



Henry Hoste

October 4, 1935 - May 28, 2026

Henry Hank Hoste, age 90, of Shelby Township and formerly of Warren, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2026. Born on October 4, 1935, in Warren, Michigan, Hank was the beloved son of the late Andrew and Anna Hoste.

Hank's life began with a story he loved to tell. Born at home on his family's farm, he was delivered on the kitchen table near the warmth of the stove. Growing up on the farm helped shape the hardworking, determined man he would become. In school, Hank was known for his playful and mischievous spirit, often finding himself seated near the teacher because of his antics. Those same antics earned him the nickname Hankey-Pankey, a name that followed him affectionately throughout much of his life.

At the age of 17, Hank left school during his junior year to help work on the family farm. Whether farming, working construction, operating heavy equipment, or later serving families as a gravedigger, Hank was respected for his strong work ethic, meticulous attention to detail, and unwavering dedication. He worked for Gilbert Construction and later spent more than 20 years at Resurrection Cemetery. No matter the job, Hank took pride in doing it right. He was also known for sharing his love of cooking, often preparing meals for his coworkers.

One of Hanks favorite stories was how he met the love of his life, Charleen "Char". The two met at a bowling alley in Mount Clemens, where Hank cleverly managed to sneak Chars phone number from her bowling shoes. Their romance blossomed, and they were married on June 15, 1957. This June would have marked 69 years together, a testament to a lifetime of love, partnership, and devotion.

Together, Hank and Char welcomed their daughter, Diane, on March 31, 1961. Family was always the center of Hanks world, and he remained deeply involved in the lives of his loved ones until the very end. He was a constant presence at softball diamonds, lacrosse fields, volleyball and basketball courts, and hockey rinks, proudly cheering on his grandchildren and later his great-grandchildren. His support never wavered, and his family always knew they could count on him.

Hank had many passions throughout his life. As a young man, he enjoyed pond hockey and baseball. Later, he loved square dancing and traveling with Char, listening to polka music, coaching baseball at St. Isidore Church, playing hockey at Mt. Olympia with his brother-in-law and friends, golfing, fishing in Harbor Beach with his brothers-in-law and father-in-law from their wooden boat, and caring meticulously for his lawn and automobiles. He especially cherished time spent at the family cottage in Harbor Beach.

Above all, Hank was a kid at heart. He delighted in playing hide-and-seek, tag, and water fights with neighborhood children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Whether engaging in playful wrestling matches or creating laughter wherever he went, Hanks youthful spirit never faded. His joy, humor, and love for life left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Hank is survived by his beloved wife, Charleen "Char" Hoste; his daughter,

Diane (David) Kampfer; his grandchildren, Michelle (Patrick) Schweiger and Kristine (Steven) Burgess; and his cherished great-grandchildren, Grace Schweiger and Andrew Schweiger.

Hanks legacy is one of hard work, devotion to family, laughter, and a life lived fully. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all whose lives he touched.

A visitation will be held for Hank on Thursday June 4th, 2026 at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica, (3blks east of Van Dyke) from 1:00 pm until the service time of 6:00 pm. Hank will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Upcoming Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 4. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Hank passed on his Cousins Bill Van Steenkiste's Birthday. I'm sure Hank and Bill are enjoying a Birthday Refreshment about now.*

Leona Van Steenkiste - Yesterday at 12:41 PM

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Diane and family So very sorry for your loss. May you all find comfort in all the happy memories you cherish May he rest in peace in the arms of the Angels. Sending hugs

Elaine Oakes - Yesterday at 12:58 PM