



Harold L. Lange

April 25, 1928 - October 27, 2016

Age 88, passed away on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Saline Evangelical Home in Saline, MI. Harold was born in River Rouge, MI, the son of Edward and Myrtle (Pegouske) Lange. On July 8, 1967 in Clinton, MI, he married Judie Hunt and she survives. Harold proudly served in the United States Army, 82nd Airborne, from 1947 to 1949, Michigan National Guard until 1964 and was a lifetime member of the 82nd Airborne Chapter. He started Skydive Tecumseh in August of 1963. With the help of his wife Judie and their daughters, they ran the skydiving business for 37 years. There were many good times and stories. Harold had a love of golf and bowling, and keeping the grass at the Meyers-Diver's Airport looking like a fairway made him happy. Survivors in addition to his wife include their daughter Rebecca (Tim) Bochenek, daughter Jennifer (Bill) Miller, daughter Linda (Ed) Mack, son Larry (Linda) Lange, and son Barry (Karyn) Lange. Other survivors include grandchildren Allison Miller, David Lange, John McCue, Lisa (Greg) Doryl, Jenny McCue, Matt Lange, Emily Lange, Megan Mack, five great-grandchildren, and one brother Bill Lange of Tuscon, AZ. Harold was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters. Memorial contributions in Harold's name may be made to Smile Train 41 Madison Ave. 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010, or to BestPals Animal Rescue Center 13888 Blair Street, Holland, MI 49424. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home of Saline. Cremation has taken place and no memorial service is scheduled. To leave a memory, to sign his guestbook, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Tribute Wall

RB

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Rebecca Bochenek - January 30, 2017 at 03:16 PM

GB

“ Harold was a tough & fair task-master. The influence & impact he had on my life cannot be over stated. He was a true mentor.
Gar Benson

Gar Benson - January 04, 2017 at 06:57 PM

RB

That means a lot Gar. I was just going down memory lane with mom about the "Terror Twins". "Eye of the Tiger" holds a special place in my heart.

Rebecca Bochenek - January 30, 2017 at 03:06 PM

PB

“ Back in the summer of '71 I showed up at the DZ in Tecumseh for the first jump course. Didn't have enough dough on me for the class and jump. I asked Harold, who was suited up and already sitting in the open door of the Cessna, if I could take the ground training and return later for the jump. He sighed, and said, "No guts, no glory. Go for it." Well I took the class, but had to return to D.C. before I had a chance to make that first jump. But Harold had whet my appetite. Two years later I finally made that first jump in Pelicanland and thought of Harold and what he'd told me on the way to altitude. Tip of the hat to him. RIP. A good man.

Phil B. - December 31, 2016 at 05:02 PM



“ So sorry for the loss Judie.

I first met Harold at a beginners class of the university of Michigan skydiving club, where we attended the classroom training and then went out on the weekend for practical training and his first jump. From there, Harold and Judie shepherded me through advancing training, forming the U of M skydiving team in the early '80s, my eventually running the U of M club. Harold helped me with remedial training, when I came " out of retirement " to make 7 jumps on my 40th birthday. He prepped me earlier that week with some private attention and a couple of quiet jumps to get back up to speed, so I wouldn't look like a fool on Saturday.

Although I haven't made a jump in 8 years (50th birthday), I still am a member of USPA.

I will always remember the impact that Harold Lange had on my life.

Rest In Peace, Sir

Dana Ohl - December 31, 2016 at 03:11 PM

RB

Go Blue...blue skies!

Rebecca Bochenek - January 30, 2017 at 03:11 PM

JT

Hi Judie Becky and Jenny !!! This is Judi VanderMolen!! Sorry to hear of Harold's passing, but nice to read his life story. I think of you all plenty. I enjoyed my time at the DZ, and wonder about all those friends. Interesting how Mr Ohl, above, 'started' the UM skydiving team in the early 80s when Jim Olson, David Reddick, myself, Jimmie Schossau, Ralph Glasser, John Jacobi, Dave Martel and many more were running it '74-78. I still have the first place trophy I won for RW at our UM invitational 1976. I've heard recently that the DZ had to move. Remember when Jim Olson put Tecumseh's lights out by landing in wires? And I landed in that little lake! It was neat that my first free fall ended up at Z-hills during Christmas break, but you guys were down there too, so Harold was still the pilot for my first jump. You girls were little and always liked to play with me. And 26 jumps later, during spring break, I got my SCR there. Well, nice to touch base with you. Those were fun times. I am now Judi Trainor and I live in seattle. ❤️

Judi Trainor - May 12, 2018 at 10:03 PM

TM

“ *Judie, et al, I was very, very sorry to hear of Harold's passing. Thanks for all you've done for the sport, and for putting up with me.
I'll never forget you!*

Tom Meshew

Tom Meshew - December 30, 2016 at 03:32 PM

RB

You brought a lot of fun to the DZ. Thanks for your thoughts.

Rebecca Bochenek - January 30, 2017 at 03:11 PM

TD

“ Dear Judie & Rebecca,
Please accept my sincere condolences regarding Harold's passing. I enjoyed for many years your winter trips to Deland and his regular visits to the dropzone and Relative Workshop, where we often conversed on many subjects related to skydiving, instruction, rigging and equipment. Harold was a fine example on how to represent the sport of skydiving and parachute rigging through his professional demeanor. His attitude towards safety were second to none. And always with his special sense of humor! He shall be missed.
Sincerely,
T.K. DONLE, Complete Parachute Solutions, Inc.

T.K. DONLE - November 21, 2016 at 11:29 AM

RE

Thank you for your message. Hope to see you soon.

Rebecca - December 30, 2016 at 10:30 AM

PT

“ My heartfelt support to the family for the loss of Harold. As one of the old-timer jumpers, I knew Harold and Judie many years ago and for a good long period. So sorry for your loss, but I'm sure he is telling the old stories now to the old cronies on the other side! You were well thought of Harold! Much love to all! Pam (Toren) Kammermeier

Pam Toren-Kammermeier - November 17, 2016 at 09:27 AM

PR

“ Respect for his service, gratitude for his friendship, grace and peace to Judy and family. Nanci and Fred Prezioso

Prezioso - November 08, 2016 at 02:07 PM

BH

“ Dear Judie, Becky and Jenny,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I had many great times hanging out at your house and the Parachuting Service. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Betsy Titus Hall

Betsy Titus Hall - November 04, 2016 at 01:46 PM

J(

“ Harold will be greatly missed ! Taking comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering. Praying for you Judy and the rest of your family.

Jodi Good (Davita) - November 01, 2016 at 06:57 PM

SL

“ Dear Judie and family,
Harold was a special man and I enjoyed hearing about ALL the wonderful and scary stories about his time in the service and skydiving. I told him I could never skydive unless it was tandem with Hugh Jackman as my guide. He would always laugh. I am also so lucky to have Obeid his many paintings which I hang in my home. I even "tried" to paint myself recently. It wasn't pretty... I shared that with Judie and I hope are passed the story into Harold. He and Judie were a wonderful couple and my prayers are with her and the entire family at this time.
It was a privilege to have known him.
Warmly,
Sue Leslie

sue leslie - November 01, 2016 at 06:25 PM

SL

“ Sue Leslie lit a candle in memory of Harold L. Lange



sue leslie - November 01, 2016 at 06:17 PM

FC

“ Judy our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Just know that he is flying high with no more pain and we have prayers for all the family.
Fran and Ed Coy 😊
If you will send me your address I would like to send a check to your charity you have chosen.

Fran and Ed Coy - November 01, 2016 at 02:17 PM

RB

Smile Train 41 Madison Ave. 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010, or to BestPals Animal Rescue Center 13888 Blair Street, Holland, MI 49424.

Rebecca Bochenek - November 04, 2016 at 03:15 PM

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Rebecca Bochenek - October 31, 2016 at 12:21 PM

RB

Harold is calling out names for the Awards Ceremony for the Skydiving event that was held at Parachuting Service in Tecumseh, MI back in the late 60's. We still have this t-shirt.

Rebecca Bochenek - November 04, 2016 at 03:18 PM

LF

“ *He now has his Gold Wings, fly free and fly far Harold.*

Larry Franklin - October 28, 2016 at 04:42 AM

BP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Jon and Brenda Patton
Sulphur Springs, Texas*

Brenda Patton - October 27, 2016 at 09:31 PM

RC

“ *I have many happy memories and I made dozens of lifelong friends at Parachuting Service/ Skydive Tecumseh. Thanks for making the dz a fun and safe place.*

Ronda Cheever - October 27, 2016 at 07:48 PM

RB

You were another daughter to dad. Glad he was there to have your back when most needed. I appreciate the efforts to keep the skydiving gang together over the years and being a wonderful hostess/organizer for the 50th Skydive Tecumseh reunion. What a great party.

Rebecca Bochenek - January 30, 2017 at 03:14 PM