



Herbert G. Seymour

May 22, 1942 - May 30, 2014

Herbert G. Seymour, age 72, a resident of Birmingham, Michigan died unexpectedly on May 30, 2014 in Grayling, Michigan. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He was a great brother, a generous and caring uncle, cousin and loyal friend. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1966, he went on to have a successful career as a corporate communications writer for several advertising agencies and as a freelance consultant. Above all else, Herb was a fisherman. He discovered fly fishing 25 years ago and was "hooked." He said that he found something on the water that he found no where else...certain beauty, sheer adventure and fellowship. He became part of the fishing community and he looked forward to each and every outing. He is survived by eight brothers and sisters: Edward Marti Seymour of Birmingham, MI; Thomas Marilyn Seymour of Rochester, MI; Susan Dan Goff of Haysville, NC; Cecilia Powell of Allegan, MI; Doug Seymour of Waterford, MI; Christopher Seymour of Traverse City, MI; Kathy Jerry Angers of Cedar, MI; and Meg Russell Pankau of West Dundee, IL. Herb kept in touch with many of his 17 nieces and nephews through his unique "HunkaUnc" e-mails. The family thanks Cis who recently held a family reunion/70th birthday party for Herb, which now holds a special significance. And, our family is forever grateful for knowing that Dan Goff was fishing with Herb at the moment of his passing. A memorial gathering will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 from 4-8 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorial contributions in Herbert's

memory are appreciated to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 or National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

Tribute Wall

PE

“ I hope his 'a last cast was one of his Best. He was a great friend, writer and humorist. The best friends you make in our business are the ones you go into "battle" with and know when they say something they come through. Plus the come through with a better product than you expected. That's Herb.

Pete Erickson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Just found out about Herb. I am very sad to learn this. Herb and I worked together only one time. It was corporate video for Chrysler titled, "The Lineup". Herb wrote it and I produced it. And I'm pleased to say, the video went on to win several awards. It was a pleasure working with Herb on that project and I regret we never got the opportunity to collaborate on more productions. May you Rest in Peace, Herb.

John Stevens - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I volunteered with Herb last summer at a Reeling and Healing retreat. People flash in and out of our lives so quickly. Herb's spark of light enriched my knowledge of fishing and his gentle manner gave us all joy. I'll try to catch a trout while honoring his memory this summer. Anne jakubowski

anne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I too just met Herb last August at a fly fishing retreat with women and again in the fall for a volunteer get together. What a wonderful man. He shared freely his knowledge and experience with the women who were just learning. It was such fun just to watch him having fun. My condolences to his family. It was an honor to know him.

Mary Ravary - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ As a member of a fly fishing group that Herb volunteered with last year, it was a pleasure to meet and have fellowship with Herb. His passion for fly fishing was evident as he joined in helping to teach the women surviving cancer what it means to take that first step into the river with a fly rod. His zest for life was also present when he put the boa on with the fake jewelry and the biggest smile I have ever seen during graduation. Even though our journey was cut short he made a great impact on many who met him and his sense of humor will be sorely missed. Condolences to his family, Herb was a truly great man who will be greatly missed.

Bonnie from R & H. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ I knew Herb from his many visits to Gates Lodge. We we so sad to hear about his passing. He was such a nice man, one of our favorite guests. We always looked forward to seeing is Jeep in the parking lot and we knew HERB was here for a few days! We will miss his smile...

Heather Nimlin Lovell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ I was so sorry to hear of Herb's passing. I knew him as a fishing friend through the MFFC and as a Spey fisherman. Always friendly with a smile. He loved fly fishing and Spey casting. Like many of my fishing friends most of our discussions were about fishing ... where to go ... what to use ... what is new? I will miss our talks and seeing him at the meetings and on the river.

Stephen Isgrigg - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I am delighted to read the comments and stories of Herb’s friends and family, near and far. I have my own favorite memories of my Uncle, almost all featuring his generous spirit and/or his great humor. My life is visually filled with his influence, from the fishing hats he bought in my closet, his artwork and Notre Dame posters on my wall, his fishing books on my bookshelf, and almost weekly e-mails in my Inbox. I have memories of his epic tubs of spare change, which he gifted to me to help with college essentials. I laugh at memories of eating soggy sandwiches with him, huddled riverside under a huge pine tree during a thunderstorm, our best option to a metal boat on the North Branch. Of how he cut a rug with me on the dance floor at Geoff and Betsy’s wedding. However, some of my best memories are witnessing his influence on others. Of how he gently teased my cousins Megan, Diane and Colleen and always made them laugh. Of how we looked forward to his epic holiday Herb Salads with their feast and fortune of fresh crab. Of his incredible talent at gift-giving, with just the right blend of humor and sentiment. Every Christmas, I looked forward to the delighted and hearty laughter of his sisters Meg and Kathy when opening his great gifts. Of how warmly he was received by his friends at the yearly fly fishing expo, and how I looked for him around every turn so that we could share in our mutual obsession. Of his professional portfolio that he generously shared with me when starting my own business, with its many testimonials from clients that valued him both personally and professionally. Herb touched beyond his reach, and it warms my sad heart to read these little tributes. Keep them coming!

