



Henry "Hank" Helo II

October 10, 2015

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Rayne, LA--Funeral services for Henry "Hank" Helo, II, 65, of Rayne will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. in Gossen Funeral Home Chapel, Rayne. Father Kevin Bordelon will officiate. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery #2 Mausoleum, Rayne.

Visitation will be held on Monday, October 12, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. in Gossen Funeral Home Chapel, with a rosary being recited at 7:00 P.M. Visitation will continue on Tuesday from 8:00 A.M. until service time in the funeral home.

Mr. Helo passed away due to surgical complications on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 7:29 A.M. in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Born in Orlando, FL on June 19, 1950, Mr. Helo was a lifetime resident of Acadia Parish. He was raised in Crowley, and was a graduate of Notre Dame High School, and of the University of Southwest Louisiana, where he was a member of the USL Bowling Team, and was captain of the USL Billiards Team.

Mr. Helo was a resident of Rayne for the past 36 years, and he worked for

New York Life Insurance Company, retiring after many years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, and served as Past President and member of Notre Dame Athletic Board.

Survivors include his wife of over 39 years, Susie LeBlanc Helo of Rayne; daughters, Elizabeth Blake and husband, Ryan of Rayne, and Amy Albers and husband, James of Rayne; son, Henry Helo, III and wife, Summer of Crowley; sister, Linda Helo of Crowley; grandchildren, James Blake, Jonathon Blake, Jonah Blake, Jace Blake, Julia Blake, Jackson Albers, Amelia Helo, and Isla Helo; nieces, Sarah Helo, Dalel Helo, and Andrea Helo; nephew, Sahid Helo; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Preceding Mr. Helo in death were his parents, Henry Helo, I, and Carita Thibodeaux Helo; brother, Kalil Mark Helo; and brother-in-law, Donnie LeBlanc.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Rayne Catholic Elementary School, St. Michael Elementary School, Notre Dame High School, and Shriners Hospital for Children, 3100 Samford Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery #2

400 East Betty Street
Rayne, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 12. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Chapel
504 N. Polk St
Rayne, LA 70578

Rosary

OCT 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Chapel
504 N. Polk St
Rayne, LA 70578

Visitation

OCT 13. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Chapel
504 N. Polk St
Rayne, LA 70578

Service

OCT 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Chapel
504 N. Polk St
Rayne, LA 70578

Tribute Wall

PT

“ *Condolences to you Susie and your family , Hank being gone only makes my world a little smaller. When my father died I had a hole blown trough me as big as the sky and Hank help filled some of that void as he loved my father as much as I did , Ive always respected and loved him for what he done . Susie I hope you can find some comfort and healing like what Hank did for me , I wish that for you and your family with all my heart .*



Phil Thibodeaux

Phil Thibodeaux - October 13, 2015 at 07:15 PM

DC

“ *Ms. Susie, Elizabeth and Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. May God bless and may his soul rest in peace.

Rickey & Daphne Comeaux, Maurice, LA

Daphne Comeaux - October 13, 2015 at 04:24 PM

JG

“ *Sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers.*

Jeanette Guidry

JEANETTE GUIDRY - October 13, 2015 at 11:44 AM

PA

“ *Hank was truly one of a kind. I have never felt so welcome in a home as I felt at Hank and Susie's. I also met Hank through the Fredericksburg Ruger gathering, and will always remember the time spent at those gatherings listening to Hank's stories. Hank and Susie invited us to visit their home for a weekend, and we ended up staying four days. Now I wish I could go back and spend even more time.*

I will forever be grateful that Hank made the trip over to visit us before we moved. I will miss you Hank, but I will always be thankful for your friendship.

