



## Henry E. Borgel, Jr.

September 21, 1927 - July 3, 2015

Henry Eugene Borgel, Jr., (aka Sonny, Gene, Hank, Papa), nearly 88, of Marietta, Georgia was born into eternal life on the morning of July 3rd, 2015. Born and raised in York, PA to Henry and Mary Borgel, he lived most of his life in Marietta.

Henry served in the Army Air Corp (later the Air Force) for three years as a P51 Mustang Lead Aircraft Mechanic. Making use of the GI Bill, Sergeant Borgel went on to become an Aeronautical Engineer, educated at Northrop Aeronautical Institute. As an engineer, he worked first at Fairchild Aviation in Maryland, then moved with his wife, Marion, and their growing family to Marietta, GA to work for 31 years at Lockheed. His storied career at Lockheed was primarily as a Liaison Engineer on the C-130 (his "bird") which took him all over the globe, traveling as far away as the South Pole (as he called it "down on the ice"), to repair and bring downed aircraft back to flight. Never really retiring, his second career was working with family members at Mechadyne Machine, Inc., which he continued until November of 2014.

Marietta became home to Henry and Marion, raising their growing family, faithfully attending St. Joseph's Catholic Church, being part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Knights of Columbus, and regularly participating in their children's and grandchildren's extracurricular activities. Henry was known for transporting the kids and their teammates after the muddy games to their appropriate homes in his '66 Chevy truck, as well as loudly voicing his opinion of the game, coaches, and referees.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents Henry E. and Mary Borgel, granddaughter Daina Hart and step-grandson Anthony Reed. He is survived by a large and extended family: his wife of nearly 62 years, Marion, brother Joseph and wife Peggy, sister Joanne Borgel. Daughter Melinda and husband Darrell Hart, grandchildren Jason and wife Kelli, Nichelle and husband Mark and great grandchild Jackson. Daughter Nancy and husband Alfred, grandchildren Emily, Alan and Christina with husband Bill Venturi, and great grandchildren Nathaniel, Gabrielle and Benjamin. Son David and wife Lee, and grandchildren Michael, Andrew, Caroline, Katherine, Sam and Halle. Son Thomas and

wife Kelli, grandchildren Rachel and Spencer. Son Peter and wife Donna, grandchildren Cory, Dylan and Madison. Daughter Ann and Fred Reed. Daughter Susan and Orlando Orochena, Jr. He also leaves behind beloved nieces, and nephews.

Papa (paw-paw) loved all of his family, friends, and neighbors and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 7th at Mayes-Ward Funeral Home from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Church Street in Marietta, with a prayer and Rosary service to follow.

The Funeral Mass is to be held on Wednesday, July 8th at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Marietta at 10:00 AM, with a reception immediately following the service. The procession from the Church to the Georgia National Cemetery will gather after the reception in time to be at the cemetery by 1:45 PM for a 2:30 PM interment.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Marietta or Kennesaw.

# Cemetery

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**Georgia National Cemetery**  
2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane  
Canton, GA, 30114

# Events

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**JUL 7 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM**  
Historic Marietta Chapel  
180 Church Street NE, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

**JUL 8 Memorial Mass 10:00AM**  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
87 Lacy Street, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

# Comments

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“ Only met you recently, but you shared your smile and positive thoughts with us here at Atherton Place. You will be missed. Barbara Ridley , Operations Assistant , Atherton Place

**barbara** - July 08, 2015 at 09:55 AM

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“ From: essco1 [mailto:essco1@bellsouth.net]  
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2015 11:35 PM  
To: David Borgel  
Subject: Passing of Mr. Henry Borgel

David,

Firstly to your dear mother Marion, you, Tom, Susan, Peter and all of the Borgel family, please forgive my feeble attempt of conveying how sorry I am for your loss.

Henry was a one of the finest men I have ever had the honor of knowing and he will be missed.

He was the kind of man who made everyone he met feel welcome. A man of faith and wisdom, humility and kindness.

You told me he had been suffering and I ask your forgiveness for not keeping up on his condition.

His departure from you only fortifies my awareness that it is time to take stock and be grateful for the generation we are losing.

Henry's generation in my humble opinion was the greatest generation of Americans since the revolution. They endured great hardships and sacrifice so that we could have the freedoms we see so naively dismissed by an increasing number of the younger generation who are not aware of what they did for us.

I pray that with time you will be able to tell all of the wonderful stories of how your father, with the help and guidance of your loving mother shaped the fine men and women you are and built the kind of family you should all be proud of.

I know you will be strong and take care of Marion in her time of great loss. If there is anyway I can be of service, please do not hesitate.

It would be my honor.

God speed Mr. Henry Borgel,

I worry not for your soul for I have NO doubt you are with our father now. No more pain and suffering. Your work is complete here.

You leave a lifetime of fine work and outstanding progeny.

We will miss you.

Your friend always,  
Bruce

Bruce Jenkins - July 07, 2015 at 12:59 PM

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“ Georgia Control Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry E. Borgel, Jr..



Georgia Control Center - July 07, 2015 at 12:13 PM

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“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - July 07, 2015 at 11:44 AM

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“ Orlando A. Orochena Jr. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry E. Borgel, Jr..



Orlando A. Orochena Jr. - July 06, 2015 at 06:46 PM

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“ The Davis Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry E. Borgel, Jr..



The Davis Family - July 06, 2015 at 04:47 PM

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“ Tom, Audrey & Steve Valley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Henry E. Borgel, Jr..



Tom, Audrey & Steve Valley - July 06, 2015 at 03:15 PM

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“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Henry E. Borgel, Jr..



July 06, 2015 at 02:36 PM

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“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Henry E. Borgel, Jr..



July 06, 2015 at 10:35 AM

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“ Henry, it was a pleasure working with you and your people during my career at the "Bomber Plant." The comment in the obit concerning your "loudly voicing comments about the game, coaches, and referees" echoed back to some of our game situations at Lockheed. You always did let 'em know how you felt.

Again, a pleasure and a privilege to have known you.

Marion G. Webb

Marion G. Webb - July 06, 2015 at 09:25 AM

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“ My husband and I have lived across the street from Henry and Marion for about 18 years. A favorite memory/tradition of ours revolves around college football season. Every Saturday Brent would put out his UGA flag to help cheer on the Dawgs and in protest Henry would put out his GA TECH flag! Just a little friendly competition.

Brent and Angie Wood

Angie Wood - July 05, 2015 at 06:58 PM



“ Marion and Henry love you like their own. I know all the family appreciates everything you have done for them through the years.

XOXO - July 06, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ Henry, from the time John died, you became my "keeper" and I was secure in the knowledge that you were watching over me. I will miss our chats and going out to dinner with you and Marion and walking into your house to find you in your PJ's reading the morning paper!

To Marion and the special Borgel family, I share your sorrow and wish for each of you God's peace and comfort at this time.

Marilyn Carney

Marilyn B. Carney - July 07, 2015 at 08:44 AM