

Henry G. Laun "Hank"



Laun, Henry 'Hank' G. 77 11/09/1931 08/04/2009 Hank couldn't have written a better script to go out with a bang if he had tried. His final day was spent with his family and friends enjoying boat races, the Blue Angels, and cannonballs in the lake. That night he had a heart attack and a massive brain hemorrhage and passed away surrounded by family. Hank was born in Wausaukee, Wis., and graduated from University of Wisconsin. He served two years in the U.S. Army. After receiving his master's degree from Harvard, Hank joined the consulting division of Arthur Andersen & Co., (now Accenture) where he worked until retirement in 1989, after 31 years. Hank was an avid golfer, fledgling artist, writer and poet.

He served on the boards of the Portland Art Museum, Oregon Episcopal School and Whitman College. Henry also served on the pastoral council at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Hank is survived by his wife of 55 years, Bonnie Laun, whom he loves dearly. He also leaves three sisters, Margaret, Jeanie and Ruthie; four children, Kathryn (Portland); Beth Ursin (Portland); Duane (Seattle) and Dan (Tigard); and soon-to-be six wonderful grandchildren. One final toast for you, "To the roaring motors of the sky and the last man to die!" -HGL A vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, in Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Oswego. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be directed to the Portland Art Museum.

Hank Laun published the memoirs of his life in Wausaukee as a child called "Hank and Babe's Excellent Adventure" in January of 2009. A copy is available from the Wausaukee Public Library. It is a wonderful walking tour of the Village as he recollects in his childhood, complete with photos of the earlier era and the new photos he had taken during the walk. Descriptions of the people and locations of buildings and activities that occurred in that era are of historical significance.