Paul Anderson - October 12, 2015 at 11:52 PM

BR

“ I can still remember the first time I met Mr. Hank. Elizabeth, true to form, had invited yet another friend from college (me) over to visit while on break---Susie and Hank always opened their lovely home to me and our Natchitoches crew. Two favorite memories of Mr. Hank immediately come to mind; one a story, the other an experience--both unforgettable. First, is the story of the 'strict orders' the Rayne Fire Dept was under to never respond to a house fire at the Helo residence due to the rather large arsenal of fire arms and ammunition scattered throughout. And, of course, any skeptics were given a tour of said firepower which brought a glow to Hank's face each and every time he showed these to others. It didn't matter if it was a minuscule derringer or an air dart made of actual bone from an island safari, he told the stories with passion and excitement that captivated those lucky enough to be in his presence. Hank's stories alone were entertaining enough, but he rarely stopped there. My other favorite memory is him letting me drive his BMW 735 (green exterior, tan interior) at speeds that I will intentionally omit here on this public website...but let's just say that was the fastest I've even been in a moving vehicle. Was Hank worried that I was behind the wheel of his BMW not every having driven one before and not an expert driver? Nope. Was I worried? Yes. However, the worry just faded away when in the presence of Mr. Hank---his calm, collected spirit was very reassuring, even when pressing the envelope. "Don't worry, son." he said, "....they'll never catch us in this." Eyes widened, pedal floored, fun instantaneous. I'm not sure who enjoyed these visits more, Mr. Hank & Mrs. Susie, or Elizabeth, Henry and Amy's friends but one thing is for sure: these experiences, these memories are forever. Love always.

Your other son,
Bryan Alleman

Bryan - October 12, 2015 at 12:19 PM

HH

This is great Bryan. Thanks

Henry

Henry Helo - November 24, 2015 at 04:44 PM

MH

“ *Susie and family: So sorry, I suppose these things are out of our control. He will be a legend to all that knew him.*

Manny Heafner

Manny Heafner - October 12, 2015 at 11:17 AM

LS

Henry so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all the family.

Laura Signorelli - October 12, 2015 at 11:29 AM

HH

Thanks Mrs. Laura

Henry Helo - November 24, 2015 at 04:44 PM

LY

“ *Henry,*

I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. You and your family will remain in my prayers.

Laurie Meyer Young

laurie meyer young - October 12, 2015 at 10:51 AM

HH

Thanks Laurie

Henry

Henry Helo - November 24, 2015 at 04:43 PM

BH

“ Dear Susie, Henry, Elizabeth, Amy & Family, We are so sorry to hear of Hanks passing. Bill knew him for many years and I enjoyed getting to know ya'll during William & Henry's high school years. God give you strength at this most difficult time.

Bill & Maxine de la Houssaye - October 12, 2015 at 10:14 AM

KS

“ May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Hank was a true friend to my brother, Dupre Prejean. How sad to lose them both suddenly the same year. Our thoughts and prayers are for Hank and the Helo Family.

Keith & Carolyn Stutes

keith & carolyn stutes - October 12, 2015 at 06:37 AM

KA

“ Howdy Susie, family and friends. What a loss, Hank was such a good man. I met you guys at a Ruger shoot in Fredericksburg get together. My name is Karl, the first trip was with Judy my wife and the second was with my parents. I surely enjoyed the company, the food and the camaraderie of all there.

I can not tell you how much I enjoyed speaking with and to Hank. We talked there several times and on the phone several times. My life is better because I met him, because we spoke and because we had fun. God bless you all and prayers that you understand that he is with God and will be eternally happy in heaven.

I wish I could be at his service but life intervenes.

Love you Susie, take care and keep in touch.

Semper Fi:

Karl Crim

Karl - October 11, 2015 at 11:58 PM

LE

“ *Susie & family:
I am sure you know, BUT Hank left a HUGE impact on this world and people in it - I for one*

There are MANY who share in this loss - we are all saddened

May the Lord God Almighty give you all His Comfort, Peace & Help during this time

*Len Ehrfurt
Buckeye, AZ*

L.A. Ehrfurt - October 11, 2015 at 11:44 PM

RM

“ As my oldest childhood friend (across the street neighbor in south crowley) hank and i had a special bond... he loved to tell the story of us throwing rocks at each other when we were three years old.. i threw rocks from my alley, and he said he was disadvantaged because all he had in his driveway was shells.. after dark he'd sometimes sneak across the street and steal rocks from my alley.. hank was an amazing person, as well read as anyone i've ever known, super athlete despite his physical handicap, and as honest and genuine a person as you'll ever meet.. he had a million one liners that kept me laughing.. he was generous with his time and money and if you were his friend, he'd literally give you the shirt off his back.. i will miss my dear friend greatly... but i know the past few years were very painful and he's now pain free for the first time in decades.. i pray for susie, his children and grandchildren.. but the memories of hank helo will live on for many, many years to come.. rip hank...

