



Howard Henry DeGabain

October 29, 1927 - July 8, 2016

Howard Henry DeGabain, 88, of Loveland, Colorado, died on Friday, July 8 of heart failure due to complications from diabetes and kidney disease.

He was born north of Wellington on October 29, 1927 to Edward and Mabel (Nace) DeGabain. He attended Waverly and Wellington schools where he was a standout basketball player. He was married to Betty Sue Meyers for 51 years before her untimely death from ALS in 2003. He served in the U.S. Navy at the end of WWII, spending most of his tour in China. His occupations were farming for hire from the age of 12, owning and operating a 24 hour restaurant in Wellington, working as a Journeyman electrician for the railroad, Postmaster in Wellington and Facilities Maintenance Manager for Hewlett Packard in Loveland.

He is survived by his three daughters: Kathy and husband Doug Harris of California, Debby and husband Steve Hepler of Loveland, and Sandy and husband Jack Jennings of Fort Collins; four grandchildren: Mat Hepler of Loveland, Emily and husband Jeremy Duhancik of Loveland, Jennifer and husband David, Brenton and wife Ashley, all of California; and three great-grandchildren: Eddie, Andy and Paisley. He is also survived by his brother Elvin DeGabain of Bellvue.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, his brother Floyd DeGabain and his sisters Erna Bott and Shirley Eldridge.

There will be a visitation on Friday, July 15 from 5-7 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Home (121 West Olive, Fort Collins); a graveside service on Saturday

morning, July 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Gardens (8426 S College, Loveland), followed by a Celebration Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. at The Garden Room, (697 Denver Ave #100 in Loveland).

Howard's favorite charities were anything to do with ALS.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Graveside Service with Military Honors

JUL 16. 9:30 AM (MT)

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery
8426 S. Highway 287 Fort Collins, CO US 80525
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Celebration Luncheon

JUL 16. 11:00 AM (MT)

The Garden Room
697 Denver Ave, #100
Loveland, CO 80538

Tribute Wall

WB

“ *Our condolences to the family of Howard Henry DeGabain from Charlotte von Gabain and Wim Beij, Zoetermeer the Netherlands.*

Wim Beij - September 29, 2016 at 03:27 AM

KH

Do you know how we are related? My 3 week old granddaughter is named Charlotte. I'm Howard's daughter.

Kathy Harris - September 29, 2016 at 08:55 AM

WB

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Wim Beij - December 04, 2019 at 08:14 AM

KT

“ *KE Tuttle lit a candle in memory of Howard Henry DeGabain*



KE Tuttle - August 01, 2016 at 06:01 PM

ED

“ *Emily Duhancik lit a candle in memory of Howard Henry DeGabain*



Emily Duhancik - July 14, 2016 at 10:08 PM

PD

“ Paul, Katalin and Dedi purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Howard Henry DeGabain.



Paul, Katalin and Dedi - July 14, 2016 at 08:17 PM

EM

“ Our family, Dick & Evelyn, Mindy & Kristi Meyers, cherish memories of times spent with our brother-in-law and uncle Howard. Favorite memories include holidays, croquet in Howard & Betty's large yard in Wellington, happy family gatherings in Loveland and Red Feather Lakes, and most of all, a trip they made to the Northwest in their Winnebago. They gathered up Don's family, our family, and off we went to Canada! I believe there were 14 to 16 of us joyfully crowded into the Winnie! Willie Nelson provided musical background via 8-Track (?). We were quite a site at the border crossing! They couldn't believe how many of us were inside! Living so far away, our times together were few, and we treasure every moment spent with Betty & Howard and the girls. Our love to Kathy, Debbie, Sandy, and their families.

Evelyn Meyers - July 14, 2016 at 07:30 PM

SJ

“ Sandy Jennings lit a candle in memory of Howard Henry DeGabain



Sandy Jennings - July 14, 2016 at 02:18 PM

MM

“ I have so many fond memories of Uncle Howard and Aunt Betty! They will forever go together in my mind. When we came out to visit, when I was little, they let me stay at their house in the biggest bedroom and I got to sleep in Uncle Howard's T-shirt! I remember playing with Lego's in their basement with my other cousins. I remember riding between Betty and him in his pick-up, listening to country music, all the way to Red Feather. I especially remember that he tried to trade me Susan B. Anthony dollars for all the change in his pocket. He couldn't have asked a lesser risk taking girl. (Good for him - more change in his pocket, I ended up with a lot of Susan B. Anthony coins that summer) Their home was full of love and welcome! I enjoyed, in his later years, seeing him in California at Kathy's house. I am so thankful for having a wonderful uncle. I wish I could be there this weekend cherishing his precious life. I will be thinking and praying for you all during this time. Love, Mindy Meyers

Mindy Meyers - July 14, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Howard Henry DeGabain.



July 12, 2016 at 03:11 PM

JL

“ Howard DeGabain is my uncle. He was married to my mother's (Norma Bingel) sister, Betty. Uncle Howard and Aunt Betty were really good to us! They made sure that we always had a very special Christmas! We spent a lot of time together in Wellington and Loveland, and at Grandma's in Arvada and Loveland. Cousins Kathy, Debby and Sandy, me, my sister JoAnn and brother Jim practically grew up together. Uncle Howard and Aunt Betty always made sure that us kids had fun! I love Uncle Howard very much, and he will be very much missed every day, as I have missed Aunt Betty every day since her passing!



Jeanne Lemmerman

Jeanne Lemmerman - July 11, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Henry DeGabain.



July 11, 2016 at 02:45 PM

SS

“ Howard DeGabain is my uncle, his brother is my father, Elvin DeGabain. I loved my Uncle Howard. I think that one of the best ways to measure the success of a man is by the family he mentors. Howard and his wife Betty have three very happy and successful daughters, Kathy, Debby and Sandy. I know he will be sorely missed by them, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. He will also be missed by my Dad and Mom and by me. Rest in peace Uncle Howard, you were a really great man.

Sharon Strong - July 11, 2016 at 12:48 PM

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Sharon Strong - July 11, 2016 at 12:42 PM

SS

I took these pictures at the wedding of David and Brittany Beaver, in July of 2010. Uncle Howard is on the right, wearing the red tie. His brother, Elvin DeGabain is on the left.

Sharon Strong - July 11, 2016 at 01:11 PM