



HERBERT R. KLASCHKA

May 4, 1929 - October 18, 2016

Herbert Ralph Klaschka, 87 of Oak Ridge NJ passed away October 18th at Compassionate Care Hospice in Dover New Jersey.

He was the youngest of 10 children, Herb was born May 4, 1929, in Paterson, New Jersey to Albert and Barbara Klaschka. He lived in his childhood home in Allendale, New Jersey for the first 50 years of his life until relocating to Oak Ridge, New Jersey in the 1980's.

Herb was a graduate of Ramsey High School, served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Wayne Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wayne, New Jersey. He was a Teamster and worked as a mechanic for Terwilliger & Wakefield, Ridgewood, New Jersey. He also worked as a mechanic for Thurston's Garage, Allendale, NJ. In his retirement years he worked as a custodian at Wayne SDA Church, Wayne, New Jersey.

He is remembered as a sweet, gentle man who was an avid reader and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Those who came to know Herb as being extremely frugal in his later years would be surprised to know that in his youth he enjoyed racing around town in his silver Porsche and navigating the waters of Greenwood Lake in his speed boat.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Albert and Barbara Klaschka,

brothers Charles Klaschka, Alfred Klashka, Ernest Klaschka, Jules Klaschka, George Klaschka and David Klaschka and sisters Helen Klaschka and Ruth Olsen and a nephew, Donald Klaschka.

He is survived by a sister, Barbara Phillips, Birmingham AL, five nephews; Brian Klaschka, Maui, HI, John Klashka, MA, Ernest Klaschka II, VA, Larry Olsen, MD, and Steven Phillips, AL. Nine nieces; June Bell, SC, Gloria Pease, NY, Sheila Krubrock, WA, Darlene Schongalla, WA, Barbara Marsh, NY, Bonnie Klaschka, CA, Linda Phillips, AL, Diane Barber, MD and Joan Weldon, MA and several grand nieces and nephews.

A private cremation was held under the direction of Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 4pm at The Wayne Seventh Day Adventist Church, 218 Ratzler Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470.

Burial of his ashes will be at Mahwah Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

The family of Herb Klaschka would like to express their gratitude to his SDA Church family, Larry and Cindy Olsen, Deborah Crum and Michael Meliti for watching over Herb and taking such loving care of him during his declining years.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Wayne Seventh Day Adventist Church
218 Ratzer Road
Wayne, NJ 07470

Tribute Wall

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“ To all who have posted on this tribute wall for Herb, I express thanks for your sharing your fond memories of Herb. Reading your posts has brought smiles to my face and I wish I could have met Herb in his younger years.

I first met Herb in 2008 and continued to make pastoral visits 3-4 times a year until his passing in October. I always enjoyed talking with Herb and asking him about his history and family. While Herb did share about his military service, working in various industries, and even his logging years, he liked most to talk about his love of the Lord and the fact that he was hoping for this sinful world to end soon and see Jesus returning to take His saved ones home to heaven.

I offer my condolences and prayers for all the family and friends of Herb who are mourning his passing at this time. May God grant to all of you peace and comfort at this time. I hope to meet you at his memorial service on the 26th.

*Pastor Jim Greene
Director of Trust Services
New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

Pastor Jim Greene - November 16, 2016 at 07:51 PM

MM

“ Greetings to all that have posted below with wonderful memories of Herb. I am Herb's friend and attorney, and I have been involved with many aspects of his life over the past several years. It is an honor to read your wonderful thoughts and expressions of gratitude to Herb. I can attest that Herb was a good man, with a strong heart and a strong faith in God!

I want to inform you that there will be a memorial service for Herb on Saturday, November 26, at 4:00 p.m., at the Wayne Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 218 Rutzer Road, in Wayne, New Jersey. We would be honored if any or all of you and your loved ones could attend that service.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 201-947-4100, or by email to mpmeliti@aadglaw.com.

Thank you and please accept my condolences to all of you who may be grieving or reflecting at this time.

Michael Meliti

Michael Meliti - November 15, 2016 at 05:11 PM

“ I am hoping that one of Herb's family members checks back to this site to see my post! This is Cindy Olsen and my husband Larry Olsen. We were long time neighbors of Herbs in Oak Ridge NJ. We cannot recall what year he moved in next door, but we guess it was around the early 90's. He was our neighbor for at least 25 years. And, he was a great neighbor! He used to spend all day working on his modest log cabin home. He would paint and fix things on a regular basis. He was always doing maintenance to his car and also spent hours tinkering with small engines. He fixed our lawn mowers many times in addition to helping other neighbors. We shared several conversations over the years about the Yankees. In the summer months, we would share vegetables with Herb from our garden. He would, in turn, bring us vegetables from a farmers market that we had not grown. For the most part, he kept to himself, and stayed busy around his house.

In Herbs later years, his eyesight was failing. He could no longer see to drive. Larry and I stepped in and did what we could for him. Larry would help with paperwork and I with his food shopping. Herb was always so grateful. He would only ask for bare essentials. I ask what he liked as a treat, but he would say, nothing really. Finally he asked one day for pie! Apple pie. It wasn't until Debbie Crum took over as his caretaker that we found out his love for ice cream! Boy did he love ice cream.

It was the winter of 2015 that we finally got Herb to agree to see an eye doctor, and months later, and many appointments to correct his cataracts, he once again had 20/40 eyesight! After his surgery, he giggled with glee when we got to the car! He could read the license plate ahead of us, he could see the leaves in the trees and clouds in the sky! He was so so happy! And we were so happy for him. It brought tears to my eyes that I got to witness his restored eyesight. Unfortunately, his health started to diminish months later, and he didn't get out much after that. But, he was content just being able to live out the rest of his life in his own home. He felt very fortunate for that ability and grateful to everyone who helped him be able to do

that.

Larry and I moved to NY state about a year ago and our very close friend, Debbie, took over as his care taker. Herb and the two of us were very grateful for her help!

Your Brother, and your Uncle, was a great neighbor and friend. As the country song goes, he was Humble and Kind. He would tell me that he was happy with his life and he was ready to have God bring him home. He said that for years!

We have enjoyed reading your memories of Herb from years ago. He shared with us about his Army days, his love of fishing and hunting, but we did not know about his 'need for speed', so we loved hearing about his old car and boat!

We wish all of Herbs family the very best and we send our deepest condolences.

cindy olsen - November 13, 2016 at 01:23 PM

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“ *I think what I will remember most about Uncle Herbie was his dedication to his family. Especially my father, Dave. I always thought of him as a quite presence around our home in Allendale. Although he liked to keep to himself, dad knew he could always count on him when in need. Thank you for being a great brother to dad. Bobbie.*

Barbara Marsh - November 05, 2016 at 09:34 AM

“ MEMORIES OF HERB

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Upon his return, I enjoyed many rides around the fields of pop Klaschka's property on the wooden flat bed of the old stripped down Durante truck which Herb drove very fast accurately avoiding bushes, rocks, and brush. We of course used wooden milk crates for seats. He seemed to enjoy it as much as I.

As had been stated by others, Herb was an avid hunter and extremely knowledgable regarding firearms; especially rifles. He taught me a great deal about the safe operation of shotguns and high powered rifles that he used in hunting deer, moose and bears. My favorite was his 30/30 and his over under 22 caliber/410 gauge shotgun for plinking varmints.

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The one favor I could never repay to this man called Herb (one among many) was his volunteering to take my wife Sharon for her N.J. driver license test. We almost divorced by my trying to teach her to drive and my Dad had to jump in with Uncle closing the deal.

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Brian Klaschka

Maui Hawaii

Brian Klaschka - November 02, 2016 at 04:10 PM

JK

“*I always thought of Uncle Herb as a Cool Guy! He had a very fast car and a speed boat. One visit to New Jersey Uncle Herb gave us a ride on his boat and we ended up in New York. He had the fastest boat on the lake and he proved it that day. He liked to fish and one day, on his way to Maine, he made a point to stop and say Hi to me and my new wife, Fran. We will miss him.*

John Klashka

John Klashka - October 30, 2016 at 12:33 PM

BK

“ *My Dad worked as foreman in T&W dairy in Ridgewood, NJ when I was young and Uncle Herb worked there, too. I remember going in late one night to check the machines with Dad and all the men had lockers and there was Uncle Herb's marked 'Big Herb.' There was another man who was much smaller called little Herb. Whenever I would see Uncle Herb out and about, I thought of him as Big Herb, he was about 6'4" tall and to a little kid, this was indeed BIG! And of course, it was a dairy and they sold ice cream so Big Herb and ice cream forever was a fond memory! RIP, Uncle Herb. Bonnie*

Bonnie Klaschka - October 29, 2016 at 08:49 PM