



Henry Richard LaBaere

March 22, 1937 - October 1, 2008

LaBAERE, Henry R. age 71. Died October 1, 2008. Beloved husband of Joyce M. Loving father of Michael Dianne, Mark Pamela, and Anthony Michele. Dear Brother of Richard Sandra LaBaere. Proud grandfather of 8. Visitation is Saturday 4-9pm & Sunday 2pm-9pm with a 7pm Knights of Columbus rosary at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road 3 bks east of VanDyke Utica. Monday he will lie in state at 9am until funeral mass at 10am at St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, 343 S. Main Street, Romeo. Share a memory with the family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

CS

“ We were so saddened to hear of Hank's passing. I worked with Hank until I retired in 1987. He was a pleasure to work with and a great friend. He will be missed.

Carl & Evie Stieler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Henry was a special cousin whom I always looked up to. There are so many good memories, too many to list, like the fun games of catch when we were young and the competitive 18 holes of golf in our adult lives. We will miss him greatly and our sympathies to the entire family. Dick & Chris Colpaert

Dick & Chris Colpaert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Please accept our condolences regarding Hank's passing. Although, I never worked directly with Hank, I had numerous interactions with him since the early 1970's. Hank has always been a true professional and a gentlemen; I know he will be missed dearly.

Norman & Candace Sawaya - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Joyce and Family, We wish to convey our most sincere and heartfelt condolences for your loss at Henry's departure. He was a good person and a friend to work with and for. I have many fond memories of times while working with Hank. I am sorry that we could not attend the service as I was in Chicago the past weekend. May God be with you and your family in this time of sorrow.

David and Yvonne Hesse - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To: The Labaere Family I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rob Piskorowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mark & Mike, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I never knew your father, but everyone else at GM seemed to. I heard he was a great guy & it's now my loss that I never met him. I'm sorry I was out of town this weekend & was unable to give my condolences personally. My prayers are with you & your families, Dave Kase

Dave Kase - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Joyce & Family, we are so sorry to hear of Hank's passing. We were away at Chuck's Army reunion in St. Louis, MO. and our daughter informed us because of a notice that went around at G.M. Our sympathy to Joyce and Hank's family. He was such a wonderful husband and father to his family and such a good friend to many. Chuck and Lydia Combs.

Chuck & Lydia Combs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Sorry to hear of your loss . I have fond memories of times spent with Hank golfing and during trips up North . Our sincere condolences .

Chuck Torner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Henry LaBaere was my brother-in-law; I loved him and will miss him. Mary Joe

Mary Joe Burns - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ MY DEAR BROTHER... Henry was always the perfect "Big Brother". He was my mentor--someone that I held in high esteem and someone I tried to emulate on a daily basis. He set the "BAR" very high and worked very hard at being the best person he could be. He was a kind, gentle human being who had strong religious ideals, which he practiced daily. He was loved by the entire family and greatly respected by all who knew him. Henry will be greatly missed but his memories and ideals will live forever! He was and always will be... "The VERY BEST"! Loving Brother, Dick

Dick & Sandy LaBaere - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ May God help you through this trying time. My best wishes for the future.

Terry Wood - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I was very sorry to hear about Hank's death. In all of the years that I knew him, I never heard anyone direct an unkind word to or about him. All of us that knew him have truly lost a great friend.

Dominick DeFazio - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ In 50 years I haven't forgotten what a good friend Hank was. He even gave blood for my wife when she needed it in 1959.
.....Jack Brunell.....

Jack & Glenda Brunell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Hank your old soft ball teammate at CEC John Pankow. You are now in Heaven, organize some of the old team thats with you. I'll see you there later. I like the aluminum batts of course. John P

John L Pankow - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Mark, Sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I can tell he was a remarkable man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Brian Olah and Family

Brian Olah - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To: The LaBaere Family, Plese accept our deepest sympathy in your recent loss. I worked with Henry at GM in the 1990's he was real real gentelman.

Angela & Brian Haddlesey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I had never met Mr. LaBaere until he approached me at my father's funeral and told me how much my father had meant to him after helping him when he started at General Motors. He made me very proud and happy and I am glad to have met him. My sincere condolences to the entire LaBaere family.

