



## Henry A. Holzkamper

August 10, 1939 - January 14, 2020

Henry August Holzkamper, born August 10, 1939, died in his sleep on November 14, 2020 in Bonita Springs, Florida. Henry was born and raised in Chicago, the son of Henry August and Dorothy (Weinecke) Holzkamper. He showed a sense of entrepreneurialism beginning at the age of 6. Henry graduated from Lane Tech High School and Elmhurst College and immediately joined the Navy.

Henry was a remarkably good man and didn't know he couldn't do it. He was in the first group to experience Zero Gravity. He sailed his sailboat three times from Chicago to the Virgin Islands and back and another time solo from Bermuda to New York. He started his career as a distributive education teacher and enjoyed that, until he read a book on How to Get Rich in Real Estate and began to accumulate apartment rentals. After the high interest rates of the 1980s hit, Henry bought a powerboat and started a charter business in the Virgin Islands. He was the most booked boat in the Caribbean! In 1995, Hurricane Marilyn totaled the boat - with him on it, only to be held up at gunpoint and knife the next morning. He moved to Florida and started over, buying small apartments. He was a one-man show, fixing them up and renting them. He will be remembered for Henryisms, "strangers are friends you haven't met yet", "better to waste than to my waist", "the way to do this is...", and best of all, "life is a participatory sport".

One of the things Henry loved to do was to tell jokes - and laugh harder than anyone, no matter how many times he told it. He lived his life with curiosity as his friend. He loved adventure, the more unique and thrilling, the better. He had set out to live to be 120 years old.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jan Moore, daughters Heidi (Scott) Bernover, Holly (Anderson) McGregor and grandchildren Harrison Bernover, Tekla McGregor, Pippa McGregor, Hayden Bernover and Isla McGregor. He was so proud of all of them!

A private memorial service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital or by visiting [www.StJude.org/Donate](http://www.StJude.org/Donate) or to the Community Pregnancy Clinic of Florida.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Henry A. Holzkamper*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Heidi and Holly and family.  
I had forgotten your dad and I shared a birthday, August 10.  
Peace to him and all of you.  
Mary Sheppard Ritter*

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**Mary Ritter** - November 24, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ *Henry was handsome, fun, and energized about life! He was a "true friend" to my husband, Terry Ermoian, for over 75 years and to me for 40. He had a little boy smirk that I found adorable and he was always so interested in what was happening in our lives. We were planning a Mississippi River cruise with him and Jan (which was covid delayed till 2021), and know without a doubt, he will be sailing with us and on God's special sailboat in Heaven for Henry!! Henry will be greatly missed and in our thoughts forever!*

*Sympathy and love to all his family and friends.  
Valetha Ermoian, Waco, TX*

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**Valetha Ermoian** - November 23, 2020 at 05:14 PM

BB

“ Sorry to hear of Henry’s recent death but pleased to read about his profound and exciting life! Some memories have been re-ignited in me.

*I’m a couple years older than he but, like him, graduated from Lane Tech. Our families attended the same church on Chicago (Bethany Evangelical and Reformed) and we participated in some of the same youth activities like Boy Scouts.*

*After a career in education my wife and I have been living in Bonita Springs these past 20 years.*

*If I remember correctly, Henry Sr. was a painting contractor who may have done some work at the church. My father (Fred C.Brunner) was a church trustee and involved with the up-keep of the property.*

*Our sympathies and God’s blessings to you and your family. What a life to celebrate!*

*I am Burton C. Brunner (Judy))*

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**Burton C. Brunner** - November 23, 2020 at 08:43 AM

JE

“ Dear jan ... soooo sorry for your loss  
... fond memories of playing tennis and sharing a good laugh!  
Sincerely... jeanne Braverman ( QW)

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**jeanne** - November 22, 2020 at 09:03 AM

RW

“ Henry was a great guy. I always enjoyed talking with him. He was an honest professional in all business matters. We will miss him. Richard "Woody" Woodruff

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**Richard J. Woodruff** - November 22, 2020 at 08:46 AM

JD

“ Dear Jan, Henry was always the life of a party. Henry with his Lederhosen breeches and at Christmas you with your Angel wings.

We were so sorry to learn of your loss.

Warmest Regards,  
Jane and John Doddridge  
Quail West

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**Jane DODDRIDGE** - November 22, 2020 at 07:38 AM

PT

“ Jan, we are sending love to you at this difficult time and remembering Henry with great fondness from our times together. If we can be of any assistance to you - please let us know.  
Val and Pat



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**Pat and Val Taylor** - November 21, 2020 at 02:20 PM