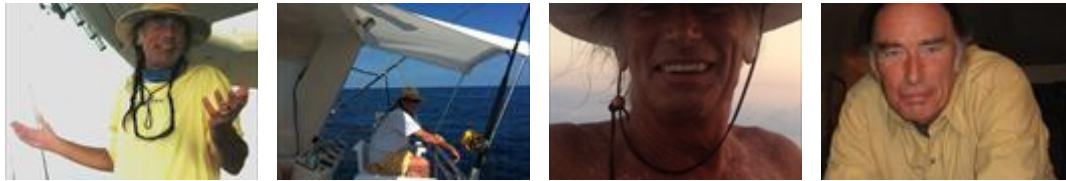
“ *A beautiful tribute to a great man. Harry helped me catch my first bluefish and striped bass in the Chesapeake and my first mahi in the Atlantic Ocean. The next time I wet a line I will think of Harry and smile. Tight lines and fair seas Captain!*

*With Love,
Nate Todd*

Nathan Todd - January 28, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *4 files added to the album MyHarry*



mary melanie burnette - January 28, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ *Jade and Connor Greer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry "Harry" J. Glah, III.*



Jade and Connor Greer - January 27, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ *Jade and Connor Greer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry "Harry" J. Glah, III.*

Jade and Connor Greer - January 27, 2024 at 10:58 AM