Polly Poma - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To The LaBaere Family, I am truly sorry to hear of your loss. Hank interviewed me when I hired into Chevrolet 27 years ago. He was always a true gentleman and professional in all he did. He will surely be missed by all. May God guide you through these difficult times. Sincerely, Sal Giacalone

Sal Giacalone - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I'm sorry to hear about your loss. I pray that God will see fit to bring your father home and I also pray that your family will rejoice in the time you had together.

David Schenk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I'll always have fond memories of Hank. He was my first boss at GM and a great guy. My deepest sympathies for your loss - he'll be greatly missed. Carol Samuelson

C. Samuelson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My sincerest and heartfelt condolences go out to Hank's family. I was in the Emgreening Illustrations group and worked very closely with Hank . I also played softball on the Chevrolet softball league with him. A great all around guy and liked by all. Hank will be surely be missed by his friends and family . May God bless your family at this time of sorrow.

David Preston - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I keep you close to my heart and wish you strength and that the many happy memories will be a source of comfort at this profoundly sad time. Hank was my first mentor when I began my career at Chevrolet Engineering Center in 1965. I looked up to him then yes, he was a tall man in more than the literal sense! and I have for the subsequent nearly 40 years since that first day in drafting. My life was enriched by having him as a mentor and friend throughout my career and I will always be thankful for that. With sincere condolences and warm regards, Fred

Fred Schaafsma - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We are very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mike you did a great job being so strong for your whole family. Take Care, Mike, Susan & Daniel Durst

Mike Susan Durst - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. May God takes your loved one in his mercy. Please accept our sympathy and condolences. Mohamad Sadek & Family

Mohamad Sadek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mark , Mike and Families I am very sorry for your loss. I will always remember Hank as a terrific person, leader and always a gentleman. Do not rely on your strength, seek the Lord and His strength forâ?!. God is our refuge and strength in times of distressâ?!. Psalm 46:1 God Bless

Shauny McCormick - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with you and your family.

Mary, Andrew & Kate Felstead - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers.
Very Best Regards, Chuck, Sharon, Nick & Kendra Haubner

Chuck and Sharon Haubner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Barb & Bill Fischer & Family

Barb & Bill Fischer & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am very sorry to hear the sad news. Hank was a good man and always a gentleman.

Jim Groce - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the LaBaere family. He was a great General Motor's leader and a true gentleman whom we shall all miss. May he feel the warm embrace of our risen Lord as his new life begins.

Craig and Laura Staller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ I will always remember Hank as a true gentleman.

Arthur C. Wojno II - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Joyce You are in my thoughts and prayers, Hank was a great man, Manager and friend. I miss our times together..... Dave Collins

david collins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Hanks death. We will miss him very much. The family will be in our prayers.

Tom & Anita Simpson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Were sincerely sorry for your families loss. Hank was a great friend , husband, father , grandpa, and respectable leader in his days with GM. He always was sincere and personable to everyone that new him. We know he fought this battle with honor & dignity and hope his suffering was minimal. Sincerely Ken & Nancy Joye & family

Ken Joye - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Joyce and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hank was a great man who will be missed by so many. His love of people and gentle spirit will remain in our memories forever. Love, Germaine Koss Sally and Jim Myny Lou and Dan Moss

Lou and Dan Moss - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Hello Joyce, So very sorry to hear about Hank. Being so far away from all of my old friends in Michigan makes it difficult to stay in touch. Give my best to your sons. My prayers are with you the family and especially with Hank. He was a good friend, a great co-worker and an inspiration to all he met. Mike Andalora

Mike Andalora - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so very sorry to hear the sad news on Hank. My deep condolences to all of the family. You are very fortunate in that you have had such a wonderful person as part of your family. I know he will be missed very much by everyone who knew him.

Diane and Dick Lange - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ My prayers go out to the LaBaere Family, shifting them from Hank, who no longer needs them. He has gone from traveling that "Highway of Life", filled with pot-holes, to that SMOOTH "Highway in the Sky". The Good Lord can always use another GOOD Designer. God Bless.

Vince Bandurski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Dear Joyce, Mike, Mark and Tony, Our sincerest sympathy. Family reunions just won't be the same. We will always have the memories of a kind, loving & gentle man. Our prayers are with you. Lovingly, Gary and Marion

Gary and Marion Lelito - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM