



Silas De Hoback

December 20, 1908 - January 17, 2012

Hoback, Silas age 103 January 17, 2012 of Dearborn. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth. Loving father of the late Lynn S. Hoback. Dear brother-in-law of George "Bill" Linkenhoker. Cherished uncle of Ruth Boyles. Most dear friend of Kris DePaulis and family. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 North Newburgh (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill,) Westland. Interment will be at The Athens Cemetery in Athens, West Virginia. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Silas De Hoback*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Death is our common enemy as it affects all of us. I therefore want to encourage the family to take heart and be hopeful in the promise by God, that he will wipe every tear and no more will be any death again. Death will be brought to nothing, Isaiah 25:8 and 1Corinthians 15:28. God by means of Jesus will call and all that died will hear his voice and come out. John 5:25. We have an opportunity to see our dead loved ones come back to life again and never to die. What a wonderful moment that will be!*

Peggy - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

“ We are here today, to celebrate the life of SI Hoback. We also mourn the loss of a dear friend to Kris DePaulis; the two of whom helped and supported each other over the past 25 years or so. As for Kris, her Earl family also became SI's new local family; sharing in get-togethers and annual Earl family Christmas parties. As SI's health slowly deteriorated over the past few years, Kris became caregiver, as well; comforting and caring for SI's health and daily living needs. Now: some background on SI... WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS IN THE FORM OF A TRIP...Picture yourself driving northward along Interstate 77, from Virginia into West Virginia. We have just exited a mile-long tunnel through East River Mountain, part of the Appalachian Mountain chain. About 5 minutes later, we are at the exit ramp to the town of Princeton, West Virginia. It is a beautiful, hilly, mountainous region. We decide to stop. As soon as we stopped in Princeton, we were transported in time to April 20th, 1910. And, we didn't get to Princeton by car. We either took the train, a horse or walked. Mr. McClure, the 1910 Federal Census Taker, met us in Princeton. Together, we walked up Kirk Street, within the East River District, just east of downtown Princeton. The Census Taker knocks on the door of Andrew and Burkie Hoback, at 101 Kirk Street. Andrew invites us in, and we all sit down to hear a few details about the family. They start out by listing the household residents. The family contains:

- The father, Andrew Hoback, age 26.
- The mother, Burkie Hoback, age 24
- The oldest child, Paul; age 4.
- And, the youngest child, Silas; age 1 ½. (I found Silas to be a rather common name in and around his childhood town, based on my computer searches.)

The Census Taker then asks more questions about the family. Andrew relates that he was born and raised in Virginia. He is a Fireman on the Railroad, and doesn't have much formal education. FAST-FORWARD 10 years. It is April 23rd, 1920; we are again in Princeton, walking with Grace Pennington, the 1920 Census Taker. We stop at 107 Highland Avenue. This is about 7 blocks away from the Kirk Street house. Grace knocks on the door. We are invited in by Burkie; wife of Andrew Hoback. Again, we listen to details of the household residents.

- The father, Andrew Hoback, age 38.
- The mother, Burkie

Hoback, age 33. • The oldest child, Paul, age 13. • Next oldest: Silas, age 11. • And, family enlarged by: o Rutho Jameso Andrew jr. The father, Andrew, now relates his occupation as a Locomotive Engineer. FAST-FORWARD 10 MORE YEARS. It is April 3rd, 1930. Silas is now 22 years old and has left West Virginia to search for a job in Michigan. Now Mr. Lawrence Estes, the 1930 Census Taker, finds Silas in a lodging home on Medbury Street, in the city of Detroit. This home is near I-94 and Mt. Elliott. Silas lists his occupation as a Machinist, in an auto factory. So states the public records of the 1910, 1920, and 1930 Federal Census and the beginning of the long, and interesting story of Silas Hoback. Now, for some personal notes, some off the record... Silas is about to realize that he is not in complete control of his life in Detroit city. The first loss of control happened soon after arriving in Detroit. Silas showed up in the auto factory and starts meeting his co-workers... They ask his name, and he replies, "Silas". They laugh, and the conversation then turns on him, and the co-workers tell him, "That will not work." "From this day forward, you shall be known as SI." ...just in case you were wondering how he got his nickname... The second thing out of his control relates to the girlfriend that SI left behind in Princeton, West Virginia. Her name was Elizabeth Lilly. Elizabeth was from the very large and prominent Lilly family in Virginia and West Virginia. So... Elizabeth followed SI to Detroit in order to be with the one she loved. (That was just NOT acceptable to the Lilly family!) So... the honorable thing to do, was for SI to marry the girl he was in love with! SI and Elizabeth got married in Detroit, on July 17th, 1935. SI

Jon Vachow - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JC

“ I used to be on the Monday Morning League with Si and only knowing him for a brief period in his impressive life makes me thankful. He was always the first to show up and last to leave, and out shot me most days. I will always remember his warm smile and the stories he would tell. If you can just imagine all that he has seen during his incredible 103 yrs on this Earth, we should all hope to have such a long life. All that knew you will miss you, Love Jess.

Jessica Cooper - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

GW

“ We both have known Si for many years through Lincoln Bowmen Archery Club. Si was a real treasure, full of life, had a wonderful sense of humor and really loved archery. He was a pleasure to be near! We will really miss him and will never forget him. His Lincoln Bowmen "Family" will never forget him either.

Glenn Campbell & Rhonda Weiss - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BL

“ The prayers of all of us at the Ford Tool and Die Skilled Trades Retirees go out to Silas and his family.

Bud Lusk - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DH

“ Though we haven't know Si much of his life, we look up to him still. The time the small group of archers on the Lincoln Bowmen Monday Morning League spent with each other was a time for gathering together, each doing our best to better our personal scores and discuss life and archery. Listening to him talk about days gone by are an inspiration and watching him live his life and pursue the sport he loved made us thankful to share the laughs we all did. Si had a particular passion for Field & Hunter archery and watching kids come into the sport. Everytime I walk onto a Field & Hunter course and come to the 80 yard Field walk up, I'll always remember what he said the first time we shot a course together... "think you can hit that", followed by his soft chuckle. Ellen just loved to talk and be with Si, whenever Ellen would get into a groove and shoot well on the league, Si would get a big smile and say "showoff" and just laugh. We loved the time with him and give our most heartfelt prayers to family and those very close to him. We all will miss him so

Dean & Ellen Hall - December 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM