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Henry Liebzeit (Hank)

Born: 8-22-30 Deceased: 6-26-95

Birthplace: Plymouth, WI

Born to: Henry G. and Lydia F. Liebzeit-Cheesemaker, Dairy products

Married: Verla M. Bergholz, December 9, 1950, Appleton, WI

Children:

Thomas H. 1-20-54 Married

Scott H. 10-27-56

Grandchildren:

Jodi

Josh

Property owner, City of Appleton and had cottage in Shawano County and sold because of health.

Education:

Elementary:

Grades 1-5 Robert Morris School, Hilbert

6-7 St. Paul Ev. Lutheran, Appleton

8-9 Wilson Jr. High School, Appleton

10-12 Appleton Senior High School (West), Appleton

Employment:

After graduation from high school, he was employed by a family-owned dairy business which he worked in since age 13. He had general duties of picking up raw milk from dairy farmers, processing it and delivering to retail outlets. In 1951, he began employment for a transportation company delivering freight. He served as Steward for Local Union 563 (Teamsters) for 5 years. On October 1, 1959, he entered the life insurance business, being employed by Aid Association for Lutherans, Appleton. He served many clients well and was considered among the top 10% of all representatives in his earlier years in the company. He served the Fox River Valley Life Underwriters as President from 1968 to 1969, being the first man from a Fraternal Insurance Company to do so. He also served as Secretary for the Wisconsin Underwriters of AAL. In 1976 he was elected by his peers to serve on an advisory board to AAL, which consisted of nine men from the entire United States, representing the field force of agents numbering 1000 or so men and women. While serving as a District Representative from 1959 to 1979, he was disabled due to several heart surgeries and was unable to continue as an AAL Sales Representative.

Interest and Activities:

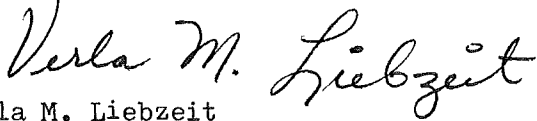
As a young man, Hank's first true interest in conservation started by being elected Secretary to The Outagamie Conservation Club Inc., which he served until about age 26. At that time the public elected him to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress serving Outagamie County. For 20 some years his fellow congressmen elected him to serve on the Executive Council. Six years later, he was elected to serve the Congress as Secretary-Treasurer, which he served for 3 one-year terms. Several years later, he was elected Vice Chairman of the Congress. Included in the responsibilities were attending Natural Resources Board meetings. He served the Congress as Chairman of various committees and as Chairman of an Ad Hoc Committee on ORAP programs. When the referendum creating ORAP was passed, he served on the Interim Legislative Committee offering the referendum, and worked to have this fine program passed.

Hank was an active member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and a faithful worshipper, a past Sunday school teacher for several years and held various offices.

Hank was an active conservationist enjoying beautiful Wisconsin. He was a hunter, both big and small game, a fisherman, an avid sturgeon spearer, a snowmobiler, an archer, a boater, a past member of Ducks Unlimited, and the Twin City Rod and Gun Club. He spent most of his adult life being concerned about the future natural resources in this fine state, representing persons with the same interests. Many days each year were given to protect and defend both the resources and the rights of the citizens to enjoy them. He pledged to defend land, air and water resources; the people and the fish and wildlife that use them.

Hank was not a member, nor did he actively participate in any organized political party, but always used his right to select a person based on his ability and qualifications to get a job done.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Verla M. Liebzeit". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Verla M. Liebzeit

September 1, 1996

Henry "Hank" Liebzeit

Hank Liebzeit's efforts to improve the Twin City Rod & Gun Club and his tireless efforts to represent the sportsmen and women of the area and the State of Wisconsin should not go unnoticed.

On a statewide basis, Hank was always on top of all pending issues. He was on the phone hours a day talking to DNR personnel or State legislators on the current issues that John Q Public had concerns about.

Hank organized letter writing campaigns at the Twin City Road & Gun Club of which Hank was a member for 35 years or more. The Twin City Road & Gun Club has been in existence for 58 years and is recognized statewide by DNR officials in Madison as well as Regional and local fish and game managers, foresters, game wardens, water resource managers, biologists, technicians and many others.

Hank also organized bus trips from the Twin City Rod & Gun Club to Madison to fight for the black bear season, the hand gun laws and the sturgeon season. Hank was known in the state capital by many legislators, senators, assemblymen and the past four or five governors. Hank was a true friend of the sportsman and a real friend of conservation.

Hank did not want to serve as a director or officer in the Twin City Rod & Gun Club, instead he was an "active" member which in most clubs are hard to find. Hank organized a finance committee in the Twin City Rod & Gun Club as the club had grown to 1800 members and was spending more money than it was taking in. Hank set up committees and a budget and rewrote the Constitution and Bylaws of the TCR&G. In a year's time the club was functioning within their means with expenditures of over \$150,000.00 per year to run a club with newsletters, eight meetings, smelt fry, venison feed, trap range, sporting clays range, archery range, ice bridges on the lake in the winter, road plowing, tree line for safety on the ice, the trout pound at the sports show and fisherees to name a few.

Hank handled the money at the winter fisherees. Hank organized a group of clubs around Lake Winnebago and set up a uniform marking system to mark vacated sturgeon holes on the ice during the sturgeon season by using 1/4" x 2" x 48" wood lath sticks instead of discarded Christmas trees which became a hazard in the spring for boaters as well as a nuisance for the shoreline property owners when they washed up on their shoreline. This uniform marking system was adopted by clubs and sportsmen in the four counties surrounding Lake Winnebago, (137,000 acres) and the up river lakes of Butte Des Morts, Winneconne and Poygan. Thus a standing xmas tree was a safe crossing or guide line, a tree laying on it's side was "danger" to mark big holes or bad ice and the wood lath was to mark sturgeon holes in the ice which are on the average 3 x 6 feet in size. These sticks were painted with a lead free paint on the top to be visible against the ice or snow. Hank took on the project of purchasing 2000 sticks each winter and painting them and distributing these sticks to three different lake access points and putting them in a barrel for the fishermen to pick up as they entered the lake. Hank's project was a success and made the lake safer and cleaner as a result of his efforts.

Hank also represented the TCR&G club in CARE, which is a Citizens Alliance for Resource Equity, Inc., an organization to protect and conserve and manage the natural

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resources for all citizens and to provide succeeding generations to equal access to such natural resources. CARE is a statewide organization dedicated to achieving "Equal" Rights for all citizens and not "special" for some.

Hank also became involved behind the scenes at the rifle range. The range was established 40 years ago and now with many people moving out to the country have moved within the "sound" of the range which has brought on some complaints. Hank personally visited all the neighbors as well as inviting them to the range to work out the problems. Shooting hours were established with some quiet time. Decibel readings were taken and all documented. The land the club owns is over 200 acres and has some harvestable timber. Hank put this into forest crop land. Hank also helped develop a sporting clays range. Because of a creek in the fall out area, permits had to be obtained and lines had to be marked and changes to the layout were established. Hank spent many hours at the court house to obtain the necessary permits, etc.

Hank arranged for many guest speakers such as legislators, governors and DNR secretaries; many of which attended the club's annual smelt fry.

Hank was involved in every important club issue. Hank was the spokesman for the TCR&G Club. Hank was the President's right hand man.

Hank will always be remembered for his wisdom on the current issues of conservation and most of all for his idea to start each meeting with the standing, hats off, saying of the "Pledge of Allegiance" while facing the flag.

Hank was always the "guy to go to" to get a job done.

Hank was a life time member and a dedicated member of the Twin City Rod & Gun Club and will be remembered as a "Real True Friend of the Sportsman and women" of the State of Wisconsin.

by Richard L. Koerner