



Harvey J. Henning

September 13, 1923 - September 9, 2015

Harvey J. Henning died Wednesday evening surrounded by his family just four days short of his 92nd birthday.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. Rev. Eric Leshner will officiate. Burial with military rites provided by the Kearney American Legion Post #52, V.F.W. Post #759 and the Nebraska National Guard Military Honors Team will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, September 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney.

Harvey was an entrepreneur who grew Cash Wa Candy Company into what is now known as Cash-Wa Distributing, Harvey will forever be remembered as an incredibly friendly, unassuming, welcoming friend to everyone he met. Those who met him will never forget his friendship, humor, kindness and ability to connect with people.

Born September 13, 1923, to Martha (Daake) and Edward Henning, he married Betty Saathoff Henning with whom he recently celebrated his 68th wedding anniversary. Henning spent his entire life in the Kearney area. He grew up on a farm near Haven's Chapel, north of town, and graduated from Kearney High School in 1941. He worked his entire life at Cash-Wa, starting with deliveries on bicycles around town as a teen to eventually buying and

growing the business. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943-1946, Henning returned to Kearney and eventually purchased the business in 1957. He was an avid golfer and outdoorsman, enjoyed playing cards with friends, loved spending time at the ranch working outdoors with cattle and horses. He enjoyed spending weekends during the summer at Johnson Lake playing golf, fishing and entertaining friends. Most of all, he was a loving, dedicated father to five sons.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Rob Morris Lodge, Scottish Rite, the Jesters, Fort Kearney Shrine Club, and the Kearney Cosmopolitan Club. He held numerous leadership positions in professional organizations associated with Cash Wa's business. He was a philanthropist, supporting numerous charities focused on making Kearney a better place. A believer in higher education, Harvey and Betty recently established the Henning Family Scholarship Fund with the University of Nebraska Foundation as a permanent endowment to provide annual financial aid forever to undergraduate students at the University of Nebraska – Kearney.

Survivors include his wife Betty of Kearney, son Tom and wife Mary of Kearney, daughter-in-law Judy of Kearney, son Greg and his wife Sue of North Platte, son Bob and his wife Michele of Kearney, and son Steve and his wife Stacey of Pacific Palisades, California. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren, Chad and his wife Melisa Henning of Kearney, Michelle and her husband Andy Harter of Kearney, Stacy and her husband Jeremy Hurt of Kearney, Nicole and her husband Jason McNeil of Shanghai, China, Matthew and his fiancé Jamalee Jenkins of Amherst, Kaleena and her husband Brian Shannon of Lincoln, and Christopher Henning of Pacific Palisades; and nine great-grandchildren, Logan, Ethan and Kyler Harter of Kearney, Makenna, Cecil and Bailey Henning of Kearney, Kennedy and Kassidy Hurt of Kearney and Colette McNeil of Shanghai, China. .

He is preceded in death by his parents, son Gary, granddaughter Bari Lou Henning, and sister LaVonne Sheen, all of Kearney.

Memorials will be to the First Lutheran Church and the "Henning Family Scholarship" fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harvey J. Henning*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Tom I was so sorry to hear of the loss of you father. Please know that you and yours are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. God bless.*

Cecilia Halsey - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom, Mary and family: Was so sorry to learn of your dads passing. Quite a legacy hes left for the foodservice industry. Our sympathies.*

Patty Duffey and Ray Thomas - September 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was hoping to be able to attend Harveys visitation or funeral however will not be able to. Harvey meant so much to me. He was a mentor to me in my growth as a salesperson for the company he built simply in the way he presented himself and the products he would acquire for us to sell. Harvey always treated me as a member of his family and after all I was. I have spent the majority of my life working with the Henning family. I am so lucky to have been blessed to work for a company built on Harveys principles of family first, respect and loyalty.*

Jim Dobbe - September 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I was a driver for many years out of North Platte. The Hennings were one of the finest families I could have worked for, and it was certainly an honor knowing them. My prayers and thoughts are with them at this time.

Mike mueller - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Harveys passing. He lead his family into a great business. We so enjoyed the family especially Gary and Bob. We also enjoyed Judy and girls. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Rogene Daharsh - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ To the entire Henning family, I am so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure knowing Harvey and having the opportunity to deal with him for many years. There just wasnt a nicer, more caring man to have known. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Christy Miller, Warren Distribution - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Bob, Michele & Family,
So sorry to hear of Harveys passing! May you find some comfort in all the wonderful memories & strength from the love that surrounds you! Know that he is in eternal peace with the Lord in heaven!

*With Sincere Sympathy
Jim & Marie Hoppenstedt.*

Marie Hoppenstedt - September 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Tom and Mary - so sorry to hear of Mr Hennings death. We wish to express our sympathy and our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Bob & Nancy Bonenberger

Bob Bonenberger - September 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ Tom, so sorry for your loss.

Tom & Mary

Tom & Mary Quandt - September 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ I will always remember this great man. He was a pleasure to know and was always a "firecracker".. My sincerest condolences.
- Will

Will Pierson - September 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Tom sorry for your loss . looks like your dad had a good run . Martin

Martin Thurston - September 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Henning but I have worked for years with many associates of Cash-Wa and the sister companies. Each person always expresses, their individual sincerity and commitment to the projects weve worked on together with the utmost respect. Im sure this is a trait handed down through the generations from Mr. Henning. My heart & prayers are with the family, friends and Cash-Was families at this time. In Christ Love,
Jackie

Jackie Marr - September 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ As we all know; there are too many lives that Harvey touched. It was a pleasure serving him at Northridge. Harvey always had a smile on his face and no matter how bad he felt; he always asked about my family and wanted to know what was going on and was always offering "fun items" to fundraise for my girls in H.S. His love for his family was unconditional and he was a very dedicated man to his customers, friends and anyone else he could help. He will be missed.

Sincerely,
Jennifer

JENNIFER LONG - September 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM