



# Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr.

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### Henry Emilio, Jr. Obituary

Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr., 72, of Elyria, went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday September 24, 2025 at Ames Family Hospice House, Westlake. He was born May 25, 1953 in Binghamton, NY to Henry and Alice Emilio. Henry was a 1971 graduate of Oceanside High School in New York and a 1975 graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois. After completing his master's degree at Kent State University, Henry began a 36-year teaching career with Elyria City Schools. Following retirement in 2015, he continued working with students at Open Door Christian Schools and in 2021 concluded a 40-year career as an educator. He attended Church of the Open Door for many years and served in church ministries. He enjoyed many hobbies, especially those he could share with his family. Photography, fishing, skiing, sailing, grilling, and making people laugh were some of his favorites; the results of a youthful vigor which he kept until the end. Above all, Henry's Christian faith was the most important to him, inspiring his passion for helping others and his selfless spirit. He was kind and caring to everyone he encountered and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Henry is survived by his wife of 36 years, Amy J.; sons, Jeffrey (Leah) Emilio of Cleveland and Ryan Emilio of Lakewood; sister, Lorraine (Neal) Frank; aunts, Rita Emilio and Martha Alfonso; many nieces & nephews, beloved cousins, sisters and brothers-in-law, and other members of a large, loving family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be received Thursday, October 2, 2025 from 10:00 am until the time of a 12:00 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria with Pastor John Jacobs officiating. Burial will follow in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria.



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Memorial contributions may be made to the family for the purpose of a student's scholarship or to donor's choice.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr., please visit our floral store.

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## Tribute Wall

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**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr.** posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr. We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Purple radiance was purchased for the family of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr.. Send Flowers With deepest sympathy Steve, Lynn, Liz and Nate, Jon

April 22 at 8:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr.. Plant a Tree For one of my all-time favorite friends. RIP, Henry! Love, Marilyn

April 22 at 8:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr.. Plant a Tree

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**The Elliott Family** posted:

Forest fresh was purchased for the family of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr. by The Elliott Family. Send Flowers With Love and heartfelt sympathy, Glen & Cindy Elliott, Glen Thomas & Lisa, Jordan & Bella, Joshua The Elliott Family

April 22 at 8:55 AM



**The Benko Family** posted:

Purple designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr. by The Benko Family. Send Flowers We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. The Benko Family

April 22 at 8:55 AM



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MF

**Mark And Stacy Johnson And Family** posted:

Petals aglow was purchased for the family of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr. by Mark and Stacy Johnson and family. Send Flowers We will forever treasure our friendship! We will miss you, Hank. God blessed you with a wonderful family! Mark and Stacy Johnson and family

April 22 at 8:55 AM

LP

**Love To You And The Boys, Marjorie & Paul** posted:

Small dish garden was purchased for the family of Henry D. "Hank" Emilio, Jr. by Love to you and the boys, Marjorie & Paul. Send Flowers

April 22 at 8:55 AM

MS

**Mark Smith** posted:

My deepest sympathies to Amy and the rest of the family. Hank was truly one of the kindest people I ever had the pleasure of working with. You are all in my thoughts. Mark Smith - Eastern Heights

October 2 at 6:01 AM



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SH

**Steve Hortegas (H)** posted:

Henry is in essence to me the kind, gentle, empathetic brother I had always wished for. We had adventures riding our white Peugeot bikes in downtown Toronto, pitching a tent backwards on pristine LI and NC beaches, hanging out in Chicago for some great food, photographing sites together, and hitting some luxury at the Palm Court in NYC (with Amy, once, I might add.). We enjoyed Wheaton together with some of our favorite people— Dr Zondra Lynblade and Dr William Phemister... Zondra and Bill to us. Just saw Bill and Maryanne, and they were shocked. They remember him as a very handsome guy - which he is. Better yet, my brother epitomizes, in my opinion, the promise in Matthew 5 from the sermon on the mount. "Blessed are meek" - not a wilted flower, but a strong tree that knows its life source, and shares that as a gift to provide shade for others. And even if it is cut down, it still gives for a warm and cozy fire in the fireplace. Henry would give his life for his family. Amy (you are such a special and loving person), Jeff and Leah, Ryan, Lori, and Aunt Martha, you and I are enriched by knowing Henry and his gentle yet strong spirit. Ryan and Jeff, when I asked H (as we called each other) how to pray for him, he said instead to pray for you two, that you will see how God was working in all this. Only you can answer this, but he blessed me as he stayed strong in his faith, and love for you, forever. I have no doubt based on Scripture, that Henry walked right into the Jesus' open arms and rested there for a bit as he entered into Eternity, perfect rest, healed, healthy, the new Henry. He was a stronger spiritual person in college compared to me. And that may well be all through our lives. He would want us all to know that perfect rest we have in Him, as we keep on surrendering. I am learning it is indeed a hard, life long exercise for a greater reward. I am looking forward to being with you, on the new earth and new Heaven some day, H.. and your welcoming me with your open arms as well. We are bound to have some great adventures. Our Father is good.

September 27 at 6:33 AM

PK

**Paul Kothe** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed working with Hank. Hank always had the calming words for both staff and students while we worked together at Eastern Heights.

September 29 at 3:37 PM

KR

**Keith Rybarczyk** posted:

Dear Amy and Henry's Family, I had the pleasure of working with Hank when I was an Intervention Specialist with Elyria Schools. Hank would always help me with anything I needed and he was always there for all the students he worked with. We always had a great laugh during the day to make the day better. Hank was a good hearted man and always well respected. I'm so sorry to hear the news of his passing. May his days in heaven be filled with all the things he loved doing in his free time here. You will all see him again one day. In my prayers. Keith Rybarczyk

September 29 at 10:52 AM



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SB

**Sandy Brisbin** posted:

Eddie and I are so sorry for your loss. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts.

September 29 at 10:39 AM

AA

**Anne (Gluvna) Arno** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Emilio...he taught my brother many moons ago and made a lasting impact on his life as well as the rest of my family. He was calm, nurturing, encouraging, understanding and above all so kind-hearted. My brother learned so much more than academics from Mr. Emilio, he learned that what he felt and said mattered. What a great gift to give a young man.

September 29 at 10:26 AM

KB

**Kerry Brillhart** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Hank at Eastern Hts. back in the day. He was such an incredible teacher! So kind and patient! He will be missed.

September 29 at 10:17 AM

KF

**Kari Joyce-Foreman** posted:

Dear Amy and family, I am so very sorry to read about Hank's passing. Although I haven't seen him since my retirement from Elyria Schools many years ago, I will always remember his kind soul, and how he made everyone around him feel special and seen. He had a gentle way that drew people to him. He single-handedly changed the lives of his students by being a loving presence. Well-done, Hank. Very well-done. Blessings and love to you all.

September 27 at 6:33 AM



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