



Henry N. "Hank" Harris

October 25, 1953 - February 25, 2021

GARDNER: Henry N. "Hank" Harris, 67 of Gardner, passed away at home on Thursday, February 25, 2021 with his family by his side after a heroic 18 month battle with brain cancer.

Born in Laconia, New Hampshire on October 25, 1953, Henry was one of seven siblings, born to Dorothy (Gilman) Harris, and the late Henry Blunden.

Henry graduated high school from Lunenburg High. He worked for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections for 20 plus years, served as a union steward and was elected Executive Secretary Of the Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union for 8 years where he fought tirelessly for worker's rights. Henry was an avid adventurer who enjoyed exploring the great outdoors and sharing his love for the natural world with his children and grandchildren. He was a skilled golfer and enjoyed meeting new people and made long lasting friendships through the game he so loved!

Henry is survived by his sons, Miles Harris, and his wife Sarah of Marlborough NH, Christopher Harris and his partner Cassandra Doyle of Lunenburg, and Ryan Harris of Lunenburg; his former wife, Joanne L. (Haase) Harris of Lunenburg; his siblings, Stephen Moore of Laconia, Lori Montalvo of Clayton NC, Jacqueline Harris of Athol, and John Harris of Clayton NC; brothers-in-law, Donald Haase and Stephen Haase; Alwin Haase and wife Gigi Haase;

grandchildren, Jenna, Chloe, Sienna, Madison and Cali.

Henry was predeceased by his brother, Jefferey Moore, and his sister, Bonnie McIntosh.

A Celebration of Henry's life will be held privately by his family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Henry's memory to Dana Farber and The Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Family Funeral Homes, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer. To leave an online condolence, please visit Henry's Tribute Wall at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ My cousin known as Henery, Hank, Hen & recently "Pez" which he thought was funny was a piece of work, quite a rig, a tool etc. Perhaps the most colorful person in our family. With a rapier wit, satirical sense of humor and his trenchant views he was a force. What I'll miss most is he was quick to laugh, quick to make others laugh and he had an ability to challenge you to learn more just trying to keep up with him. If there are dogs in heaven he'll be playing with the German Shepherds. Love you & miss you.

Ernie Millette - March 03, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Henry N. "Hank" Harris.



March 02, 2021 at 08:15 AM

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“ Rest In Peace to a Wonderful Husband, Father, Uncle, Grandfather, Brother In Law and Friend ❤️💖 You will be sorely missed but forever in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏



Donald Haase - March 01, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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Hank would always greet me with his big smile and warm hello. We bonded for life when our boys were young. I new him as a man who was passionate in what he believed. A truly great trait in any person. Rest in Peace my friend!

Pete Doherty

Pete - March 06, 2021 at 07:25 PM

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I'm very saddened today to learn of the passing of my golf buddy Hank 'The Hammer' Harris. To Ryan and the rest of his family, please accept my sincere condolences and prayers, he was truly one of the good guys! I'll always treasure the numerous memories of times with Hank on the course at Townsend Ridge or in the 19th Hole after a round. He was always smiling and laughing and was quick to share a story or two with those sitting near him. I can still hear his voice and his laugh now, and that warms my heart on this very sad day.

RIP Hammer and I'll catch you on the back 9!

Terry Woodward

Terry Woodward - March 09, 2021 at 05:54 PM