



## Henry L. Jaszewski

September 10, 1925 - September 16, 2020

Henry L. Jaszewski passed away peacefully at his home on September 16th, surrounded by family and loved ones, just days after his 95th birthday. Henry was born in Jersey City on September 10th, 1925 to Emily (Sajkowski) and Matthew Jaszewski. He was the youngest of five children, served in the US Army during World War II, and was the only member of his family to attend college. Henry paid his own way through New York University, earning his degree in Accounting. To cover his tuition, he accepted a part-time bookkeeping role at Halsted Corporation in Jersey City, a textile bag manufacturing company where Henry would ultimately work his way to the top, assuming sole ownership of the business some 30 years later.

Henry was fortunate that his professional path led him to Western Electric for a brief period, where he met the love of his life, Lucille Vivo, and they married on June 18, 1949. Henry and Lucille celebrated fifty years of marriage and two wonderful children before her passing in 2000.

In business, Henry was the rare blend of ambitious yet principled. He quickly grew Halsted from a small regional manufacturing plant to a national player in the packaging industry. He had a unique and refreshing ability to build lifelong friendships with even his fiercest competitors; and he took great pride in always striving to do the right thing for both his clients and his employees.

Despite his health challenges over the last few years, Henry always relished hearing about the expansion of the business he so loved.

Henry was a proud and active supporter of his community. A longtime member

of the Jersey City Rotary Club, he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship in 2015 for his 40 years of service and contributions. He could be found every year at his former Jersey City elementary school where he would present each student with a new dictionary, and then enthusiastically quiz them on the various definitions of his favorite words.

Henry's family and friends will miss his many talents, particularly his accordion playing around the fireplace at Christmas. Though Henry downplayed his musical abilities, he grew up spending many weekend evenings with his polka band at some of the marquee function halls in the greater New York area. While Henry was engaged in so many things, it was his family that was his unrivaled pride and joy. No friend, acquaintance or passerby could escape Henry without learning about the latest accomplishments of his children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren. Henry will be deeply missed by his daughter, Karen (Michael) Murphy; daughter-in-law Cathie Jaszewski; grandchildren Eric (Jenna) Jaszewski, Christie (Kyle) McKinney, Stacey (Kris) La Turno, Ryan (Ashley) Murphy, Justin (Meg) Murphy, Kyle (Alyssa) Murphy, Brendan Murphy; his ever growing circle of great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews whom he cherished greatly. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille, and his son Richard. Henry and his family are eternally grateful for his caretaker and companion, Nino Makashvili, for adding years to Henry's life and for bringing a smile to his face each day.

A small private celebration of Henry's life will be held on Friday, September 18th, 2020. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Jersey City Rotary Foundation, c/o Treasurer Aaron D. Forman, 76 Bloomfield Street, Apt.9H, Hoboken, NJ 07030. For online condolences, please visit Henry's memorial page at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Gabriel's Cemetery

Rte 520  
Marlboro, NJ

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm  
1028 Wayside Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

# Tribute Wall

FL

“ Henry was such a good friend of my husband. Joe Lecowitch, who was also in JC Rotary...so sad to hear of his passing...much love to his family.

Frances Lecowitch - September 23, 2020 at 06:24 PM

Lauren Flanagan

“ Henry was my most favorite customer ever... It's been 15 years since he was a customer, though we continued to correspond... I quote him nearly every time I sit down with someone new at work... He once told me "You rest, you rust!" and I will never forget these words to live by. God bless you Henry J; may you rest in peace... I hope memories of happier times with this wonderful man bring peace and comfort to all those he leaves behind.

Lauren Flanagan - September 21, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Starting with a family wedding in 2001, Uncle Henry reached out regularly to the West Coast Jaszewskis. His brother, our father, died in 2006. What began as a chance for brothers to reconnect, became a mutual admiration society. Henry came for weddings, reunions and July 4th celebrations. My siblings and our children learned quickly to value his time on the West Coast. He was so interested in each and every one of us. When visiting, you would see him sitting quietly in a corner with one of us showing his concern and sharing his wisdom.



Cheryl Jaszewski - September 20, 2020 at 01:55 PM

LL

“ Our deepest condolences to the Murphy and Jaszewski family. May the peace of the Lord fill your hearts during this difficult time. Our prayers are with all of you. Henry will be missed greatly, he was a kind and giving person. I had the privilege of getting to know him and worked for him as well. RIP Evelyn and Luis Lopez

Luis Lopez - September 18, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.



September 18, 2020 at 12:29 PM

RC

“ We would like to offer your family our deepest and most sincere condolences and may his soul rest in peace.

Ashok Chhajer & Rishab Chhajer  
Gujarat Craft Industries Ltd.  
India

Rishab Chhajer - September 18, 2020 at 05:44 AM

CL

“ Henry was a good man. I remember being at a TBPA show with my family in Florida, and being somewhat like a fish out of water since I’m more of a behind the scenes guy in the business. Henry could of have had dinner with many other people, and probably people he had done more business with. Still he saw me alone and invited me and my family to dinner. He introduced my wife to Chilean sea bass, (we don’t get out much) and it’s still one of her favorites. After my father died Henry would call just to check in to see if he could help in any way. He would also reach out to my mother which I know she got comfort from. Rest in peace my friend.

Christopher LaBelle  
NYP Corp.



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Christopher LaBelle - September 17, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.



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September 17, 2020 at 02:23 PM

TI

“ *The Bennett Family (ABG Bag, Inc.) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.*



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**The Bennett Family (ABG Bag, Inc.)** - September 17, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.*



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September 17, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MH

“ *Martha and Daniel Holmes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.*



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**Martha and Daniel Holmes** - September 17, 2020 at 01:21 PM

AH

“ *All the employees at Halsted purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.*



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**All the employees at Halsted** - September 17, 2020 at 12:06 PM

CS

“ Our deepest Sympathy to the Family of Henry L Jaszewski . From the time we moved into Rolling Meadows we had the Honor to meet Henry. He was always respectful, and an example of " A GENTLEMAN". We had the pleasure to be with Henry at the Lakewood Blue Claws Park when the crowd cheered him as a "Honored World War II Veteran". We will all miss you HENRY L,

*Carl N, & Risa Steinberg*

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**Carl N. & Risa Steinberg** - September 17, 2020 at 12:05 PM

NA

“ I have been thanking God for all the beauty and goodness which has come into our lives through Henry. Very much love and prayer.  
Nancy

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**Nancy** - September 17, 2020 at 11:12 AM

Jl

“ Joe M. Almand, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.



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**Joe M. Almand, Inc.** - September 17, 2020 at 10:04 AM

JA

“ Henry was a motivating force in my life. His drive was an inspiration as well.

*Henry was always kind, cheerful, and personable. He was an excellent role model and I will always appreciate his kindness and professionalism. He was one of a kind!*

*Joe Almand*

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**Joe M Almand** - September 17, 2020 at 09:56 AM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Henry L. Jaszewski



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - September 17, 2020 at 08:10 AM

JL

“ From NYP Corp.

*We will miss Henry. He and my father were close friends, even though they competed at times. They enjoyed each other's company, and liked their 3 martini lunches at favorite restaurants. Henry was always friendly and helpful to me, as a young person coming into the business. After my father died, he kept in touch with my mother and our family. Sometimes he would call me just to chat about things in general.*

*Henry was full of life, very positive; principled, smart, a shrewd business person.*

*i'm sure all of his family will miss him, as we will.*

*For everyone at NYP and all the LaBelle family, our deepest condolences to all.*

*Jerry LaBelle*

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**Jerry LaBelle** - September 17, 2020 at 07:05 AM

JR

“ All of us at Gulf Coast Bag Co want to express our sincere condolences to Henry’s family and the entire team at Halsted Corp. on Henry’s passing.

We were fortunate to know Henry as we made our way up in the business in the New York City area. Our Dad, Joe Rochman and Henry were business competitors during the day and close personal friends after hours. This personal friendship derived from the way they both conducted themselves in business- they were principled, tough and always fair. This friendship continued long after both retired.

Learning the business from the ground up we all drove our trucks which included frequent stops at Halsted Corp. Invariably, Henry would come out of his office to greet us, talk with us and yes, mentor us.

Henry will be sorely missed; A devoted family man with the upmost integrity.

Gulf Coast Bag Co.

Roger and Iris Rochman

Ed and Debbie Rochman

Jerry Rochman

Andrew Rochman

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**Jerry Rochman** - September 16, 2020 at 07:46 PM

FK

“ Fred C Kimler purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.



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**Fred C Kimler** - September 16, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Henry L. Jaszewski.*



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September 16, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Henry always made me feel like a welcomed and valued member of the TBPA....even when I was a rookie “bag man” with a full head of hair.(still have the rookie status, but not so much of the hair!) Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and staff at Halsted. Henry will truly be missed. Mike & Mindy Lawrentz, Lawgix International.*

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**Mike Lawrentz** - September 16, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences to all the family. What a great example he set for the rest of us. He will be missed. Sending my best regards to a wonderful family. Daniel B. Hoch*

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**Daniel Hoch** - September 16, 2020 at 04:26 PM



*Henry was as unique and successful a business man as he was a loved father, grandfather and friend. Henry will be both missed and remembered as that very special person to so many.. Sending our best to the family. Rich and Bobbie Blake*

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**Richard Blake** - September 16, 2020 at 05:15 PM



*Started out as a business relationship early on, then a continuing friendship..Wonderful Person..Our sincere condolences to All the Family. Ken and Carol Keller*

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**ken keller** - September 17, 2020 at 07:50 AM

GW

*I am so sorry to hear about your loss. From the time I started at White Bag I heard good things about Mr. Jaszewski, Halsted and the Murphy family. What a legacy he has passed to his family. His life affected a lot of people, I wish I could have met him. Prayers to the family I know he will be missed.*

*Greg Williams*

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**Greg Williams** - September 17, 2020 at 10:03 AM

SS

*A true gentleman and a much respected and loyal Jersey City Rotarian. Never wanting to be President of the Club, he will be long remembered for being my President For A Day! My condolences to Henty's family and may he Rest In Peace.*

*Sue Sims*

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**Sue Sims** - September 18, 2020 at 10:11 AM