



## Henry Anthony Vassaux

December 22, 1940 - November 8, 2023

Henry (Hank) Anthony Vassaux, 82 of Powell Ohio passed away November 8, 2023. He was born December 22, 1940, to Ricardo Vassaux and Enriqueta Vassaux in Guatemala City, Guatemala. He was married to Rosanne Lindgren on August 6, 1967, in San Rafael, California. He is survived by his wife, Rosanne Vassaux. Loving Dad to daughters, Tamara (Kristopher) Steele and Vicky (Pat) Duffy. Proud Granddad to Nathan Steele, Jack Steele and Ryan Duffy. Survived by sisters Henrietta (Moni) Jonas, brothers John (Janet) Vassaux, Rick (Anne) Vassaux. He enjoyed so many nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by sister Aida Vassaux Barber and parents.

Hank and his family immigrated from Guatemala to Columbus, Ohio when he was 13 years old. He was among the first graduating class at Bishop Watterson High School in 1958. Hank joined the Air Force at age 18 and proudly served from 1959-1963.

He was a Sheet Metal Journeyman for United McGill for several years. He went to college to get a degree in Electronic Engineering. He worked for GTE and Applied Innovation. Following his retirement, he worked at the Columbus Zoo for 14 years. He loved talking about all the animals, especially the giraffes. He also loved working at Krieger Ford.

Hank was a member of Liberty Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed playing on the Men's Travel Golf League with his buddies. He was a talented wood worker who really enjoyed Intarsia.

He recently was selected to go on the Honor Flight Mission 127 on November 2, 2023.

The memorial service will be held at Liberty Presbyterian Church, Home Road & 315 in Delaware on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 4:00 PM. The service will be followed by a reception with family and friends.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to The Columbus Zoo Education Department 4850 W. Powell Road Powell, Ohio 43065, or Honor Flight Columbus PO Box 20133 Columbus, Ohio 43220 or Liberty Presbyterian Church 7080 Olentangy River Road Delaware, Ohio 43015.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Presbyterian Church  
7080 Olentangy River Road  
Delaware, OH 43015  
<http://libertybarnchurch.com/>

# Tribute Wall

IF

“ *Ingrid F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Anthony Vassaux.*

Ingrid F. - November 20, 2023 at 12:01 PM

PB

“ *Rosanne and family,  
I so enjoyed working with Hank during giraffe feedings. He wa such a nice person. He knew how to put people in line with a firm but kind word.  
I'm sure the giraffes will miss him as well.*

*Pat Burger*

Pat Burger - November 17, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Henry Anthony Vassaux.*



November 15, 2023 at 03:36 PM

FF

“ *From the Ehret family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Anthony Vassaux.*

From the Ehret family. - November 15, 2023 at 03:36 PM

LW

“ *Henrietta, Sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. May he rest in peace. Prayers for all.*

*Linda Weiner Bennett, Watterson 66*

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**Linda Weiner** - November 14, 2023 at 09:13 PM

RL

“ *Randall K. Nichols I,,/\_ purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Henry Anthony Vassaux.*



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**Randall K. Nichols I,,/\_** - November 14, 2023 at 07:27 PM

RL

“ *Randall K. Nichols I,,/\_ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Anthony Vassaux.*

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**Randall K. Nichols I,,/\_** - November 14, 2023 at 07:27 PM

SH

“ *I volunteer at the Zoo and loved working with Hank. We both shared our love for UTU. I also know Hank from church. Such a kind and well loved man.*

*My condolences to Rosanne and family!*

*Sharon Hinshaw*

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**Sharon Hinshaw** - November 14, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry Anthony Vassaux.



November 14, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ So many wonderful memories of Uncle Hank. I just saw him when he came to DC for his Honor Flight. I told him how when I was little I hugged on his leg and thought he was my dad; he looked down at little me on his leg and said something sweet and I looked way up and freaked out. Lol. Seeing him in DC was my favorite memory. When Ian handed him the commemorative Korean War coin, he held the metal in his hands rolled his thumb over it and said, “I’ll treasure this...” that teared me up but it just made me see him in an all new light. I will treasure those moments forever. Sending love to Aunt Rosie, Tamara, Kris, Vicky and Duffy and all the grandkids. ❤️



Ellie Vassaux - November 14, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Hank’s passing. He was such a kind, gentle soul. I really enjoyed volunteering at giraffe feeding when he was in charge. He really loved those giraffe! Sometimes he would challenge me to practice my really rusty Spanish with him or with guests. My heart aches for his family and for everyone who loved him. He touched so many of us.

Bev Larson - November 14, 2023 at 04:56 PM