

Henry B. Herschel  
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Henry was born in Koln, Germany in 1942 and following the end of WWII and while Henry was a small boy, his family immigrated to the United States. Henry described one of his proudest moments as standing on the steps of Independence Hall in Philadelphia on Flag Day in 1960 when he was sworn in as a United States citizen.

His passions were big cars, the sport of fencing and helping people. Henry was fond of telling people that in 1964 he was traveling west with several of his east coast friends, all in search of adventure when they made a random stop in Toledo, Ohio. They noticed that the University of Toledo boasted a law school and they decided to apply and give it a try.

In 1967 Henry graduated from law school and decided to stay in Toledo and begin his practice of law. Henry was possessed of a magical blend of charm, humor, intelligence and power and he could have pursued any aspect of the practice of law with every expectation of success. He chose to follow the path of his passion and in his rich life he helped so many. Henry became the Chief Public Defender, a post he held until his death, nearly 45 years later. He created and orchestrated a Public Defender system that has long enjoyed a stellar reputation among the 88 counties of Ohio. Among those he touched were young lawyers seeking guidance and countless indigent criminal defendants in need of legal counsel. He steadfastly provided succor and comfort to the homeless in downtown Toledo, Henry would often, in the frigid

throes of winter, walk into alleys with a bag full of coats and scarves and gloves and distribute them to the homeless who so desperately needed the warmth of the clothing and the kindness of the gift. Henry served as the President of both the Toledo Bar Association and the University of Toledo Alumni Association. He received the Blue T Award for distinguished service to the University of Toledo, and the Order of the Heel Award from the Junior Bar.

Henry would tell you, however, that his most important accomplishments were right at home. He married Pamela Sue Anderson Herschel in 1973 and could never quite get over this good fortune. When, at a Celebrity Roast almost 40 years later, he was accused of "winning the marriage lottery," he promptly pled guilty. And he loved nothing more than spending time with Pam and their family at their log cabin in Saugatuck, Michigan.

In Pam's words, Hank was "obnoxiously proud" of his children, Meredith Hustwick and Craig Michael Herschel, and his grandchildren, Madeline, Hadley and Lucy Hustwick. He never missed a sporting event, play or dreaded dance recital and religiously attended his grandchildren's soccer games, school events and checkers matches.

Henry was known for his sense of humor and for establishing enduring friendships. He played in the same Tuesday/Thursday tennis league for many years and spent many hours in "deep contemplation" at the round table with the Toledo Club Clusterfers. Hank's nickname was "Dutch" with that group, and his exploits

were legendary. He was known as the Chief Stirrer, who deliberately started arguments to get everyone riled up, then sat back, smirking. He was greatly loved by that group, and all served as Honorary Pall bearers at Henry's funeral.

As a practicing lawyer, Henry was known for his tenacity but also for civility and for understanding where to draw the line as a zealous advocate. And throughout his long career, he was a staunch and tireless advocate for the rights of the accused and for the extension of legal services to the underprivileged. He was – and is – considered by many of his friends and cohorts to be a perfect example of what practicing law the "Toledo Way" is all about.