



## Henry Paul Trinkes

July 16, 1946 - April 7, 2014

Henry P. Trinkes, 67, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2014. He was surrounded by his loving family at his home in Springfield, Virginia. In January of this year, he was diagnosed with a rare form of bile duct cancer (cholangiocarcinoma). Henry was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and grew up on the family farm on St. Joseph Ridge. He attended St. Joseph Ridge Catholic School, followed by Holy Cross Seminary in La Crosse for high school and college. In 1968, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. He received a Masters of Science in Technology of Management in 1979 from American University in Washington D.C. In his early twenties he survived a bout of Hodgkins' lymphoma, and the experience gave him an appreciation and a love for life.

After serving two years in the Army including one year in Vietnam, he left the military to search for work in the technology field. His search lead him to a job as a programmer for the Department of Defense in the Washington D.C. area. Although he thought at the time he'd be in D.C. for just a couple of years, those 'couple of years' turned into a long and distinguished career. As a civil servant with the federal government, he worked for the Department Logistics Agency (DLA), Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) and Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office (JECPO), before he retired in 2003.

His retirement lasted for two years before he went back to work, this time in

the private sector as a contractor with Salient Federal Solutions, until the present time. He volunteered for ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) for many years and found it a very rewarding experience. He was also a member of the American Legion and Knights of Columbus. After living in Northern Virginia for most of his adult life, he remained a Green Bay Packer fan. He was an excellent wood worker, gardener, and became a pretty good cook as well. He was a wonderful man...patient, kind, humble, and so considerate of others. He was the epitome of many values that seem so rare today.

As a single parent he proudly raised two sons, Justin and Stephen. In 1990, he met Pat Sykes, the love of his life, and they were married 10 years later in Springfield, Virginia. Pat was also raised on a dairy farm in Madison, Wisconsin...strange how two farm kids from Wisconsin met in a church in Arlington, Virginia and developed a relationship that was second-to-none. Henry and Pat loved to travel and explore new places, especially if the mode of transportation was a cruise ship.

In addition to his sons, Justin (Nancy) and Stephen (Audrey), he is survived by two stepchildren, Tracy Calizon (bobby) and Matthew Sykes. He was a wonderful and adored Grandpa to Ellie, Tyson, and Erwin. He is survived by his brother Marvin Trinkes, and his sister Rose Brown, both of La Crosse. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hilary and Irene Trinkes and his sister, Margaret Trinkes, all of La Crosse.

A visitation and memorial service was held in Alexandria, Virginia on April 10, 2014 at Jefferson Funeral Chapel. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, April 12, 2014, at St. Joseph's Ridge Parish, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Military rites will be provided by the Coon Valle VFW post. Friends and family may call Saturday morning from 9:30 AM until the beginning of Mass. The Schumacher-Kish

Funeral Home and Cremation Services in La Crosse is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) and Wounded Warriors Project ([www.woundedwarriorsproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorsproject.org)). Online guestbook is available at [www.schumacher-kish.com](http://www.schumacher-kish.com).

# Tribute Wall



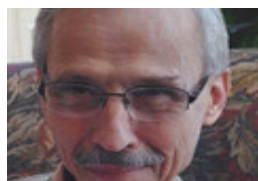
“ *Henry Paul Trinkes*

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“ *I worked with Henry at the JECPO. He was a good man, great to work with, good at what he did, and he was always pleasant and cheerful. My sympathy to his entire family on your loss.*

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April 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Henry was a good friend and co-worker he will be missed. Pat - Your husbands love will always be with you. May your memories of all the simple pleasures you shared bring yu comfort today and the days ahead.*

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April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I've had the pleasure of working with Henry for several years. He was respected and admired by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. I feel honored that God allowed Henry into our lives for a little while (albeit too short of a time) - our lives were enriched because of it. I pray fond memories of Henry will help bring peace to his immediate family - as well as his DISA family alike.

