

Henry W. Hitner Jr.

October 9, 1939 - August 20, 2025

Henry W. Hitner PhD, age 85, of Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, passed away on August 20, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of intellect, humor, and heartfelt devotion to family.

Henry was born in Bethlehem, PA. to the late Henry and Helen (Urban) Hitner. He served honorably in the United States Navy before dedicating his life to academia as a respected professor. His passion for science and education touched countless students and colleagues, and his contributions as an author helped shape the field he loved so deeply.

A first-generation college graduate, Henry earned a B.S. in Biology from Moravian College and later a M.Ed. in Biology from West Chester University. He completed his PhD in Pharmacology at Hahnemann Medical College (Philadelphia) before embarking on a new career that bridged industry and academia. In the early years he worked as a toxicology research assistant at Wyeth Laboratories and as a research pharmacologist at National Drug Company in Philadelphia.

Henry joined the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) where he spent three decades teaching and conducting research, ultimately serving as Professor and Vice Chair of the department of Neuroscience, Physiology & Pharmacology. Over the years, Henry received the Lindback Foundation

Award for Distinguished Teaching and a Mentor Award from the National Student Association.

Beyond Campus, Henry reached countless learners as lead author of the textbook Pharmacology: An Introduction. This was a standard reference in many allied health and medical programs.

Hank was an avid reader who loved the beach, traveling, gardening, Penn State football and playing the trumpet.

However, Hank's greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. At any gathering you could find him entertaining kids with his impressive Donald Duck impressions.

Henry is survived by his wife, Carlotta (Cardamone) Hitner; children, Lisa (Todd) Peterman, Daniel (Julianne) Hitner, Michelle (William) Anderson and Carlotta (Jeffrey) Myers; cherished grandchildren, Catherine, Casey, Reese, William, Madison, Bailey, Nicholas, Patrick and Megan; sister, Susan Baker.

Visitation: Sunday, September 14th 2:00 pm at Kovacs Lombardo Funeral Home 530 W. Woodland Avenue Springfield

Service: Sunday, September 14th 3:00 pm at Kovacs Lombardo Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://alzfdn.org/>

Interment: Private

Condolences: www.lombardofuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kovacs Lombardo Funeral Home
530 W. Woodland Ave.
Springfield, PA 19064
(610) 544-3222

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



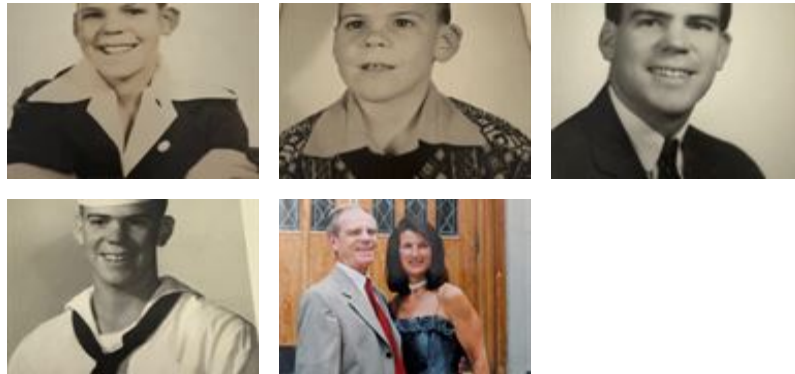
“ *Lombardo Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry W. Hitner Jr.*



Lombardo Funeral Homes - September 12, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ *84 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lombardo Funeral Homes - September 12, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ *The Pixley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry W. Hitner Jr..*

The Pixley Family - September 12, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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“ *The Pixley Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry W. Hitner Jr..*



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“ *The Nolin Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Henry W. Hitner Jr..*



The Nolin Family - September 11, 2025 at 10:48 AM

HM

“ *Hublers and Miscis purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Henry W. Hitner Jr..*



Hublers and Miscis - September 04, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BB

“ To my dear friend, Hank,
I can say a lot but perhaps the best is simply to say, “FRIEND.” For
a true friend is truly a treasure.

*Hank, you have now completed the circle of life. We all know that
the book of life is brief and you have read each and every page and
lived each and every chapter. Hank, you did put up a good fight. I
am sure you did not want to leave us but leave us you must.
However, one by one we all fall down. So go, my dear and gentle
friend and prepare a place for us because as you are today, we will
be tomorrow. I won't say goodbye because what is good about
goodbye? I will say farewell and rest well my dear and gentle friend.
You now may know something that we don't know. Safe travels and
see you on the other side.*

Billy Beard - August 25, 2025 at 07:04 PM

KK

“ Carlotta and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this
difficult time!

Karen Kilroy - August 25, 2025 at 06:28 PM