



Henry A. Wender

October 11, 1932 - January 22, 2026

Henry A. Wender, age 93, of Iron Mountain, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Henry was born on October 11, 1932, in Iron Mountain, Michigan, son of the late Alphonse and Mary (Switzer) Wender. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1950 and was a lifelong resident of the Upper Pine Creek area. On March 8, 1979, Henry married Sheila Gomoll.

A dairy farmer through and through, Henry was born and raised on the family farm, Edelweiss Farm, and devoted his entire life to farming. His passion for agriculture extended beyond his own land and many surrounding farms, as he was actively involved in numerous farming associations throughout the years. Deeply committed to his community, Henry also took an active role in local government and civic service. He served on the Dickinson County Fair Board, the U.P. State Fair Board, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, and the Breitung Township Board of Supervisors.

Henry raised registered Holstein cows, American Saddlebred horses, and hunting dogs for many years and took great pride in showing cows and horses at the Escanaba State Fair and the Norway Fair.

Family was at the heart of Henry's life. He especially cherished watching his

grandson and great-grandson race together at Norway Speedway and never missed any of his family's sporting events. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and greatly enjoyed coffee clutch and countless lunches spent visiting with close friends. He will be greatly missed and his memories shared.

Henry is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Sheila Wender; his son, Don Wender of Iron Mountain; his stepson, Brad (Lisa) Welko of Appleton; grandchildren, Ryan (Nikki) Wender, Amber, (Joe) Meise, Shawn Ellis, Ben (Cece) Welko, and Katie Welko; great-grandchildren, Tony and Raven Wender, Nathan Cotterman, and Macala (Tom) Graham; two sisters-in-law, Patricia Wender and Mary Wender; and many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Duane Wender; his grandson, Ryan Ellis; his sister, Evelyn Bilski; and his brothers, Moni, Simon, Ernest, Edward, John, Joseph, and Francis Wender.

At Henry's request, no services will be held.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ You will be greatly missed by everyone that knew you! Rest in peace, my friend. Our condolences to your family.

Donna Malm - February 04 at 07:14 PM

CS

“ The Linder family would like to acknowledge 85 years of business and friendship with the Wender family, it was a pleasure to know Henry.

Joe and Carol Linder

cindy swille - January 30 at 01:07 PM

DC

Hi do you where is house address I would like to send flowers

daniel canovas - January 31 at 12:34 PM

MO

“ Please accept our condolences on the passing on our neighbor Henry. Thank you to his family for sharing him with our community for so many years, his dedication did not go unnoticed. With sympathy and prayers, Duane Hongisto and Mary Oman

MO - January 30 at 11:59 AM

DC

Hi where was his house thanks

daniel canovas - January 31 at 10:11 AM

SP

“ *Sheila and family I give you's my Deepest Sympathies for the loss of Henry. He was a great man and husband and father. May he RIP* 🙏🙏🙏🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸❤️🎵



Susan Piatti - January 27 at 03:05 PM

DC

Hi do you know his address I would like to send flowers thanks

daniel canovas - January 31 at 12:36 PM

ND

“ *I'm so glad I had a nice phone visit with Uncle Henry this fall.i had some ancestry questions which he answered in detail. His mind was clear and he was happy to share the history. I told him I loved the days of feeding calves, gathering eggs from our grandmother's chickens, playing baseball with the uncles after milking, occasionally eating ice cream on the bench by the little house for a treat, riding on the hay wagon at the end of the day, sledding on The Newland... all good stuff! Henry and I chuckled that the small tasks my sister and I were given were to keep us out of the way of the more serious business of milking. Sad to see the end of this generation... condolences, Don and Sheila.*
Nancy Wender Daley

Nancy Daley - January 27 at 09:25 AM

BN

“ *Prayers are sent by me*

bobby nordell - January 26 at 09:24 PM

TC

“ Henry I will miss you my friend. I enjoyed the coffee time we shared, the phone calls discussing the Packers and Spartans, the rides we took to hundreds of meetings we attended to make Dickinson County a progressive, thriving, competitive and leading County of the U. P. and the State off Michigan. You were a leader and role model for many that served Dickinson County as young County Commissioners.I thank you Lord for giving me such a wonderful friend.

Tom Clarke - January 26 at 07:43 PM

DC

Hi do you know his address I would like to send flowers thanks

daniel canovas - January 31 at 12:38 PM

GW

“ Henry always treated me and my wife Naida and daughters Eliza and Maggie so kindly. Being Duane's friend and Henry accepting me as being allowed to help milk was one of my proudest things I've done in my life. When Duane went to get his stem cell replacement at Marshfield, I told him not to worry, that I would help Henry with evening milking. I'd leave my job and head to the farm to help feed and then milk. One day after we were done milking, Henry and I had to pull a calf from a cow that was having an issue. Henry set up the puller and with he reaching into help and giving me instructions, we gave birth to a Holstein bull calf. Both the mother and the calf doing well. Later when I'd be helping feed the calves, I so wanted to keep that bull calf.

My time at the farm bring me many wonderful memories. I so loved the milkhouse and the bag of peanuts always there to snack on after cleaning the calf pails. There's not been a week that I don't think about Duane, Henry and Buck. I'm still driving my 1979 Ford F150 that use to pull up to the milkhouse and I'd get to throw sticks for Buck before it was time for milking and his time to do his job. I'm so sadden at the news of Henry's passing, but I also know I'm a better person for having to be able to share the love of Henry and Duane's love of being dairy farmers, and knowing them.

My heart goes out to all of you at this time of sorrow. Gerry Weinert

Gerald David Weinert - January 26 at 04:21 PM