



Henry "Hank" Ivan Howerton

March 1, 2015

Henry "Hank" Ivan Howerton, age 76, of Albuquerque, passed away at his home on Sunday, March 1, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Lorna Howerton; his children, H. Ivan Howerton, Jr., and his wife Sherri, Elizabeth Hatcher and her husband Norman Hatcher Jr., Michael D. Howerton and his wife, Tami and J. Matthew Howerton and his wife Shelly. He also leaves his mother, Zelma Vanderpool; his sisters, Joanie Pack and Bertie Jackson; brothers, Virgil Howerton and Carmen Howerton. He had nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Hank was predeceased by his daughter, Lori Ann Howerton-Falls; his father, James Howerton; his former wife, Mary Ann Dobbs-Howerton; his sister, Betty Howerton; and two brothers, Duane and Larry Howerton. He served for three years in the US Air Force followed by a career of 35 years with the US Forest Service. During retirement, Hank volunteered with the North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center as a driver and was a board member of the North Domingo Baca Neighborhood Association. He was also active with NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) Duke City Chapter 1411. Hank loved fishing, golf, bowling, bingo, football (especially the San Francisco 49ers) and Sci-Fi movies. He especially enjoyed spending time with friends and those he loved. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service in Hank's honor on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at FRENCH - Wyoming. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
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Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 5. 5:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)

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Tribute Wall

BE

“ Beth sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry
"Hank" Ivan Howerton



Beth - September 23, 2015 at 09:21 AM

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“ Beth sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry
"Hank" Ivan Howerton



Beth - September 17, 2015 at 07:29 PM

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Beth - September 02, 2015 at 08:40 AM

BH

“ BHatcher lit a candle in memory of Henry
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BHatcher - August 03, 2015 at 08:42 PM

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BHatcher - July 19, 2015 at 01:16 PM

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“Beth lit a candle in memory of Henry "Hank"
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Beth - July 07, 2015 at 06:17 PM

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Beth - May 12, 2015 at 07:23 AM

DM

“My deepest condolences to Lorna and all of Hank's family. Hank was a wonderful man with a heart of gold. He worked with us as our Safety Officer, especially when we were doing controlled fires. He took that job very seriously as he felt a genuine caring for each of our fire fighters. As a direct result we never had any real injuries under Hank's watch. Hank always maintained that there was not a structure or acre of land that was worth anyone getting hurt. Hank always had a good nature with a glint in his eye and a warm smile. He was quick with a joke and enjoyed it when one was pulled on him.

I will miss his e-mails. My thoughts and prayers go with him and for his family.

Sincerely,

Dale Miller

Dale Miller - March 11, 2015 at 12:52 PM

BB

“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Howerton family and extended family. My days working with and for "Henry" as we knew him, were some of the best in my career. Hank always cared for his guys and was always there for you if you needed something. He had the heart of gold. I had the pleasure to spend a short time with him last fall on my way through Albuquerque. We had breakfast and remembered the good ol'e days. We spent many a Saturday cutting firewood and cruising the forest looking for old abandoned cars. We spent many long hours burning piles in the winter and Hank would always come out to see how we were doing. We'll miss you down here Hank, but save Phil and me a good seat, we'll see you again one of these days.

Sincerely,

Bob and Pamm Bettencourt

Bob Bettencourt - March 10, 2015 at 04:31 PM

MM

“ We knew Hank through his daughter Beth and son-in-law Norm Hatcher as they are very dear friends of ours. I had the honor on several occasions to spend with him on his new boat, fishing several of the high lakes in Central Oregon. You see, Hank would drag that awesome boat of his all the way from New Mexico to Central Oregon when he came to visit his family here. I always enjoyed the time I got to spend with Hank, and listen to the wonderful stories he would share with us while fishing. Our heart felt condolences go out to his family,
Mike & Kelly Mann

Mike & Kelly Mann - March 07, 2015 at 04:41 PM

TA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Howerton family. Henry was a remarkable person, he was happy, humorous, productive and a loving family man. I can still see him looking out the rear window of his office in the spring of 1979 and saying; "it's going to be a bad summer!" "Why Henry? Do you think we are going to have a lot of lightning?" "No; that fella behind the office is planting onions!" Henry was just one of those persons that brought happiness and humor wherever he went. Rest in peace Hank!*

Tom Andrade and family

Tom Andrade - March 06, 2015 at 05:43 PM

DC

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of hank, a wonderful guy who always had a smile and a story to tell. Will always remember his tireless efforts to entertain the kids at the ASC picnics and most especially the zillion water balloons he and Lorna filled .. I've only recently fully appreciated the difficulty of that task! Hank had a heart of gold that matched his big stature. He will be missed. Condolences to Lorna and his family. Love, Larry and Donna Carmical*



donna carmical - March 06, 2015 at 07:37 AM

RG

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Howerton family. I am so very sorry for your loss and am praying comfort and strength for you. I was welcomed into this loving family as I became step-mom to Lori's son. Papa Hank will be greatly missed but always fondly remembered. Lots of love, Rena*

Rena Griffin - March 05, 2015 at 06:49 PM

NJ

“Hank was a great father inlaw he was one of the good guys who you could always count on if you needed him. He was a fun to be around when you went fishing for you never knew what Hank would throw at a fish to get it to bite. He loved to drive fast and would make you wonder if you was going to make it to the lake or home. Hank was the only guy I know of that was able to stand a 20 foot pontoon boat on it side and make a turn into the boat ramp he never batted an eye when the boat trailer came back down on all wheels and it was real quite in the back seat of the pick up also. Hank going to be missed and will often be thought of when you see something that had been Hankorized
He is probly up above right now trying to figure away to put the Devils fire out .
Good Luck Hank
Norm

Norman Hatcher jr - March 05, 2015 at 03:09 PM

NL

“I was glad i was able to spend time visiting and fishing with grandpa hank when he came out and visited a few years back. He showed us the pontoon boat way of fishing, grilling dogs and having a great time on the lake. My father loved this idea and bought a pontoon boat himself. Hank was funny and had the heart of a younger man, and was full of life. He will always be loved and missed dearly. Im a broncos football fan, but i hope the 49ers make it to the superbowl this year in your honor. Love ya.

norman hatcher III - March 04, 2015 at 01:51 PM

SH

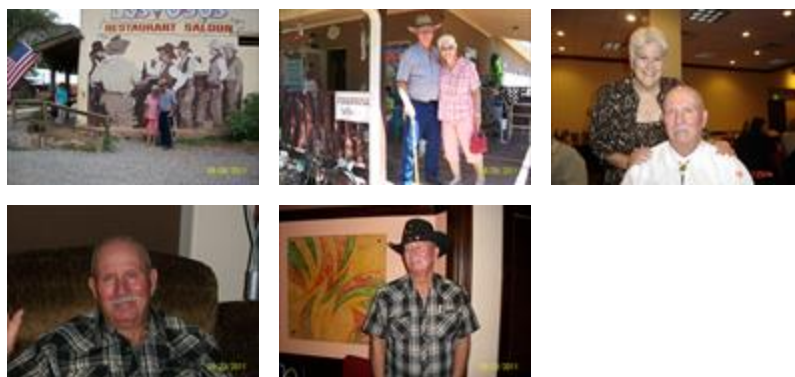
“ Love you grandpa hank.will remember all the times we we're all able to share are lives together.you will be forever loved and missed. MY sincere condolences to all you left behind. Your in my prayers.



Shelly hatcher - March 04, 2015 at 01:44 PM

AD

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Anita and Tom Dungan - March 04, 2015 at 12:48 PM

LA

“ Hank always made me feel welcome whether visiting with him and Lorna at their home here in Virginia or visiting with them at their home in Albuquerque. Hank always made sure he had my favorite soft drink in the fridge. He was such a kind man. I will miss him! My heart goes out to Lorna and his family.

Loren Allred - March 03, 2015 at 09:56 PM

BA

“Sincerest condolences to Lorna and the family. Hank was a very loving and generous soul who would do anything for anybody. He and I shared a like for a good beer, although we didn't necessary like the same style. My favorite memories with Hank were after one occasion where he wanted to taste my beer and I was reluctant, claiming “Well, it's not like we're married...”, this became the joke every time we enjoyed a meal or a beer together.

Barb Alt - March 03, 2015 at 06:38 PM

JD

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

J. Buck Dyck - March 03, 2015 at 03:01 PM

AD

Hank was a special person with "a heart of gold". He was so generous and could always make you smile with his good nature. He will be sadly missed even though my husband and I did not get to see him often in today's busy world. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, Lorna and the family. God Bless....

Tom and Anita Dungan

Anita and Tom Dungan - March 04, 2015 at 12:42 PM