



# Jackson Henry

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### **J**ackson Henry, retired International labor representative

Jackson (Jack) Henry, 79, of Lewes, DE, passed away suddenly but peacefully on November 23rd 2014. He was born on June 25, 1935 in Boston, MA, son of the late Frank M. and Elizabeth (Jackson) Henry, both born in Glasgow, Scotland.

He is survived by his loving and devoted family: wife of 56 years, Judith (Salle); daughter Jane Julian and her husband Robert of Coconut Creek, FL; daughter Jill Roberts and her husband Stephen of Lewes, DE; son Scott Henry and his wife Michelle of Middleburg, FL; grandchildren: Dustin Varnell and his wife Lauren of Middletown, RI; Erin Varnell and his great-granddaughter Harper of Lakeland, FL; Kevin Varnell of Miami, FL; Christian Henry of Jacksonville, FL; sister Christine Dockendorff of Plymouth, MA; brother Francis Henry and his wife Thelma of Stoneham, MA; brother-in-law Francis Ricci of Peabody, MA; his cherished nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Sheila Ricci of Peabody, MA.

Jack grew up and attended schools in Somerville, MA, the landscape for oft-remembered happy antics with his childhood friends. They played ball at Dilboy Field, gathered around Teal Square, snacked at The Sweet Shop and danced at The Jumbo where he and Judy would later go on their first date together.

At 17, Jack enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served from 1952 to 1955. He did his basic training at Paris Island and was assigned to Camp Lejeune to train in logistics. He was later assigned to the USMC logistics base in Albany, Georgia and finally on to San Francisco where he was a stock clerk on the Embarcadero. To his last day, he was fiercely proud of his service to his country.

Jack became a forklift driver for the meat division of the A & P Company in Norwood, MA after leaving the service. It was there he developed an interest in labor relations, became a Teamster



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and represented his co-workers as Shop Steward. In 1967 he took a position with his father-in-law's organization, the International Brotherhood of Fireman and Oilers, passionately advocating for employee rights in both the public and private sector throughout North America. During his tenure, he completed coursework in Labor and Economics at the Boston Catholic Labor School, University of Buffalo and the George Meany Labor Studies Center while honing his skills in organizing and contract administration, his primary duties with IBF&O. From paper, paint and food manufacturers to hospitals, public school districts and the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, some of his duties representing these industries ranged from fielding both-non union and union affiliates concerns, negotiating and servicing labor agreements with new and existing affiliates' employers, coordinating and preparing union bargaining committees, administering grievance and arbitration cases and lobbying federal, state and local legislators on pending legislation.

Travel was frequent and often lengthy throughout his career, yet his family understood the significance of his work and the joy he derived making a positive difference in peoples lives. Jack's affability, staunch values, generous spirit and respect for his members and colleagues reflected in the life-long friendships he created and nurtured during his career. Satisfied that he had achieved his goals after a union merger, he retired after 33 years from what had become the National Conference of Fireman and Oilers/Service Employee International Union/AFL-CIO in 1999. Judy and his children were never more proud of their husband and Dad.

Jack loved his work but he also loved to play and joke and tell stories of his life and travels. He was immensely loyal to his family and friends and with Judy made annual trips to New England and Florida to stay connected with all of their loved ones. Weekend card games evolved into twice annual trips to Las Vegas where in 2008 his family celebrated his and Judy's 50th wedding anniversary amongst the blackjack tables. He loved sports and in particular the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots, even more so when they were winning. Time spent catching rays or surf-fishing with his friends, children and grandchildren on Rehoboth or Lewes Beach or out on a head boat on the Delaware Bay were favorite pastimes, as were fishing trips with his brother-in-laws on the lakes of central Florida or nephews on the bays of New England. He also could cut a mean rug on the dance floor with anyone who was brave enough to try to keep up with him.

As a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother, cousin and friend, Jack will long be remembered and missed with enduring love for the funny, affectionate, sentimental, generous, inclusive man that he was, for the twinkle in his beautiful blue eyes that could light up a room and for the huge heart that he brought to everything and everyone who inspired him.



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Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014, at 10:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE.

Friends may visit on Friday, November 28, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Funeral Home.

Burial with military honors will follow the Memorial Services at Henlopen Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, DE Valley chapter, PO BOX 625, Georgetown, DE 19947 or Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Please sign Mr. Henry's guestbook located on this site.

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## Events


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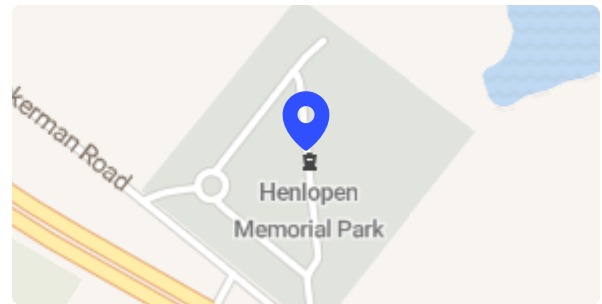
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### Burial

 **Saturday**, November 29, 2014

 12:00 AM ET

 **Henlopen Memorial Park**  
28787 Lockerman Road, Milton DE





## Tribute Wall

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LL

**Linda Larrimore** posted:

Judy, so sorry to hear about Jack. your family are in my prayers as you go thru this difficult time. All the memories will help.

November 28 at 8:00 PM

JD

**Jim Dockendorff** posted:

A great description of Uncle Jack! I will never forget the great fun I had on our Florida fishing trip with him. He will surely be missed.Semper Fi Uncle Jack.

November 27 at 8:00 PM

BH

**Bruce Henry** posted:

Bruce Henry has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

November 26 at 8:00 PM

SJ

**Stan & Maryann Jachym** posted:

Rest in peace our good friend. You will be missed by all that knew you. Your love of family, friends and country can only be understood by those that you befriended. Your coffee buddy of many years Stan and his wife MaryAnn.

November 26 at 8:00 PM

DG

**Diane Gallagher** posted:

I am so thankful for the years of friendship and fun with the Henry family, especially the leader of the pack. Since a teenager, I was welcomed into the family, and Jack had a favorite line each time he saw me. "What's a beautiful girl like you doing in a place like this?" I will never forget you, Jack.

November 25 at 8:00 PM

TR

**Tom, Michelle And Tony Ricci** posted:

Uncle Jack, we will miss your wonderful sense of humor. Always supportive and special kind words to Tom and I when Sheila was passing. We will never forget!! Rest in peace with your sister. Love Tom, Michelle and Tony Ricci

November 25 at 8:00 PM



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LM

**Les Mackin** posted:

I want to thank Jack for being so good to my mother., Shirlie Fling.. She loves you both so much Judy! My love to you all through this difficult time!Les

November 25 at 8:00 PM

CH

**Cara, Morgan,Olivia And Kevin ( The Other Henrys)** posted:

Aunt Judy, Cuzs Jane, Jill and Scott....Sorry for your loss!! We all have lost a great man.He always cared about everyone and spread is love to everyone!He always made it a point to to call his relatives and I will miss those calls.I will also miss the days on Brian (RI) boat when we would not catch anything and we would blame jack.....Dance with Aunt Shelia jack...Love you always...we are coming to say good buy!:(

November 25 at 8:00 PM

AM

**Alan And Roselyn Mccarthy** posted:

Our most sincere condolences to you all, Judy ,Jane, Jill, and Scott. May you all be at peace of mind at this time. Jackson and I first met some 73 years ago in Miss Butinsky's first grade class at the Cutler School in Somerville Ma. We managed to maintain our Friendship all these years . I will surely miss him Love, Mac

November 24 at 8:00 PM

WH

**Wally Hamilton** posted:

Jack was a wonderful man. The times spent with him was always interesting and fun. He had that ability to make you feel good. Our sympathy to all in the Henry family.

November 24 at 8:00 PM

LR

**Lisa Rector** posted:

Wow! The beautiful obituary surely shows a life well lived. I hope your memories of him bring you peace as you mourn the loss of this wonderful person. With Love, The Rector Family

November 24 at 8:00 PM



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JN

**Jeff Novotny** posted:

I am so saddened for the loss of "Mr.Henry"..Please may God be with you at this difficult time...I am so sorry and sad over your loss, but God's gain. Sincerely with Love and prayers. Jeff Novotny

November 24 at 8:00 PM

EM

**Ernest Marsh** posted:

Jack was one of my closest friends while living in Delaware. I will always remember how adamant he could become in discussing things that he believed in -I will miss him.Your coffee buddy - Ernie

November 24 at 8:00 PM

DM

**David Marshall** posted:

Judy, Jill, Jane and Scott our whole family shares your sorrow with cousin Jack's passing.A lot of fond and funny memories of your visits to Sacramento and of Jacksprowess on the racquet ball court and of all our times in Millinocket as well .I love you all.

November 24 at 8:00 PM

JE

**James Ellison** posted:

God speed Devil Dog.

November 24 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Jill Bronson** posted:

Rest in Peace Uncle Jack. You among other members of our family truly made my youth full of love and memories.Holidays will always remind me of the years I spent growing up celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas together, as well as our summer trips to stay with you and aunt Judy to go to the beach. You will always be close to my heart and be remembered as one of few influential men in my life that always helped steer me in the right direction during my youth.To Aunt Judy and my cousins Jane, Jill, and Scott...I am sorry for the loss of this one of a kind man. He meant a lot to so many people. We will be celebrating his life with you in spirit here from Fort Campbell this upcoming weekend. XoLove and PrayersJill, Jay, Kailyn, Isabelle, and Gabriella Bronson

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CD

**Carole Doughty** posted:

Our beloved Jack, we will miss your beautiful heart, smile and love for family! Rest In Peace Jack. To all of Jack's family please know our deepest sympathy goes out to each and everyone of you. Jack was a wonderful man who was loved by anyone who ever met him. Carole & Jeff Doughty

November 23 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Sue Flanagan** posted:

Aunt Judy and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts are filled with sadness over the loss of Uncle Jack. He was such a wonderful man, and had a great impact on my life because of his generosity and family spirit. He will be missed. We love you, Love, Sue and Bill

November 23 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jackson by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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