



## Henry H. Novak

August 7, 1926 - February 16, 2018

Henry Novak passed away February 16, 2018. Henry was born in Chicago, IL on August 7, 1926 to Henry G. Novak and Louis Wischoeffer. His family moved to Elmhurst, IL and he resided there on and off throughout his life. He owned a farm in WI as a young man then bought property in Canada where he spent the later part of his life fishing, guiding, and living off the land with his trusted “pal” Dusty. He always said he “lived in the bush.” During his life Henry once counted having had seventy-two different occupations some of which included plumbing, roofing, logging, mining, to name a few. He was a body builder in his youth and even as he aged was happy to show you his arm muscles and hand strength. Henry was an accomplished accordion player and played for his own enjoyment and was frequently requested for parties.

Henry’s infectious good humor and ability to appreciate all the little idiosyncrasies of others enabled him to maintain a happy disposition through his life. Henry was a special fellow. Above all he loved God and nature and was the best caretaker of all God’s creations. Special thanks to all the good people at Good Samaritan who helped care for Henry the past few years. Also thanks to those who phoned him, visited him, took him out for rides, and brought him his favorite bread and dark chocolate candy. All of you were a blessing to Henry.

A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mark Jerstad Fellowship Hall at the Good Samaritan Society in International Falls.

Interment will be at the Forest Hill Cemetery in International Falls.

# Cemetery

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## Forest Hill Cemetery

Memorial Drive

International Falls, MN,

56649

# Events

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**FEB Memorial Service**

02:00PM

**22**

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Mark Jerstad Fellowship Hall, Good Samaritan Society

2201 Keenan Drive, International Falls, MN, US, 56649

# Comments

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“ Henry was one of a kind, a loving gem. Our family has so many stories I wouldn't know where to begin. Henry came into our lives about 45 or so years ago when he showed up at my husband's office with a brown paper sack, tied with cord. In the sack was cash to pay for the surgery my husband had done on him. Henry also had an abundance of vegetables from his garden. (Henry could grow grass on concrete.) My husband brought him home to meet the family and he's been part of our lives every since. We'll miss you Henry but God and all those who preceded you will be happy you've arrived.

Jane E Moore

Jane E Moore - February 21, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Still remember first day I met Henry. He told me stories and shared pictures of his home in Canada. Thru the years since, enjoyed conversations and his accordion playing. He thought so much of Jane and loved being part of your family. Rest In Peace for a life lived to the fullest. Kathi

Kathi - February 22, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ There is an old proverb known to woodsmen that fits Henry " A tree is best measured when it's down."

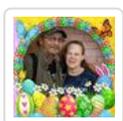
Bill Knapp - February 21, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ Donna Ysen lit a candle in memory of Henry H. Novak



Donna Ysen - February 20, 2018 at 11:33 PM



“ Les and I had many visits with Henry, I can still here him playing the accordion. Henry you will be missed.

Donna - February 20, 2018 at 11:35 PM

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“ Henry was a fun and interesting man. We enjoyed his music when he'd play for the afternoon coffee time and liked to listen to his stories of "years gone by." We especially loved hearing about the days he spent living in Canada. R.I.P, Henry. -Tim & De Olson



**DeMaris Olson** - February 20, 2018 at 07:32 PM

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“ Henry was a great guy and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He was a good friend of Edith Holmstrom's and we enjoyed many interesting conversations over the years. May he rest in peace.

With deepest sympathy,  
Candy Wenberg Haugtvedt

**Candace Haugtvedt** - February 20, 2018 at 07:30 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. Henry was a very good musician on the accordion  
Kathy Thureen

**KATHY THUREEN** - February 20, 2018 at 12:48 PM

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“ I have only known Henry for a few years. He was a very unique man! He shared stories of his life with anyone that would listen. One of the biggest loves of his life was his accordion. We had him at family events and he always brought his accordion, music and stool. Once he started to play he didn't want to stop even when it was time to eat! My family enjoyed Henry. One of Henry's other love was Jesus Christ. You will be missed. Jody Mai-Knapp

**JODY MAI-KNAPP** - February 20, 2018 at 10:06 AM