



## Henry "Hank" Gehringer

January 17, 1937 - February 14, 2026

Henry "Hank" Gehringer of Hampshire, IL went home to our Lord on February 14, 2026. He chose to walk alongside his younger brother Raymond who passed less than 24 hours before him. He was a very strong man full of quiet love.

Hank was the 6th child born to John and Alice (Hegelschafer) Gehringer on January 17, 1937. He was a lifelong member of St. Charles Borromeo parish and graduated from their school. He was an altar server, eucharistic minister, a member of the parish council and later a dedicated usher for the church. He was member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and Holy Name Society. He attended Hampshire High School for a short time prior to going to work for his dad at Gehringer Blacksmith Shop. Later he and his brother Al took over the business and renamed it Gehringer Brothers Blacksmith Shop.

He was drafted into the United States Army in 1960. He served in Korea and loved to tell a good story about his military days. He was a member of the VFW and the Order of the Moose.

Hank was a dedicated family man who knew how to fix many things, specifically cars and snowmobiles. He assisted farmers with welding repairs and other necessary tasks. He installed numerous trailer hitches on vehicles from all over the area.

Hank was a charter member of the Hampshire Snowmobile Club. He volunteered countless hours making his own reflective stakes and marking the trails with his daughters.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and loved to watch auto racing. He loved playing cards and shaking dice which he did with family and friends. He loved snowmobiling in the north woods at their lake house in Minocqua, WI.

Hank married the love of his life, Judy on July 28, 1962. She survives. Additional survivors include daughters: Paulette Anderson (Mark Rains) of Hampshire, Sandra (Francis) Cann of Quincy, IL and Sharon Gehringer of Henderson, NV. Grandchildren: Brett (Katie) Anderson, Jori Anderson, Russell Anderson, Raleigh (Ben) Whittaker, Henry Cann, and Leo Cann. Great-grandchild: Brian Anderson. Brother Fritz Gehringer, In-laws Janice Gehringer, Jack Green, Richard and Vivian VanVleet, Kenny and Karen VanVleet, Kathy and Terry Railing and many nieces and nephews that he was very fond of.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Alice Gehringer. In-laws Lloyd and Cleo VanVleet and son-in-law Brian Anderson; brothers and sisters and their spouses, Dorothy and Irwin Jordal, Albert and Nancy Gehringer, George Gehringer, Helen Gehringer, Frank and Mary Grossen, Carol Green, and most recently, Raymond Gehringer; and in-laws, Ron Rohlwing, Jan and Don Boll; and niece Jodi Boll.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19th at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E. Jefferson Ave. in Hampshire from 4-8 pm and will continue on Friday, Feb. 20th from 9:30-10:45 am followed by a 11 am Mass of Christian Burial.

Donations can be made to the family of Hank Gehringer to be used for causes

important to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Doty Cemetery

44W980 Allen Rd  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

## Visitation

FEB **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ David, Melannie, & our clan purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.



David, Melannie, & our clan - February 19 at 09:45 AM

HC

“ Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.

Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club - February 19 at 09:03 AM

HC

“ Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.



Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club - February 19 at 09:03 AM

LF

“ Love, The Bartz Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.



Love, The Bartz Family - February 19 at 03:51 AM

RF

“ *Richard & Vivian Van Vleet and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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**Richard & Vivian Van Vleet and family** - February 19 at 03:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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February 18 at 05:57 PM

YP

“ *Your friends at Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*

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**Your friends at Patrick** - February 18 at 12:08 PM

YP

“ *Your friends at Patrick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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**Your friends at Patrick** - February 18 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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February 18 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.

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February 17 at 04:07 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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February 17 at 04:07 PM



“ *Taylor and Robert Murphy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*

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**Taylor and Robert Murphy** - February 17 at 01:32 PM

TM

“ Taylor and Robert Murphy purchased the "Forever in Our Hearts" Memorial Photo Frame for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.



Taylor and Robert Murphy - February 17 at 01:32 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.



February 17 at 12:07 PM

LA

“ Love, Ron & Cherie, Jeanne, Kim and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.

Love, Ron & Cherie, Jeanne, Kim and Amy - February 17 at 11:43 AM

LA

“ Love, Ron & Cherie, Jeanne, Kim and Amy purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.



Love, Ron & Cherie, Jeanne, Kim and Amy - February 17 at 11:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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February 17 at 10:25 AM



“ *Morgan&Liam Zirk & Memory of Matt Clark purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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**Morgan&Liam Zirk & Memory of Matt Clark** - February 17 at 01:01 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry L. "Hank" Gehringer.*

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February 16 at 11:13 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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February 16 at 11:13 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry "Hank" Gehringer.*



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February 16 at 08:43 PM