Robbie Martin - October 11, 2015 at 11:28 AM

ZT

“ Dear Susie and Family, my heart is deeply saddened at the passing of Hank. of all the people I've been privileged to meet in this life he was truly one of a kind. he was a friend, a brother and I am honored to have known him. it is my biggest regret that I wasn't able to visit y'all before now but I am going to try my best to be there Tuesday so I can say goodbye to Hank.

i pray that God ease your suffering and comfort you through this hard time.

Zane.

Zane Thompson - October 11, 2015 at 02:30 AM

RB

“ Dearest Susie and family, to say that earth is poorer and heaven is richer does nothing to heal the hurt but please know that Hank touched many lives while he walked among us. His friendship and fellowship was something that had to be experienced to be understood. I will miss his "Hi brotha" when I pick up the phone but cherish the memories and the excitement of knowing he is pain free and waiting for us in heaven.

Robb Barnes

Robb Barnes - October 10, 2015 at 11:35 PM



“ Renee Gossen sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry "Hank" Helo II



Renee Gossen - October 10, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ Renee Gossen lit a candle in memory of Henry "Hank" Helo II



Renee Gossen - October 10, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ Ms Susie I am in dismay to find out about Mr hank .he truly was good man and a friend for life.I have never had a friend like him and probley never will again.he was man of great stories that could thrill a crowd.I will miss him and that lil smile he always gave me in video store.mom sends hers prayers and her sympathy

Renee Gossen - October 10, 2015 at 08:47 PM

SF

“ Susie and family- I am sorry to hear of Hank's passing. It has been many years but remember the times that we all were together at the LeBlanc home. Prayers to your family
Susan Petitjean Flores(now in Oklahoma)

susan flores - October 10, 2015 at 06:27 PM

CH

“ Susie, Elizabeth, Henry, Amy, inlaws, and grandchildren,
So sorry to hear of Hank's passing...His presence was as big as life itself...he will always be with you in spirit...he was a fabulous guy and will be greatly missed...he was such a wealth of knowledge and you all are such a testament of him....God really did break the mold when he made Hank...He adored each and everyone of you, and he always shared those emotions with you both verbally and thru his actions...what a special gift to feel someone's love for you just by being in his presence!
Unfortunately I will not be there in person for the wake and service, but will be in spirit!!!!
I know Hank is sitting in heaven with his parents, Aunt Murley, Uncle Don, his brother, and especially Donnie. You know they are having a heck of a Saturday night...I bet there I a pool game in the process...that would truly be Heaven....love Cecil Hernandez

cecil hernandez - October 10, 2015 at 04:39 PM

CH

“ *My sincerest condolences to Henry's family. I didn't see Henry on very many occasions, yet each time we managed to visit at a family function I truly enjoyed the conversations we had. While only a cousin-in-law, we would usually be able to pick up the subject of whatever he and Susie and I were talking about from the visit before making me feel like I'd known him for a lifetime. Sending love and prayers to all. Connie G. Helo*



Connie G. Helo - October 10, 2015 at 03:26 PM

KO

I lost a brother today. Hank, we never got the chance to ride the river, but I already knew you had my back. I'll see you again some day and we'll catch up where we left off. I'm not that far behind you, my friend...

Ken O'Brien - October 10, 2015 at 07:30 PM

DK

Heartfelt condolences to Susie and family on their loss. I was sick at heart to hear of Hank's passing, and I feel lucky to have known him and even luckier to count him as a friend. Rest in peace, my courageous, generous and gentle friend. I'll never forget you.

Don Kingf

Don King - October 10, 2015 at 08:38 PM

ID

So sorry for your loss, our prayers are with family and friends. Isabella and Cason delaHoussaye

Isabella Delahoussaue - October 12, 2015 at 05:39 PM

JG

*Ms. Susie, Henry, Elizabeth, Amy and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to meet Mr. Hank
a few times and realized what a great husband, father and grandfather
he was. I know your lives will be forever changed but definitely better
because of him.*

My prayers are with each of you at this difficult time.

Jean Guidry

Jean Guidry - October 13, 2015 at 10:58 AM