



Henry B. Ebeling

May 23, 1923 - March 14, 2012

HENRY EBELING NORWAY- Henry "Hank" Ebeling, Jr. age 88 of Norway, died Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford, MI. He was born on May 23, 1923 in Norway, the son of the late Henry Sr. and Kathryn (O'Donnell) Ebeling. Hank graduated from Norway High School in 1941 and then enrolled at Michigan State University. With the start of World War II, Hank and a friend enlisted in the Marine Corps. A World War II Veteran, Hank served his country proudly from 1942-1945 as a Sergeant on Eniwetok Atol in the Marshall Islands. Upon his return, and untimely death of his father, Hank took over the family grocery store. Today, the supermarket is still owned and operated by the Ebeling family and has employed hundreds of people throughout the years. Hank was a hard working "cowboy" of sorts who did not live his life by telling stories, but created them through the multitude of diverse experiences he lived. When Hank did share stories of his past, it left people awestruck. Some of his legacies included the time he bought a horse while at MSU and spent weeks trying to ride it back to the UP. Other stories were about the numerous times he would put skis on the bottom of his plane and land it on the lakes during the winter. There are also interesting versions about how he got his famous, old pair of red cowboy boots. As family gets together in the days and years to come, we will enjoy sharing the many adventures Hank lived through. Hank taught people what it meant to work hard and expected the best from them. When he smiled or gave a compliment, he meant it. He cared about people and enjoyed being

with his family. Hank loved his quiet, serene ranch life. He enjoyed his horses, spending time at camp, swimming, skiing, and outdoor life in general. He is survived by his children Mark (Mary Kay), David (Carol), Craig and Rose, 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and the many other people he has positively impacted through his time on earth. Hank was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Kathryn, his first wife Joy (Larsh), his second wife Eileen (Zeni), 3 sisters, grandson Danny, stepson Wally, and many other family members. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 11-1 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m at the Ortman Funeral Home with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Norway, presiding. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *My sympathy goes to Rose and Craig and the rest of the family. I knew Hank for many years and am sorry to hear the sad news.*

Virginia Forbes Haycock - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Sincerest condolences to my friends the Ebeling family. Hanks life, and presence have been both an inspiration, and a guiding light to many of us who knew him.*
Much love for you all,
Dave Peters

Dave Peters - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Best regards to the family. I will always remember the shell station which I ended up with. I am now living in Helsinki Finland. Paul*

Paul Kronberg - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Ebling family,*
I saw the obituary notice in the Norway Current which I receive here in the Lansing area. I was sorry to hear of the loss of your father. He stands out as a great man and important member of the community, so it truly is a time to also celebrate and remember a life well-lived.
Best of luck to all of you during this sad time.
Mike, Karen, and Ian Milligan

Mike Milligan - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I love the photo on Henry's page. It reminds me of the wonderful way he lived life. Rest In Peace, Henry.

Kathy Parolini - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Sending our sympathy on the loss of your precious father. What a tribute you all are to him and he surely was proud of the legacy he left. Our best to all of you and may his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Mary and Raymond Larson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Mark and Mary Kay - We send our sincere sympathy during this time of loss. Your Dad had a very adventurous life, as I read the obituary in the Norway Current. What a great guy and a wonderful role model to all of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. May you cherish all of the wonderful memories of him/his stories. Carol Socha and husband, Terry Huth

Carol Socha - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I am very sorry for the loss of Hank. I have fond memories of Him and Eileen when I was younger, He was a very special person to my Dad and he always has story about Hank and their "Adventures". You were blessed to have him.

Cindy (Bates) Thompson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ David, Rose, Mark and Craig . .sorry for the loss of your wonderful father Hank. Know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. You all carry a little piece of Henry in each of you. Cherish the wonderful memories you had together over the years.

Amy Orn - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ you are all in my thoughts. He was a great boss, I worked for him more than 24 years ago, he always called me skinny Linny. Your store was one of the best places I ever worked, you could really feel the family love there.

Linda LaPlante - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Mark, Dave and Family members, We were so sorry to hear of Hanks passing. He lived a great life and was always so proud of you all. We wish we could be there with you to reminisce about good times with him. We will be up this summer to camp and will stop by to see you. Love to you all! Judy

Judy Eisentrout - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ Rose, Craig, Mark, Dave,
Sure am sorry to learn of the loss of your father. I will keep you guys in my prayers.
Once again, my deepest sympathy for your loss.
Jim Fornetti

JimFornetti - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Mark and Mary Kay So sorry to hear about Hank. Wish we could be there to express in person. Take Care and God Bless. See you in late April*

Bill and Ellen Roberts - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ *my thoughts and prays are with your family I knew Heney well*

Kim Zimmerman - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Craig, David, Mark, Rose and family, We are deeply sorry to hear about Henry. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Karen (Giuliani) Bishop and family - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM