



Mr. Henry J. Vega

August 3, 1923 - October 2, 2018

VEGA, MR. HENRY J.
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

Henry John (Siador) Vega was called home to be with his Lord on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, from Serenity Springs in Saginaw. He was born on August 3, 1923, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Celestinio and Leonora (Lopez) Vega.

Henry married Bernice Esther Hass on September 18, 1948, in Unionville, Michigan. She survives him. They recently celebrated their 70th wedding Anniversary. Their marriage was blessed with five children; Deborah (Jim) Meyer, Patricia (Ferris) Finerty, Brian Vega, Carol Vega, and Elisa (David) Solak; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Henry was also predeceased by his half-brother, Russell Rivera and his sisters, Rose Vega and Sophia (Vega) Pinho.

Henry spent the mid 1940's traveling the country from Northern California to Florida. Some of this time was spent with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus as an assistant to the lion tamer. He wintered with the circus near Sarasota, Florida. He was in Hartford, Connecticut on July 6, 1944, when the big top caught fire killing many. It was due to this traumatic event that he rarely spoke of his days with the circus.

Throughout his career as a draftsman designer, he worked for Baker Perkins in Saginaw, JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) in California, to name a few, then retiring from Wickes Machine and Tool in 1982.

He attended Faith Lutheran Church in Bridgeport until retiring to Traverse City, Michigan. Henry and Bernice then became members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Interlochen, Michigan. He faithfully served his Lord as usher and donated many hours on improvement projects to both churches.

Henry enjoyed playing golf and bowling, having been on many leagues during his life. He also spent many enjoyable hours combing garage sales and second hand stores for the perfect find. To the delight of his family and everyone around him, Henry was always fond of singing or whistling a tune to pass the time. Family camping trips were the highlight of his year and continued even after his children had families of their own. From Joshua Tree and Death Valley in California, to the family favorite Ludington State Park, where many vacations were spent, were a few of the adventurous spots he chose.

In accordance with Henry's wishes, cremation will take place and no services will be held. Memories and sympathies of Henry may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Henry J. Vega*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mr. Henry J. Vega*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Elisa and David Solak,
My prayers are with you both. I remember when we went caroling
when pastor Hesler was still our pastor. Your father loved it. Now he
is in heaven and no longer suffering here on earth. Again I am so
sorry for your loss.*

Rachel Szaroletta - October 03, 2018 at 05:45 AM



“ *Love you grandpa, always have always will ❤️ Till we see each
other again*



Kristin Vanderiet - October 02, 2018 at 10:29 PM