



## Henry Gordon Gruber

March 24, 1926 - April 3, 2023

Henry G. Gruber, 97, of Chestertown, MD, passed away April 3, 2023.

A son of Harvey and Lola Ludmilla (Balcerowicz) Gruber, Henry was born March 24, 1926, in Philadelphia.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, the former Marie Gerety, in 2012; his brother Ray, who was killed in action during World War II in 1944; and a grandson, Matthew Gruber.

Henry is survived by six children: Janice (Charles) Haney; Philip (Donna) Gruber; James (Trish, deceased) Gruber; Margaret (Brian) Young; Raymond (Sung-Li Lin) Gruber; and Henry W. Gruber (former wife Rosemary McCulley). He is also survived by ten grandchildren: Megan Haney (Steven Yash), Matthew Haney and Shea Haney (Devin Canup); Laura Rossi, Adam (Katherine) Gruber, Joshua Gruber and Zachary Gruber (partner Lainey Baer); Daniel Young; and Jason and Jackson Gruber, as well as 11 great-grandchildren. Other survivors include a sister, Ellen Dardis; nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Henry served in the U.S. Army during World War II, including in the Philippines and on occupation duty in Japan after hostilities ceased. Following his discharge, he resumed his college education, earning a degree in chemistry from LaSalle University in 1948.

After relocating to the Chestertown area in 1953, he worked for Lehigh Chemical Products, subsequently Tenneco Chemicals, from where he retired in 1984 as the manager of the Worton plant. He was a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Chestertown, where he served through the years as a lector and Eucharistic minister, and on the building and finance committees.

Henry was an active participant in many community organizations throughout his life, including serving on their boards and holding other key leadership positions. These organizations included the American Legion, Heron Point, Hospice of Kent County, Kent Center, Kent County Chamber of Commerce (president, 1972), Kent Youth, Mental Health Association of Maryland, Rotary Club and Salvation Army. Henry also served on the Chestertown Town Council, Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Utilities Commission.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church at 11 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2023, with the Rev. Patrick D. Bergquist officiating. After the service, from noon to 2 p.m., there will be visitation with the family and light refreshments in the church's social hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Henry can be made to Community Food Pantry, 401 High St., Chestertown, MD 21620, or to the American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
508 High Street  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ Henry Gordon Gruber

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Philip

*I want to say I'm really sorry for the loss of your dad. I went to your house a couple of times when we were kids and your dad was very nice to me while I was there. We were in the 3rd grade together so it's been a long time since then but I never forgot going to your house and being welcomed there all these years later.*

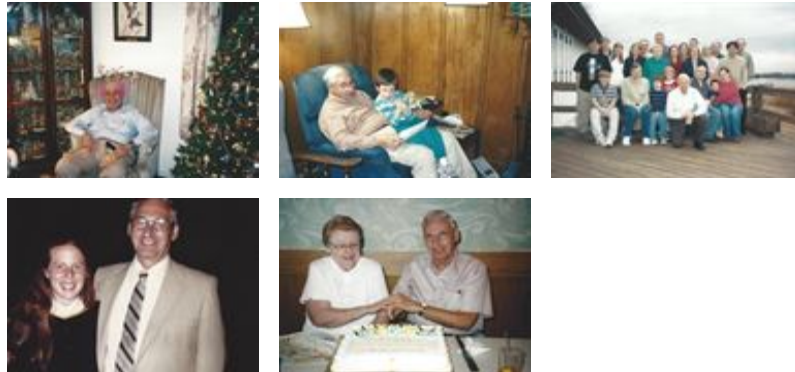
*Sincerely*

*Lonnie(Boomer) Bozarth*

Lonnie Bozarth - May 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 18, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry Gordon Gruber.*



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May 01, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Lee Phillips lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber*



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**Lee Phillips** - April 24, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *Mr. Gruber was an absolute gentleman, and an asset to society. He had my greatest respect.*

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**John M Larrimore** - April 24, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Young Kim lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber. My deepest condolences to the Gruber family.*



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**young kim** - April 12, 2023 at 08:19 AM

CW

“ Like so many people, I have such good memories of my friend Janice’s Dad. All my sympathies to the family.

Cindy (Thompson) Weinmann - April 11, 2023 at 04:30 PM

TS

“ Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Todd and Diane Smith - April 10, 2023 at 11:19 AM

PF

“ I am so sorry to learn of Henry's death. I spent a lot of time at the Gruber household as a kid, playing with his son Hank and his siblings, and I have many fond memories of Mr. Gruber taking care of his family. He always made me feel welcome and his home was always open. My deepest condolences to the entire Gruber family. - Peter Fallaw

Peter Fallaw - April 09, 2023 at 03:07 PM

JS

“ Janet And Greg Seward lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Janet and Greg Seward - April 08, 2023 at 05:13 PM

ML

“ *Marti Lively lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber*



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**Marti Lively** - April 07, 2023 at 03:05 PM

CC

“ *Carol Callaway lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber*



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**Carol Callaway** - April 07, 2023 at 02:55 PM

LB

“ *Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber*



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**Larry Beck** - April 07, 2023 at 11:57 AM

LC

“ *Larry Cocchieri lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber*



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**Larry Cocchieri** - April 07, 2023 at 11:17 AM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Donna Hollett - April 06, 2023 at 05:08 PM

CF

“ Chester River Health Foundation lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Chester River Health Foundation - April 06, 2023 at 04:28 PM

MR

“ Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Maryann Ruehrmund - April 06, 2023 at 04:26 PM

MR

*A true friend and mentor. Henry will be missed.*

Maryann Ruehrmund - April 06, 2023 at 04:28 PM

SQ

“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Sara & David Quinn - April 06, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Nikhia Munson lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Nikhia Munson - April 06, 2023 at 02:26 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Jeanette Stubbs - April 06, 2023 at 12:13 PM

PS

“ Patricia & Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Henry Gordon Gruber



Patricia & Billy Sutton - April 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM