



## Frederic Haydu

December 3, 1931 - February 2, 2013

FRED B. HAYDU December 3, 1931-February 2, 2013 Age 81, passed away Saturday, February 2, 2013, unexpectedly, but peacefully, at home of natural causes, while having his afternoon nap. A resident of Albuquerque since 1971, he worked in residential and commercial construction, retiring in 1996 from Luther Construction, including Bailey-Ward Home Builders in the 1970's. He was born in Cleveland, OH to Steven Sr. and Irma (Vass) Haydu, both of full Hungarian descent. Fred grew up in Kirtland, OH, graduating from Kirtland High School. As a teen, he met the love of his life, Nellie Jean Fenner, at a Halloween party, and they later married on September 18, 1954. Fred was a Veteran of the Korean War, serving in the Army at Camp Polk, LA. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sandra Haydu Burton. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nellie; daughters, Shelley Myers (Ed), Tracy Gorenz (Alan), Leanne Hill (Charley); grandchildren, Stacey McNeil Vanderbur (Austin), Spencer and Mikayla Hill, Catherine "C.J." Gorenz; great-grandchild, Braxton Vanderbur; "adopted" son, Myke Yapple; brother, Steven Haydu, Jr. (Jean); brother-in-law, Nelson Fenner (Nancy); sister-in-law, Carleen Fenner; nephews, Steven Haydu III (Miriam), Mason Fenner (Bonnie), John Fenner (Tiffany), Bob Fenner (Erika); nieces, Diana Burton (Ray Belczyk), Jennifer Malinoski (Mark), Cathy Baker (Ben), Jackie and Audrey Haydu, and Loretta and Jeanell Fenner. Fred was a Lifetime Member of the Willoughby-Cleveland #18 Elks Club, and Member of the Ohio Carpenter's Union. For many years, he worked for Hammond Construction of Ohio. Fred was a hard-working

provider for his family, sometimes working up to three jobs at a time. Over his lifetime, he built three of their homes, and even hand dug the basement of their first one. Fred came to the “wild, wild west” in 1971, with a loaded U-Haul, his wife and three kids, a dog, but no job, looking to start a new chapter in his life. Construction was booming in Albuquerque, and good friends that had already relocated here from Ohio, said to come. The weather is great, the winters are mild, and there are no mosquitos! Soon Fred landed a job with Bailey-Ward Construction, building homes. He enjoyed camping and cross-country trips with Nellie and their young girls, going to Florida and California, while still living in Ohio. In retirement, Fred worked odd jobs in construction, especially Weil Construction. He and Nellie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on an Alaskan cruise. His favorite pastime was sitting in his recliner, watching TV on his big screen TV, flipping through the numerous channels on his Direct TV. He loved action, sci-fi, horror, and old movies, so he could check out the vintage cars. He also enjoyed the news, Lawrence Welk, Molly B Polka Party, wild life shows, and Christian evangelical programming. He also loved music, his sweets, shrimp cocktail, Jim Beam, and playing “monster” with the grandkids. He was a past member the Super Chevy Club, relishing his accomplishment of having completely restored a red 1957 Chevy, and having won numerous awards and trophies. Fred was proud of his wife and daughters and loved them immensely. He had a loud voice, but a big heart. While working construction, it wasn't unusual for Fred to bring home a stray—animal or human that needed to be saved, or a place to celebrate the holidays. Often he would give firewood, and even the coat off his back in order to help another. Services will be held Thursday, February 7, 2013, at Noon, with visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. at FRENCH – Wyoming. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park. A reception will follow at the Haydu Family home. Please wear yellow, as that was Fred's favorite color. Donations may be made in Fred's name to Joy Junction or the Animal Humane of NM.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Sorry to hear about Fred. I lived next door to you for quite a few years in Kirtland. My best memories was all the fun I had driving the go karts Fred built. My sympathy and prayers are with you.

Ken Morgan - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Fred was my boss at Luther. He was always caring and engaging. I was in my early twenties, working with Fred on the Bernalillo Court House Addition and remodel. Fred used to point to the books and say to me "Won't you be glad when you can read all those" Well, Fred, I do, everyday and all four of my children are attorney's too. Fred always used to give me advice at lunch about buying apartments and investments so when I am old I would have income. He was warm, friendly, selfless, and fun to work with. I have very fond memories of Fred. Interestingly Hungarians are related to Estonian and Finnish people by language. Our ancestors with our last name are traced to Finns and Estonians. So, cousin, we shall see you up yonder in the future. Tom Kalm.

Thomas L. Kalm - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ To the entire Haydu Family- our condolences on the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, brother & uncle.

Over The Hill Gang Car Club - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Nellie and family, I was very sorry to see Fred's obituary in the paper. I know it has been years since we have seen you but have thought of you often. May God help you through the loss.

Mary Lou (Brichford) Novak - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I remember Fred from the Fenner Reunions. He was a handsome man who always wore a beautiful smile. Loving memories live on forever. Feel no guilt in laughter,He knows how much you care.Feel no sorrow in a smileThat he’s not here to share.You cannot grieve forever,He would not want you to.He’d hope that you would carry onThe way you always do.So talk about the good timesAnd the ways you showed you cared. The days you spent together,All the happiness you shared.Let the memories surround you,A word someone may sayWill suddenly recaptureA time, an hour, a day.That brings him back as clearlyAs though he were still here,And fills you with the feelingsThat he is always near.For if you keep those memoriesYou will never be apartAnd he will live foreverLocked safe within your heart

Thomas Potter - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ ALBERT’S CHILDREN AND I ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. PEACE BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Family of Albert Lett - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Nellie and family: I am truly sorry for your loss. May there be thoughts that bring a smile to your face as you remember your love for each other. My deepest sympathy during this time.

Susan Sharp Hurst - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Trinity Montoya - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Peace be with you and yours.*

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**Al and Sue Sharp** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM