



Henry S. Dixon

May 19, 1934 - April 19, 2023

Henry Sherwood Dixon, of Dixon, IL, died on April 19, 2023, at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford, IL. Henry was born in Dixon the 19th of May 1934, and was a lifetime resident of the city that he loved. He graduated from Dixon High School in 1952, then the University of Notre Dame where he was class co-president and was commissioned an Infantry Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1956. Over the next two years, Henry served on active duty in the Army during which he graduated from Ranger and Jump Master schools. Returning to Illinois, he earned his law degree from John Marshall Law School in 1963 and came back to Dixon to practice law. Simultaneously, he continued his military service in the Illinois National Guard. He rose to the rank of Brigadier General upon his discharge in 1988 having served at multiple command levels to include Battalion Commander of the 1st Battalion of the 129th Infantry and Deputy Commander of the 33rd Infantry Brigade. During a law career that spanned over 50 years, Henry twice served as State's Attorney for Lee County, first from 1964 to 1968, then again in 2008 to 2012. As both prosecutor and defense attorney, Henry personally tried 267 jury trials. Henry was a voracious reader, loved traveling and skiing, and was an avid Notre Dame and White Sox fan. Henry was active in the Democratic Party, serving for many years as Precinct Captain for the 12th precinct in Dixon. He was a committed member of Rotary International Chapter #3064 in Dixon. Henry was a grand storyteller who had a natural talent for making heartfelt connections with individuals and audiences. With a wit and smile he

would befriend all who met him, even during the later days of his life. He is remembered as a true mentor and a major influence on so many lives. He could often be found at the family cabin overlooking the Rock River where he found quiet solitude. He savored every sunset and wanted you not to miss a minute of its beauty. Henry was a devoted husband, son, father, and grandfather and was deeply committed to his family throughout his life. He was preceded in death by his parents Sherwood and Helen Dixon, and three of his siblings, Mary (Greg) Langan, William (Barbara) Dixon and Patrick Dixon. He is survived by his loving wife of over 39 years, Linda Giesen, his daughter, Kerry Dixon of Iowa City, Iowa, his two sons, who followed their father into military service, Robert (Sherry) Dixon of Alexandria, Virginia, and Henry (Mary Pat) Dixon of Shaw AFB, South Carolina, and his adored grandson Jackson Fox of Iowa City, Iowa. Henry remained a loving and loyal brother to the end to his surviving siblings, Louise (Tom†) Corken, James (Judy) Dixon, and David (Marge) Dixon, as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and their families. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and loved him. A visitation will take place Tuesday, 25 April, at the Holloway Center of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dixon, from 4:00 until the Rosary at 7:00pm followed by sharing of memories of Henry. Funeral services will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon on Wednesday, 26 April, at 10:30am. Following his interment at Oakwood Cemetery, there will be a luncheon at the Holloway Center. In accordance with Henry's wishes, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dixon Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent de Paul Society, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holloway Center
612 Highland Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Service

APR **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Thank you for standing watch on the wall. Rest in Peace Sir

Margaret M Newman - February 28, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ Henry S. Dixon

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Linda and family, So sorry to read about Henry's passing. Such a wonderful man! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sue Baker - May 16, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ PRVN Consultants Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Henry S. Dixon.



PRVN Consultants Team - April 25, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ Dear Linda, I am sorry to hear of Henry's passing. I have many fond memories of Henry's laughter and intelligence at family Easter and Thanksgiving celebrations in Delano. I admired you both and your obviously joyful partnership. May his memory be a blessing. Love, Katie Taber

Katie Taber - April 25, 2023 at 09:46 AM

DT

“ *Linda and Family,
I was deeply saddened to hear about Henry’s passing. He was one of the special few who taught so many of us the art of adversarial representation with class and dignity. He was quick to forget his victories and always congratulated on his few losses. I fondly remember sitting in his office or just outside of court room talking about our sons military careers. I remember best his story of attending a funeral with his son, of one of his(sons)lost soldiers and meeting a General who also attended the funeral. The General recognized Henry and indicated he had the pleasure of serving under Henry, quickly adding he had the pleasure of having Henry’s son serving under him. My son had flown that General to the services in his UH 60 Blackhawk. I will miss him. Jean and I apologize for being unable to attend his funeral. May God be with you all.*
David Tess

David Tess - April 24, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry S. Dixon.*



April 24, 2023 at 04:02 PM

ET

“ *ENGIE North America / Iowa CapEx Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Henry S. Dixon.*



ENGIE North America / Iowa CapEx Team - April 24, 2023 at 11:14 AM

JA

“ *So sorry to read about Henry's passing Linda and family you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

John & Kelly Allen - April 23, 2023 at 09:32 PM

LB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Henry. He went to see my dad ever Saturday at Heritage Square after his stroke. Such a big heart he had. I am just sick I will not be able to attend the visitation and funeral. My sympathy and love to Linda and the entire family. God only knows what he, Pat Jones and the Judge are talking about up there. Lisa Bales Pinegar*

Lisa Bales - April 22, 2023 at 08:31 PM

MB

“*Sherwood Dixon hired my father as a young attorney just out of law school from Notre Dame and gave him his first the opportunity to practice law. My father and Henry were at the complete opposite political spectrum, but at the end of the day they both wanted the best for Dixon and Lee County. Henry came to my brother Tom's visitation and a few years ago in Rockford not in the best health himself, but it meant the world to all of us.*

Job well done Good and Faithful Servant

Mike and Karen Bales-Grand Junction, Colorado

Michael Bales - April 22, 2023 at 08:17 PM

TH

“*Tom and Jill Hornsby purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Henry S. Dixon.*



Tom and Jill Hornsby - April 22, 2023 at 04:07 PM

JG

“*To say that Henry was an extravert was an understatement... his gregarious showmanship was always on display in public... especially in the court room... but to be fortunate enough to catch him in a moment of deep prayer as I was on a few occasions will be what I will remember most... a friend, a mentor, a role model... what a reception line will anxiously be awaiting his arrival at the gates of heaven ... God bless his soul...*

John Mc Grath - April 21, 2023 at 06:48 PM

SM

“ Shive-Hattery Team Members purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Henry S. Dixon.



Shive-Hattery Team Members - April 21, 2023 at 05:46 PM

JS

“ I loved chatting with Henry who was so interesting and passionate about whatever we were talking about. He was interesting, kind, intelligent and a faith-filled gentleman. Please accept our sincere condolences, Linda and family. Jean and Steve Spohn



Jean Spohn - April 21, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry S. Dixon.



April 21, 2023 at 03:47 PM

DM

“ Henry was a dear friend of our family for decades. His visits always brightened our day as did his many stories. Henry's loyalty to his family, community, and friends is an example for all. My sympathies to Linda and the Dixon family. Sincerely, Dennis Murphy and family.

Dennis Murphy - April 21, 2023 at 01:57 PM

JH

I am very saddened by the loss of Henry Dixon. I only learned of this today and wish I had known earlier. I regret I didn't get to spend as much time with him as I would have liked. He was a pillar of our community and always had a great story to tell. He will sorely be missed.

james hey - April 26, 2023 at 01:59 PM

DD

I just learned today of Henry's passing and mourn the loss of that big and great personality of whom I just spoke while playing golf.

Don Durkes - July 12, 2023 at 09:25 AM