



Henry R. "Hank" Bowers

October 27, 2023

Henry R. Bowers, formerly of the Adobe Wells Park in McAllen, TX passed away on October 27, 2023 at The Gardens at Brook Ridge Assisted Living in Pharr, TX Hank, as he was affectionately known, was born on January 21, 1932 in Marion, Wisconsin. He attended and graduated from the Marion High School and afterwards joined the United States Army where he proudly served for two years. While in the service, he was stationed at Ft. Worden, WS where he played in the post band. He also attended bomb testing in the desert near Las Vegas, NV in 1952.

Hank married Jacqueline Zimmermann, from Kenosha, WI on August 11, 1956 and together they celebrated 54 years of marriage before Jackie's passing on September 22, 2010 following a heart valve operation.

Hank is survived by three children: Paul Bowers (Lisa), Laura Zelenka (Jerry) and Linda Bowers Blinks (Ed). He is also remembered by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and a sister, Diane Malueg (David).

In 1953, Hank joined his father and grandfather in the gas industry, which included wholesale and retail sales in Marion, WI. While living there, Hank was active in many civic organizations including: the American Legion where he served as Post and County Commander, the Rotary Club where he was president for one year. Hank also served on the Marion City Council. He was a proud member of the Marion Methodist Church and sang in their choir.

Hank sold the petroleum business in 1976 and started driving motor coaches for Wisconsin-Michigan Coaches out of Green Bay, WI. He drove both charter

and common carrier trips throughout his tenure. He eventually moved to Austin, TX in 1986 where he worked for Austin Transit Co.

On June 1, 1991, Hank and Jackie bought a home at Adobe Wells Park in McAllen where he sang in the chorus for many years. He was also proud to assist in keeping the golf handicaps and tournaments. Hank's love for his community inspired him to begin a monthly internet newsletter keeping the residents up to date on activities and events.

In accordance with Hank's wishes, his cremains will be placed in the Columbaria at the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, Texas on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 10:00am.

Cemetery Details

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road
Mission, TX 78572

Previous Events

Inurnment

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“*Sad to hear the news of Hank's passing. My condolences to Paul, Laura, and Lisa. Paul can probably remember this, but what do you get at the cottage when you add Hank, Chips, boat, and alcohol together? Enough said. You could always count on Hank to have a positive attitude in his later years despite shaking off cancer many times. He will be missed. We always enjoyed his Lambeau Field display.*

Dan & Vicki Malueg

Dan Malueg - November 14, 2023 at 12:35 PM

SJ

“*1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sherry Johnson - November 12, 2023 at 01:14 PM

JM

“*So sorry for your loss, Hank was a good brother-in-law, I have so many fine memories of our times together, visiting the cottage up north & touring his neighborhood in texas, RIP Uncle Hank*

Janet matzur - November 12, 2023 at 06:33 AM

JC

“*I have fond memories of Uncle Hank. Sending my deepest sympathy to Paul, Laura and Linda.*

Jody Coari - November 11, 2023 at 10:04 AM

BS

“ *Hank was a wonderful neighbor on Bluebonnet in Adobe Wells... enjoyed golfing with him and often would share goodies between each other and enjoyed many meals together...he will be missed!* ”

Becky and Bob Shorfheide - November 10, 2023 at 12:58 PM

BS

“ *May you all have peace and comfort.* ”

Betty Southworth - November 10, 2023 at 08:01 AM