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April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ As I sit here shocked, trying to complete this written dedication, I can only reiterate what was said by so many others before me who too were privileged to have known Henry Trinkes. I met Henry in June 2005, as I too was a new employee of DISA at the CPK location. He immediately welcomed me, extended his hand in friendship, and never&#226;€&#166;never retracted. He had a warm personality (i.e., approachable), an engaging character (i.e., always willing to assist), and a happy disposition (i.e., always smiling). Needless to say, he will be greatly missed. God bless Henry Trinkes, and my sincerest condolences to the Trinkes family.

J. A. Smith  
Friends Forever

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April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ It was a great honor to have known and worked with Henry. Our days go back to DASC and DLA at Cameron Station and then again at DISA. He was a wonderful man and a good friend. He will be truly missed. My sincere condolences to Pat and the rest of Henry's family. His memory will live on in our hearts.

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April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences. May you have the strength to go through this difficult time of great loss.

*Learning about Henry's passing was a shock to me and everybody here at DISA I spoke with. We'll always fondly remember his great personality, his kindness, and his big heart. I feel blessed I had the opportunity to work with him. It was a great experience that ended abruptly.*

*May he rest in peace.*

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April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. Henry was one of the most kind and gentle individuals, I had ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and smile for anyone in need: his loss will be sorely felt.

*A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again. ~Maya Angelou  
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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I Am so sorry for your loss. I worked with him on many projects at work and he always brought a smile and a cheerful attitude to anything he did. We will surely miss him.

*EIDee*

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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Pat for the wonderful memories. Henry was such a special guy. Joanie and I will always remember his kindness and his love. He was a good listener and you were a special couple. Thank God he did not suffer long. Our prayers are with you and your wonderful family. He will be missed, but he is in a much better place now. God bless you and your family. Joanie Criste and Bob Morig

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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Trinkes was a blessing to work with and learn from at DISA. He will be sorely missed!!

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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Henry Trinkes left a lasting working relationship even though it has been many years since I worked directly with him. He was very pleasant to work with and always had the answer or knew where to find it for all my questions. My sympathy goes to the family during this time.

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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Henry off and on throughout my career with DISA and have the fondest of memories of him. He was always a calming voice of reason and had a ready smile. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family during this time of sadness.

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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



*“ I had the honor of working with Henry some years ago. Henry was a kind and honorable man who was a pleasure to work with. My heartfelt condolences to his family on thier loss as I'm sure he will be missed.*

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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



*“ My condolences to Henry's family. I worked with Henry several years back and I am saddened to hear of his passing. Henry was a good person.*

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April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



*“ Henry you will be missed. God bless your family in the name of Jesus during this time of loss. Big Hugs*

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April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



*“ He was a beloved coworker and a delightful DISA friend. I will always remember him for his cheerful smile and his kind demeneor towards everyone. May the lords blessings be with his family and love ones during this time. I will truly miss him!*

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April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



*“ I was deeply impacted by Henry and his wisdom. As a direct coworker I can say he was always a man to be trusted. He always treated every person with respect. It was my great honor to call him a mentor, and I know my life is better from knowing him and learning from him. I am praying for his family and the loss.*

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April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with his family. Loss always has a way of reminding us to live and love as greatly as we can. Henry will always be in our hearts, and will be missed at DISA.*

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April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Pat for sharing the sad news of Henry. He was such a wonderful guy and my fond memories of Henry are dancing the night away on a particular ski weekend in Bryce many years ago. I have lived in Colorado for the past 10 years, but DSW was such an important part of my healing and life.  
Hugs to you and your family.  
Pat Kacsmarik Andrews*

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April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Mr. Henry P. Trinkes:  
Thank you for sharing such a great, patience, respectful, and loving man with us at DISA. Henry had such a kind spirit. The kind spirit that didn't revile when being revile, the kind spirit that turned the other cheek, and the kind spirit that when someone sued him for his tunic, he gave them his cloak as well. He will be truly missed in his earthly presence. However, I know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! To God be the glory for the life of Henry!*

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April 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM