



## Henry A Oswald

August 10, 1939 - February 27, 2019

Former resident of Berkeley Springs WV and Foley Alabama resident Henry {Hank} Anthony Oswald was freed from the limitations of his body caused by brain cancer on February 27, 2019. Surrounded by loved ones he moved into the invisible realm of Spirit, and returned home to God, to continue his eternal life. Henry Anthony Oswald was born on August 10, 1939 in The Bronx New York to Amelia and Andrew Oswald. He was the fourth of six children- Bill [deceased] Jean [deceased] Allen [Mona] Anne Lightbody [deceased] and Mary [Phillip Fragale]. In 1960 he married Erna Jackiet [deceased 2004] and is the loving father of Andrew [Alison] Eric, Henry [Kristin] and daughter in law Carrie Anne. In 2006 he married Anne Murphy and is the loving step father to Maureen [Steve] Wittmer, Colleen [Luke] Sanna, Timothy{Laurie} Murphy and Dan Murphy. He is the proud grandfather of Amanda [Mike] Lord, Amber [Rob] Loader] Rachel {Matt] Thompson and Erna. He is the loving step grandfather of Mary [Sam] Reddinger, Carrie, Jennie and Ellie Wittmer, Meghan, Tim and Kevin Murphy, Brendan, Gabby and Ceci Sanna. He is the great grandfather of Ethan Lord, Vera Thompson and Lucas Loader. He is the step great grandfather of Sawyer and Fitzgerald Reddinger and Audrey Wittmer. He is the loving uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews. Hank was a renaissance man. As a young man, he completed an apprenticeship and became a journeyman pipe fitter, working at the Navy Yards in Brooklyn and near Toms River, New Jersey. Over the years, he worked as a plumber, salesman and a supervisor in Facilities Management. His positions in

Facilities Management were at the Research Triangle in Raleigh NC and at Honeywell Corporation in Maryland. Hank loved to built and create, he crafted a steam powered traction engine from scratch, a project that took over three years to complete. He also build model boats, furniture, and crafted stained glass. He was skillful in carving and created whimsical figures and intricately detailed Celtic Spoons. He was an outdoorsman and avid fisherman of the Potomac and the Shokan New York Reservoir. He was a lover of music and taught himself to play the harmonica and recorder. In recent years, with lessons he learned to play the cello and ukulele. Hank was active in the Berkeley Springs WV community. He was Scrooge for A Dickens of a Christmas, served meals at Starting Points, helped plan and performed in the 2018 Afternoon of Vaudeville at the Ice House. Hank's wife Anne was the Pastor of two churches in West Virginia- Unity of Shepherdstown [2004-2011] and Unity of Berkeley Springs[2012-2018] Hank was a supportive, loving helpmate to her in ministry and both congregations loved him and his humor, his smile and the warm hugs of welcome he gave everyone each Sunday. Hank's family and friends remember him for his wit, intelligence, honesty and goodness. Hank's family are grateful for the excellent loving care he received from Kindred Hospice, his Case Manager Jody RN and Dr Steven Wittmer.

Contributions in his name to -Unity of Gulf Shore 16265 The Loop Gulf Shore, AL 36542 or Starting Points { A Morgan County WV resource center for Morgan County Families} 187 S Green Street Berkeley Springs WV 25411 – would be greatly appreciated

Celebration of Life for Hank Oswald

Sunday March 24 at 5pm a Celebration of Life will be held at the Oswald home for family and friends of Hank

On April 28 A Celebration of Life will be held in Berkeley Springs WV at The

Country Inn 110 S. Washington Street phone 304-258-1200

12 noon Service-luncheon to follow

Special rate \$107 for rooms at Inn- mention Oswald Memorial

For more information call or text Anne- 304-268-4222

# Tribute Wall

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**Amanda** - March 09, 2019 at 11:31 AM



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**Anne Murphy-Oswald** - March 02, 2019 at 10:31 PM

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“ Dearest Anne,

*Joel and I prayerfully wrap you up in the garment of Jesus' love for you and your handsome Henry. Below is a poem I have found profoundly comforting.*

*On The Death Of The Beloved - Poem by John O'Donohue*

*Though we need to weep your loss,  
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,  
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you.*

*Your love was like the dawn  
Brightening over our lives  
Awakening beneath the dark  
A further adventure of colour.*

*The sound of your voice  
Found for us  
A new music  
That brightened everything.*

*Whatever you enfolded in your gaze  
Quickened in the joy of its being;  
You placed smiles like flowers  
On the altar of the heart.  
Your mind always sparkled  
With wonder at things.*

*Though your days here were brief,  
Your spirit was live, awake, complete.*

*We look towards each other no longer  
From the old distance of our names;  
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,  
As close to us as we are to ourselves.*

*Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,  
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,  
Smiling back at us from within everything  
To which we bring our best refinement.*

*Let us not look for you only in memory,  
Where we would grow lonely without you.  
You would want us to find you in presence,  
Beside us when beauty brightens,  
When kindness glows  
And music echoes eternal tones.*

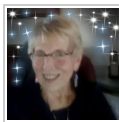
*When orchids brighten the earth,  
Darkest winter has turned to spring;  
May this dark grief flower with hope  
In every heart that loves you.*

*May you continue to inspire us:*

*To enter each day with a generous heart.  
To serve the call of courage and love  
Until we see your beautiful face again  
In that land where there is no more separation,  
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,  
And where we will never lose you again.*

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**Diana C Hughes** - March 02, 2019 at 10:57 AM



*Thank you so much Diana and Joel. The poem is beautiful.*

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**Anne Murphy-Oswald** - March 02, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ Anne Murphy-Oswald lit a candle in memory of Henry A Oswald



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Anne Murphy-Oswald - March 01, 2019 at 10:09 PM

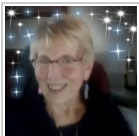


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Anne Murphy-Oswald - March 01, 2019 at 09:05 PM



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Anne Murphy-Oswald - February 28, 2019 at 08:57 AM