

## HENRY ARNOLD PAGE JR.



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Henry Arnold Page, Jr. joined his bride in heaven early in the morning of April 26th, 2007. He was surrounded by family, love, and comfort to ease his transition.

Henry Jr., as he liked to refer to himself in deference to his father, was born to Henry Arnold and Marie Hyde Page on January 7th, 1916. He was the first of two children of the Page family on Bronson Place in Toledo, his "kid brother" Arnold Hyde Page joining the family in 1924.

Henry Jr. attended Culver Military Academy until a mastoid infection took the hearing in his left ear. He finished his high school education at Cranbrook School. Henry Jr. then proceeded to Cornell University, to "learn how to think" as his father used to tell him. He completed his degree in management engineering in 1937. Upon his father's illness, Henry Jr. returned from college after graduation to assist with operations at the Page Dairy, the company his founded in 1913. After Henry Sr.'s death in 1950, "Junior", Henry Jr.'s employees called him at the time, and his brother, Arnold, operated the Dairy until 1975. Together they weathered the ups and downs of the dairy business, yet fondly remembering creating and testing their various ice cream creations of yesteryear.

Shortly thereafter, Hank, as his friends often like to call him, joined the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo Foundation as their director of development, at the invitation of a man he greatly admired and friendship he treasured--Mr. Henry L. Morse. Hank chaired the Medical College of Ohio's (MCO) hospital capital campaign, and continued to serve the Foundation as its director of development until the summer of 1991. Hank enjoyed the community of doctors and professionals at the college and their missions for whom he raised funds--helping the college expand their campus physical and research facilities and endowment to develop the doctors and serve the patients of the future. Hank believed in the hope and promise that a "teaching hospital" could uniquely bring to developing new ways of treating, healing, and assisting those with debilitating and life-threatening illness and disease.

Henry Jr. loved playing the game of golf and, as a young man, played regularly with his brother and best friend, Arnold. The two brothers annually competed for the family golfing trophy, which they regularly exchanged. Yet, Henry Jr.'s fondest memory with his brother, Arnold was the day Henry Jr. shot par at the Inverness Club and his brother beat him by three strokes, carding a 68. Henry Jr. was proud of his brother's golfing acumen and how Bryon Nelson would call upon Arnold as a practice partner before Byron's tournaments while Byron was the pro at Inverness Club, Toledo.

Hank met the love of his life in Kate Pitkin Bancroft. They courted briefly and married on August 14th, 1948. The two "love birds" created a wonderful life together. They built two homes, one in 1952 and one in 1987. They enjoyed gardening and growing a multitude of beautiful roses. And they loved their creatures, especially cocker spaniels. The two started a family in 1952 with the birth of their daughter, Karen Marie, with whom Hank liked to call "Koke." Hank melted at the sigh of his "little girl," and he loved singing to her the son "Night and Day," which she sang back to him upon her college senior recital. Their first and special son, Henry III, was born to them in 1957. Despite Henry Arnold III's special challenges in life, Kate and Hank persevered to raise their eldest son with them in the most loving and caring way--expanding what's possible and setting a beautiful example for their kids, Karen and George, along the way. Hank treasured attending University of Michigan football games each of the last 21 seasons with "Bert," Henry III's family nickname, cheering "go blue" in unison with his special son. Kate and Hank had their second son in 1962. George Bancroft "came into the world" as Hank liked to say, "screaming and in a hurry." Hank passed on and shared his love of golf, among other important thing in life, to his youngest he often called "young America."

Kate and Hank were blessed again with the birth of their granddaughter, Elisabeth Page Sibley in 1980. Forever called "Boo" by her grandfather, Elisabeth was the apple of her grandfather's eye--perpetually the source of love, joy, and laughter and all that is good in life.

And the blessing didn't end there. Ruthie Smithhisler came to the family as Elisabeth's babysitter. She grew into the family's "special angel," as she has continued to care for "Bert" during Kate's illness, after Kate passed away in 1999. She was near and dear to the hearts of both Kate and Hank, especially for her tender care and love she showered both of them during their later years of life.

Hank, loved too, his "son", Walter, Karen's husband, and "family minister" and their mutual fondness for political discourse, albeit tilted towards Hank's Republican view. And he loved his "daughter", Gayle, George's bride, whom he liked to call "the girl next door." In particular he loved to share his stories with Gayle with a hearty bowl of ice cream or big piece of chocolate cake.

Hank often said he lived a "wonderful, full life" and met "some of the finest people that walked the face of the earth." He loved being with his family, from his bride and kids and grandchild to his "kid brother" and all of his family. He loved playing golf, which he did up until he was 83 years young. He followed his beloved Cleveland Indians up to the day he passed away. He loved coaching little league, for which he did for over 25 years. He loved dogs, for which he was fond of saying "he never met a dog he didn't like, and he wished he could say the same about people." And he loved being a merit badge counselor on behalf of the Boy Scouts. And he was very proud of his charitable service in the community, in particular, the nine capital campaigns he chaired, including those on behalf of the Red Cross, the Community Chest, the Boy Scouts Camp Pioneer, the Boys and Girls Club, The Toledo Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Riverside Hospital and MCO.

Henry Jr. is survived by his brother, Arnold; his daughter, Karen (Walter) Sobol; his oldest son, Henry III; his youngest son, George (Gayle); his granddaughter, Elisabeth Page Sibley Comparreto (Shane), and his "special angel", Ruth Smithhisler.

Hank is further survived by Arnold's (Ann, deceased) children, Arnold Jr. (Felicia), Tom (Kathy), Sue Culver (Randy), and Debby Schaeffer (Mike) and Kate's brother, Charlie (Ann) and their children (Julie and Sheri), and her sister-in-law, Martha (Jim, deceased) and their children (Nancy and Jill) and numerous grandchildren on both sides of the family!

A memorial celebration of Hank's life will be held at his family's home at 4343 Todd Drive in Sylvania, Ohio on Saturday, May 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, in honor of Hank's life, contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Toledo, 2250 N. Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43606, the Toledo Area Humane Society, 1920 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee, Ohio 43437, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 E. River Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551.

Private graveside services will be held at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. Arrangements by J. Jeffrey Fretti Funeral Home, 5045 Sylvania Ave. (At Corey Road), 419-843-1117.

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