



Henry Ohlin "Hank" Hemmerly

February 14, 1935 - April 26, 2014

HENRY OHLIN "HANK" HEMMERLY

Hank, 79, passed away at home on April 26, 2014, surrounded by family under the care of Hardin County Hospice after a six-week battle with advanced pancreatic cancer. He was born in Wyandot County on February 14, 1935, the youngest of eight children and only son to the late Herald and Lucille (Young) Hemmerly. Hank is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years Audrey (Switzer) Hemmerly, married October 14, 1956.

He is also survived by his son Todd Hemmerly and daughter Jona (Don) Kleman of Findlay; granddaughters Liza Vergara, Erica (Steve) Conrad, and Margo Kleman; as well as a great-granddaughter Mackenzie Conrad; sisters-in-law, Barbara Coats and Sue (Rev. Philip) Shepard.

Hank was preceded in death by all seven of his sisters: June (Richard) Messenger, Mary (Lowell) Naus, Ruth (James) McClain, Faye (Lawrence) Hougendoubler, Sarah (George) Liles, Evie (Boyd) Dunn, and Laura (Jack) Wilson.

He graduated from Forest High School in 1953 and went on to play professional baseball as a left-handed pitcher with the Cincinnati Reds for two years and the Milwaukee Braves for seven years before settling in Forest and

working at United Aircraft. He was a member of the Forest United Methodist Church where he was a regular volunteer at the Forest-Wharton Food Panty. He spent many enjoyable hours caring for the church lawn for which he was given a 2012 Special Mission Recognition pin from the Forest United Methodist Women. Also, in 2012, he and his wife were honored as the Grand Marshalls of the Forest Tree Town Festival, and on May 10, 2014, he will be inducted into the Hardin County Sports Hall of Fame.

A funeral service will be held at 6:00PM Tue Apr 29, 2014 at CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Livingston officiating. Visitation will be held from 3:00-6:00PM Tue Apr 29, 2014 at CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Forest United Methodist Church in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson Forest, OH 45843. Visit www.Shieldsfh.com to send a condolence, share a memory, or up-load a photo.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Clark-Shields Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Jeff Wentz lit a candle in memory of Henry Ohlin "Hank" Hemmerly*



Jeff Wentz - September 28, 2016 at 03:59 AM



“ *Todd, Mrs Hemmerly and family I am sorry to hear of your loss!
Sincerely Mark Tucker*

Mark Tucker - May 13, 2014 at 05:08 PM

KH

“ *Heartfelt sympathy to Audrey, Jona, Todd and families. Morris and I were saddened when we read about Hank's passing online here. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead as you feel Hank's loss but hope that God's promise will sustain you at this time....He will be greatly missed by so many!!! Sincerely, Kay and Morris Hendricks*



Kay (Tuttle) Hendricks - May 09, 2014 at 04:25 PM

BW

“ Audrey & family - Was sad to learn of Ohlin's (sorry, he will always be Ohlin or Ollie to me) passing. Am recalling many, many memories of our years together at FHS, and am smiling at their remembrance. He was always our class clown, great on the football field and basketball court, and I'm sure he excelled also when he played professional baseball. I was especially blessed last summer when I was in Findlay for my mother-in-law's 100th birthday party that he would take the time to come and have lunch with me and my family (sorry you were busy as I would have loved to see you again). We, too, share many memories together. May our Compassionate Lord keep you and your family in His constant care in the days ahead. Betty

Betty Wagner - May 03, 2014 at 01:21 PM

AB

“ Audrey, Jona, Todd and family
So sorry to hear about Hank's passing. We both grew up with Todd and remember Hank at all the ball games. Hank always had a big smile too! Your are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Take care,
Frank Brown and Amy (Musgrave) Brown

Amy (Musgrave) Brown - April 30, 2014 at 07:31 PM

ME

“ Martha & Lindsay Ellcessor lit a candle in memory of Henry Ohlin "Hank" Hemmerly



Martha & Lindsay Ellcessor - April 29, 2014 at 04:49 PM

DS

“ Audrey and family, Sending you loving thoughts at this very very difficult time. Hank, Henry, Ohlin,... I never knew which name he preferred but I will remember him with smiles and hugs. I am so glad we had some time to share a meal together over Christmas when I was back in Forest visiting my sister and nieces. Holding you close in these days ahead. Your family is so special to my family.



Debbie Spearman - April 29, 2014 at 02:43 PM

JV

“ So sorry to hear of Hank's death. We will miss him very much in church and around Forest. He and I go back a long way.I watched him play sports in high school,visted with him in the resturant and worked with him in church.Audrey,you and your family have our deepest sympathy and may God bless you.

Jim and Jo Ann Mc Vitty

Jim Mc Vitty - April 28, 2014 at 02:37 PM

BW

“ Brenda Wren lit a candle in memory of Henry Ohlin "Hank" Hemmerly



brenda wren - April 28, 2014 at 12:52 PM

HF

“ *Hardin County Sports Hall Of Fame lit a candle in memory of Henry Ohlin "Hank" Hemmerly*



Hardin County Sports Hall of Fame - April 28, 2014 at 12:15 PM

JW

“ *I always thought of Uncle Olin as a cool dude. He was handsome, funny and a bit ornery! Its sad the last of the Hemmerly sibilings has passed.*

Jackie Wilson

Jackie Wilson - April 28, 2014 at 12:14 PM

TC

“ *Dear Audrey,*

Karen and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family on Hank's passing. You were good neighbors to us, and we have missed seeing Hank cutting the grass in your yard the past few years. Please know that you and yours are in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time in your lives. God bless you.

Tim Curtin - April 28, 2014 at 10:25 AM

TS

“ *Tom And Pam Seem lit a candle in memory of Henry Ohlin "Hank" Hemmerly*



Tom and Pam Seem - April 28, 2014 at 07:08 AM

LT

“ Hank was a life long friend. We loved to get together to exchange memories when I come back to Forest every summer. Will miss him. Its great that he is being honored in the Hardin County Sports Hall of Fame.

Leon and Sandy Thacker

Leon and Sandy Thacker - April 27, 2014 at 10:32 AM

KA

“ Ohlin (Hank) and I shared so many life experiences (especially youthful. many lively), too numerous to mention. He and Audrey will always be among our fondest memories.

Kay and Carolyn Albert

Kay Albert - April 27, 2014 at 09:17 AM

CS

“ Dear Audrey and family. It is with most sincere and heartfelt sympathy I write this note. The first things that come into my mind from my wonderful days at FHS about Ohlin "Hank" are his smile and his outstanding athletic ability. He was a coach's dream to have on a team. You and Hank fought this cancer with grace and courage. May you know and feel the sincerity in these words. And, may God provide you and your family strength at this most difficult time . Very sincerely Carolyn Baum Schweibert .

Carolyn Baum Schweibert - April 27, 2014 at 07:38 AM

BJ

“ *Bill & Susie James lit a candle in memory of Henry Ohlin "Hank" Hemmerly*



Bill & Susie James - April 27, 2014 at 07:19 AM