Mitch - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I still use the lessons Herb taught me with a tire iron, some days many years ago. A pro's pro and a writer's writer. Tireless devotion to craft, and a gentle soul to the core, even if he preferred to keep that to himself most of the time. So glad that he got to enjoy the world outside of the script. The community of writers is much smaller today. Godspeed, Herb. Where you are, the fish are always biting.

Bob Daykin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We will all miss you Herb, Your friends from the MFFC.

John Beach - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ To the family of Herb Seymour:I shared many wonderful breakfasts and dinners with Herb over the past couple years at Gates Lodge in Grayling during Herb's many forays to the AuSable River.I consider myself blessed for having spent some with this gracious gentleman. He will be in my thoughts and prayers as I pursue the sport Herb so loved.In Sympathy,Sam Yannerilla

Samuel Yannerilla - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ TO Herb's wonderful family,Herb was just a great guy. I treasure the hat that Herb bought for me it was custom USS Oriskany for sure. I was so lucky to be able to work side by side with Herb at Marcis Tire we didn't get rich but Herb kept every ones spirits up with his great sense of humor. Sorry about the hole in the Corvette hood Herb but hey THRUSH enough guys THRUSH enough!You will be missed by all of us Herb a man with a true generous caring heart. We know you are in a better place.Freddy and Barb Torongo

FRED AND BARB TORONGO - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“*Herb will forever be remembered as one of the finest members of our fly fishing club. So easy going and pleasant. Herb was always a fan of the flies I tied and I greatly appreciated his interest in my work. He will surely be missed.*

Corey and Ken Thelen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“*I am saddened to learn about Herb. I had the privelege of playing football with him at Shrine High in 59,58 and 57 . He was a key player for our championship team in 1959 . He was a mountain of a guy as our middle guard .I would never have conceived of this tough , physical football player becoming a writer later in his career . It was never a question of his capability just that his physicality didn't suggest the demeanor of a writer . He was a great , considerate guy whenever he and I came together . I have great respect for him and his entire family . Sorry I cannot be there for the service tonight . I really regret that . But my prayers will include Herb and the entire Seymour family at this difficult time*

Dick Widgren - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“*Herb and I were best of friends growing up and I have greatly valued that friendship over the years. We never had the chance to fish on the Two Hearted here in the UP that we had talked about at one time but when I get the chance I know who I will be praying to for advice! So sorry I can't be at he service this evening, but my condolences to all. Herb, your joy and spirit will be missed.*

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

MS

“ God bless cousin Herb and all his brothers and sisters. Our hearts are heavy with his sudden passing yet comforted knowing he is joining other family members in heaven. Mark & Margaret Seymour

Mark and Margaret Seymour - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Herb was the oldest Seymour of our generation. He was much more like a brother than a cousin, as we shared our lives from 1951 until 1976 when I relocated my family to California. It is easy to forget what a great athlete Herb was, both quick and nimble for such a big man. He was always there to lead the way for Ed and I on the football field. Herb was also quick with his laughter and he was willing to help anyone, anytime, anyplace. I will miss my cousin but will always cherish the good times we shared. Herb, I know you've found a running stream with deep pools abound with fish and a warm sun on your back. Save a few for us!

John Seymour - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Many great memories of Herb ... at work, at play and just being Herb. You will be missed big guy. So glad we had a chance to know you. Mark and Annie

Mark and Annie Eichman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Herb's passing is a tragic loss to his family and his many friends and fishing buddies. Herb loved the quiet challenge between fly and fish. WaWaSum will not be the same.

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

JT

“ Dear Friends, I am so sorry about Herb. I had the good fortune to see him on Thursday, and to meet Dan, when we were both in Grayling fishing. I had decided to drive up that day, not knowing that Herb was there. So I'm grateful that we had a last moment together. He was a good friend and a good man. And I will miss him a lot. Sincerely, Jim

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

RH

“ God bless Herb and his entire family. Herb will be remembered always.

Ray Hoffman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ We miss you on the Au Sable already, Friend Herb. May The Lord watch over you and bless you, knowing you're on the stream casting a fly to yet another elusive Trout. RIP

Preacher Paul DeJohn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Just as you would have wished, you left us doing what you loved most - a beautiful day on the river, trout rising, and the camaraderie of your fishing buddies. Tight lines forever, Herb! We'll meet you at Grape Leaves for dinner...

Jim & Angela Jurson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ You'll be greatly missed for being a truly nice guy with marvelous talent and wit. Even though you considered yourself "just a boy", what a terrific boy you were. Say "Hi" to Sr. Carita for us.

Barb Schmidt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Thank you for all your work for are 50th class reunion it was wonderful . RIP

Andrea Sauter-Reed - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM