



## Henry Fonde

January 13, 1924 - May 3, 2009

Fonde, Henry May 3, 2009. Age 85 of South Lyon. Beloved husband of the late Edith. Loving father of Karen (Joel Thurtell) Fonde, Chuck (Linda) Fonde, Mark (Stacey) Fonde, Julia (Max) Davis and Anne (Bill) Potter. Proud grandfather of Adam, Abe, Ben, Megan, Rachel, Hayley, Beck, Chelsea, Danielle, Regin, William and the late Aaron. Proud great-grandfather of Grace & Henry. Graduate of U of M School of Engineering and Masters in Education. Head football coach at Ann Arbor High School & Assistant football coach at U of M. Owner and operator of the Stretch & Sew Fabric Store in Farmington Hills for many years. Visitation Thursday 4-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. To leave a message of condolence please use link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Henry Fonde*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Anne and Family, Our thoughts are with you during this sad time. Let us know if there is anything at all that we can do to help. We love you! Beth*

**Beth Potter** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *To the Fonde Family, I never had personal dealings with Mr. Fonde, since I was a runner, not a football player, and also stayed out of trouble in AAHS. What I recall is how respected he was by everyone. He was always thought to be fair in his judgments, and those attributes, to me, are far more the measure of man than the number of football games won (and of course there were a lot of those too). Peace to all of you, Bruce Hiscock, Class of 1958 354 Ballou Road Porter Corners, NY 12859 518-893-2240*

**Bruce Hiscock** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *I have so many fond memories of Henry on Manchester Rd, and at the island in McGregor Bay. He certainly was a patient and kind man. My heartfelt condolences.*

**Susie Skala Seaglund** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ Dear Karen: I am very saddened to learn of your father's death. Please know that you are in our thoughts and hearts. Jane

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**Jane Hassinger** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LC

“ Since reading about the death of Hank Fonde, I have been remembering all of the exciting football games I attended while attending Ann Arbor High School. We never lost a game the entire time I was there and we were all in awe of our football coach, Hank Fonde. I send condolences to his family, but want you to know he lives on in the memories of all of those who knew and admired him at AAHS.

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**Linda Katz Cantrell** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

DS

“ Hank was my coach at U High in his first year of coaching and was, in addition to being the best coach I had, a good friend - both he and Edith. He taught me by example to be the upstanding citizen that he was and I will be forever indebted to him. He will always be in my heart. My condolences to you, the family.

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**Dave Shipman** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LR

“ My deepest regrets of Hanks passing. We all loved him and remember the days at Ann Arbor High school . Bless you all. Lee class of 1954

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**Lee Reichenberger** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JL

“ We were saddened to learn of the death of Hank Fonde. I played football for him at Ann Arbor High 1951-54. He was a great coach and mentor. Though the years I have thought of him often and relied on lessons learned and am grateful to have known him. May the sterling life he lived bring comfort to each of you his family.  
Sincerely, Col. Jack R. Lousma U.S. Astronaut

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**Jack and Gratia Lousma** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SD

“ Dear Julia and family - I am sorry to hear of the passing of your dear father. I hope the memories you have of him, and your times together, help sustain you during this difficult time. May you find comfort that your father is smiling down from Heaven as he rests in the arms of our Heavenly Father. God Bless you!

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**Susan Decker** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

RS

“ Coach Hank Fonde is one of few people that impacted my life in a most positive way, because he was a very good teacher and a damn good Coach. Coach was a champion, and he helped me to become a champion as well. He touched so many lives, and will always be remembered. May God Bless you all.

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**Robert L. Henson, Sr.** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

MW

“ Note of condolence. Mr. Fonde was a great football coach, role model, and inspiration to me. I remember very few people from the 1950s but he is still in my memory. My life is better as a result of his work and dedication. I share in your great loss. Milo E, Wilcox, D. C. class of 1958 Pioneer H.S.

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**Milo E. Wilcox** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

NC

“ Hank was my homeroom teacher at Ann Arbor Pioneer High. All the girls in the room were in love with him and then we learned that he was not only a handsome football star but kind, understanding, helpful, caring, encouraging and one very very nice man. I feel very lucky to have known him and had his input into my senior year of high school. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time. He will always be remembered with my fondest thoughts. Nan Obee Cooper

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**Nan Obee Cooper** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

NK

“ I remember Hank from my childhood with great fondness. My father coached with him at Ann Arbor High & I was always impressed by how much respect he had for Hank. I have many great memories of those days.

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**Navyne Kline** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM