



Henry A. "Hank" Skelnik

February 22, 1956 - February 9, 2016

Henry A. "Hank" Skelnik, age 59, of Hampshire formerly of Carpentersville, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Tuesday evening, February 9, 2016 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago after a brief, but courageous journey with cancer. Hank was born on February 22, 1956 in Elgin and was the son of Edward F. and Helen M. (nee Winandy) Skelnik. Hank was a lifelong resident of the area and a 1974 graduate of Dundee Community High School. He was a professional painter by trade and a member of the Painter's Union Local #194 in Chicago. Hank loved life and lived it to the fullest. His blue eyes and big smile lit up a room; his presence was captivating. He enjoyed his annual fishing trips with his brothers and long time friends, motorcycle rides in the country, hanging in his garage, watching his crime, history, science and court shows. Hank was an amazingly talented artist, painter, and master woodworker that could build and fix anything. He was generous with his time and helped everyone with projects. Hank was a devoted husband and worked hard and made sacrifices to give his family the best. Hank had a very close relationship with his "girls" and was incredibly proud of the women they became. Hank's most favorite pastime was playing with his beloved grandchildren and the time he had with them was magical. His favorite role was being their "Boppa". They loved playing in the fort he built for them under the deck outside and enjoyed watching him draw whatever it was they wanted. Survivors include his wife of 37 years: Penny S. (nee Marvel) Skelnik. They married on May 19, 1979. Their three daughters: Emily (Chad) Brase, Amber (Todd) Brase, Amanda (Brian Gaughan) Skelnik. His grandchildren: Eli, Nolan, Maelyn, Leo and Graham Brase, his mother; Helen M. Skelnik; his brothers: Edward F. III (Briana Baker), Leonard (Cathy) and Ernest (Anna) Skelnik. His sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws: Pamela (Alan) Hoffman, Scott (Nikki) Marvel and Susan (Mark) Lauder. Many nieces, nephews and countless good friends also survive Hank. In addition to his father; Ed, Hank was preceded in death by his father & mother in-law; Doug and Carol Marvel. A gathering celebrating his life will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 2-6 PM at Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee. A brief tribute to Hank will be at 2:30 PM. Please omit flowers, memorials may be made to Imerman Angels, Lung Cancer Alliance or The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

Events

FEB **Memorial Gathering** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Miller Funeral Home

504 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL, US, 60118

FEB **Life Celebration Service** 02:30PM

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Comments



“ I remember all the countless times Hank came out to the farm in Dundee across from dundale drive in with my brother Scott and other friends who always made it known to pick on me, throw me in the cowtank, and always eating my chocolate chip cookies right from the oven. I hid in the back seat of the car with terry o and him on a ride to Elgin and the crazy car ride in Iowa for Scotts wedding. Being Kirsten's godfather and a friend,. Was so sad to hear of his passing and taken from this earth way to soon my heart goes out to Penny, girls and grandkids. Lots of love Brenda zoellick (skar)...

Brenda - February 20, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ Tom & Rachelle Czechowski lit a candle in memory of Henry A. "Hank" Skelnik



Tom & Rachelle Czechowski - February 18, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ To Penny, Emily, Amber & Amanda, Words cannot express our sorrow at the loss of Hank and how much he meant to all of us. He was a most cherished and beloved friend. He will be forever in our thoughts and greatly missed. Love, Tom, Rachelle & Melissa

Rachelle and Tom - February 18, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ The Haskell's, Jim, Karen, Theresa & Joe purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Henry A. "Hank" Skelnik.



The Haskell's, Jim, Karen, Theresa & Joe - February 16, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ Chase Wealth Management purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Henry A. "Hank" Skelnik.



Chase Wealth Management - February 16, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ Rocky Lowery lit a candle in memory of Henry A. "Hank" Skelnik



Rocky Lowery - February 15, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ Hankie you were the life of the party. I hope I thanked you enough for being there when we needed to get mom's house ready for the market. So many memories. I'll miss you at the family parties - now it's just me who says what they think. Love, Pammie

pam - February 15, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ Love you Auntie Pam! Xoxo

Amanda - February 17, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry A. " Hank " Skelnik.



February 14, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ Emily, you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know what your dad meant to you. I hope that your memories will be able to ease you through this time of great sadness and pain. Your moments with him will be forever cherished and locked within your heart.

Love you,
Michelle Crist



Michelle Crist - February 14, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Henry A. " Hank " Skelnik.



February 14, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Henry A. " Hank " Skelnik.



February 14, 2016 at 02:55 PM



“ I will miss you, Hankie! I have so many memories of family parties. Your grin expressed whatever you were thinking; most of the time we didn't have to wait long to find out because you said what you thought. Love, Pammie.

pam - February 14, 2016 at 01:15 PM



“ Hank you were the best, always a big smile it was a joy living next door to you and your family . our back yards looked like a park in the summer time. you will be missed neighbor

bob smock - February 17, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ Penny, and Girls, My thoughts are with you all, for your Great Loss, of a Guy who I admired and Loved. Hank was a guy I looked up to Growing up in the same neighborhood, admired, and was a hero to me. I loved his wry little smile, and his good Nature attitude he always carried with him. So many memories spent time with him, at house on Lincoln, Huntley, Eric Clapton, Allman brothers, Bears season of 85, Our birthdays, 2-days apart, with you & Judi, celebrating together. I've missed him over the years, and know, that I'll never replace those times, but will always keep him in heart & mind, especially at this time of Year.

RIP, Hanko, love ya man.,

Dave Connell

Dave Connell - February 20, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ Dave, it was good to see you. And those memories will live in our hearts forever. greta times with you and Judi, who has been my rock these days.

Penny Skelnik - February 22, 2016 at 07:40 AM