



Henry George Freeman

January 7, 1947 - April 10, 2025

Henry "Hank" George Freeman, age 78, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at TidalHealth Nanticoke Hospital in Seaford, surrounded by loved ones. While the last several months have been painful and hard to bear, Hank never complained- he dealt with it with dignity and grace. Born on January 7, 1947, in St. James, Minnesota, he was a son of the late Wilhelmina "Minnie" and George Freeman. Hank led a life filled with rich experiences and cherished memories.

Hank courageously served his country in the United States Navy, completing two tours in Vietnam, where he earned two service medals and later being recalled to serve during the Desert Shield campaign. His commitment to his country was unwavering, and he continued to honor his service as a member of the American Legion during his time in Pennsylvania.

Hank's career with BCI as a truck driver, transporting equine and pet supplies, ended too soon due to health issues. However, when working, he truly enjoyed being out on the open road and helping his clients and co-workers whenever he was able. He was grateful to recognize that his job took him to see places he would have never seen and meet great people that he would never have met.

A man of simple pleasures, Hank found joy in the great outdoors. He was an avid camper, boater, and fisherman, embracing the tranquility of country living. His heart raced for the thrill of NASCAR, particularly for his beloved Richard Petty, whom he was fortunate enough to meet several times. Hank's passion

for old school NASCAR brought him great joy and a sense of community among fellow fans.

Hank's legacy will be remembered through those who loved him and shared in his passions. He is survived by his devoted wife of almost 48 years, Carol Ann (Whaley) Freeman; and his adoring daughter, Carol Lee Vitro and husband, Victor of Hazle Township, PA; a sister, Jeanette Granum; a cousin, who was as close as a brother to him, Larry Bohm; his mother-in-law, Catherine Cook; and his beloved 4 legged dogs, Bailey and Scrappy.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

A memorial service to honor Hank's life and legacy will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Faith UCC Church, 21 Faith Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202. Family and friends are invited to gather to celebrate his remarkable life, reflect on cherished memories, and share stories that will carry his spirit forward. He will be laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, Delaware on Friday, May 2, 2025, where a chapel service with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Legion in your area in memory of Hank.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

Faith UCC Church
21 Faith Drive
Hazleton, PA 18202

Graveside Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery
26669 Patriots Way
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Missing my second Dad!! Camping & the holidays won't be the same without you!! My heartfelt love, hugs & prayers to all the family. He was a loving man & loved everyone dear to his heart. You may be gone from this world, Dad, but you will forever be in our hearts!! Love you!! RIP ❤️*

Heather Bartek - April 20, 2025 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Daddy I will always love you. I'm heartbroken that you had to leave us. I know you will always be my guardian angel!!! May you find peace and love until we meet again. Vic, Teddy, Xena and I will keep your memories close to our hearts. Love your Peanut.*

Carol Lee Vitro - April 18, 2025 at 02:57 PM

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Farewell to one awesome person. Your service to our country was stupendous. You will always be a man of honor 🇺🇸 in my eyes. May you rest in 🙏 and hope we meet again. Mary Lou

Mary Andrews - April 19, 2025 at 02:23 PM