



## Henry L. Gardella Jr.

December 26, 1942 - April 2, 2022

Henry L. "Hank" "Louie" Gardella, Jr. age 79 years, of Purling, N.Y., formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y. passed away on April 2, 2022.

He was born on December 26, 1942, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is the son of the late Henry and Margaret (Dowd) Gardella, Sr.

Loving family include his brother Jerry, nieces Danielle, Amanda, Marissa, Samantha, Giavanna "Gia" and Andrea, nephews Craig, David, Nicholas, Mateo, Brody, Maxon, Kevin and Drew, and also many cousins.

Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

During his lifetime, Henry served in The Army National Guard from January 14, 1963-December 3, 1968.

He received his certification from Modern Welding School, and was employed for The Carpenters Local 203 for many years as a welder. He was a welding instructor at Pollaces BOCES. He was also employed as a scuba welder.

Henry was an auto mechanic owning his shop in Greene County, he rebuilt cars, he raced cars and also owned H & R racing in Greene County.

Hank was also employed at Columbia Auto Parts in Catskill, N.Y., back in the day.

Henry loved spending time with his family and friends and also was a lover of animals. One of his most favorite things to do was riding his motorcycle and riding with his friends. In his younger years he belonged to a motorcycle club along with his many friends. He loved photography and his many photo

albums can attest to that, he loved woodworking and working with his hands. He was an avid hunter, he enjoyed collecting antique firearms and because of his welding experience and knowledge he applied that talent to creating reloads. Henry was an absolute perfectionist in all of his hobbies and creations and wasn't happy unless he thought that his creation was perfect. He spent his time studying and reading and self taught himself so that his accomplishments were to his standards.

Henry will be sorely missed.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y. 12413, on Thursday, April 14, 2022 from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Funeral services will take place on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. at the funeral home. Interment will follow with U.S. Army honors the family plot of The St. Patrick's Cemetery, Catskill, N.Y.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfunerlahomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfunerlahomeinc.net).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo  
P.O. Box # 383  
29 Bross Street  
Cairo, NY 12413  
(518) 622-9503  
info@richardsbradysfh.com

## Service

APR **15.** 9:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Betty Ann White lit a candle in memory of Henry L. Gardella Jr.*



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**betty ann white** - April 15, 2022 at 11:12 AM

BD

“ *Visiting Aunt Margie and Uncle Henry and cousins Jerry and Hank during our summer vacations in the Catskills was always lots of fun. Hank was funny and it was nice having an older cousin looking out for us. Their bbq's were epic! See you later Hank. Say hi to your mom and dad and my mom.*  
*Cousin Barbara Dowd*

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**Barbara Dowd** - April 14, 2022 at 10:02 AM

BD

“ *Barbara Dowd sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry L. Gardella Jr.*



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**Barbara Dowd** - April 13, 2022 at 10:13 AM

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“ *Barbara Dowd lit a candle in memory of Henry L. Gardella Jr.*



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**Barbara Dowd** - April 13, 2022 at 10:11 AM

DG

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**Danielle Gardella** - April 07, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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**Danielle Gardella** - April 07, 2022 at 06:13 PM

DG

*Reminded to me by Bill Sirago. Thanks Bill!*

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**Danielle Gardella** - April 07, 2022 at 06:19 PM

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“ I remember the summer of '69 in July. My mom just passed away in May of '69 and i was going thru it. My dad was working not to far from his sister, my Aunt Margie, and said how would you like to stay with Aunt Margie, Uncle Henry and cousin Hank, I said sure. At that time i was 15 and Hank was 27. So i went up there, stayed a few weeks and had a blast. I was always hanging out with Hank, between his motorcycles and Hot Rods i was having a good time. One day Hank came home from work, said his Motor cycle was running funny. He tuned it up, played with it then said if i wanted to go with him to check out how it's running now, Shit Yea, I said. Put a helmet on, jumped on the back and we left. Cruising down the road, taking it easy. Once we got to route 23 he said hold on tight and let it rip!!!! Up and down 23 we went. Mother of God, It was the most exciting thig I did with my pants on. As were slowly pulling into the driveway he says, Don't tell my mom what I did she might get mad, LOL

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**1st Cousin-Bruce Dowd** - April 05, 2022 at 10:05 PM



Danielle Gardella

That was awesome ❤️

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**Danielle Gardella** - April 05, 2022 at 10:16 PM

1D

“ I remember as a kid, 7-12 years old real young years. We always went to Haines falls for vacation. When ever we were leaving towards the end of summer and going back to the city my father always made it a point to pass by his sister and brother in laws house, Hank's mom Margaret & Henry Gardella who we called Aunt Margie and my cousin Hank and Jerry would be there. My uncle Henry would be on the grill and cuz Hank would be stuffing the burgers and passing them out. "It's a long ride, better make sure you eat enough" he would say.

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**1st Cousin Bruce Dowd** - April 05, 2022 at 09:45 PM



**Danielle Gardella** - April 05, 2022 at 10:17 PM



“ *Uncle Hanky, It's not goodbye, it's see you later* 🤍

**Amanda Gardella** - April 05, 2022 at 09:35 PM



🤍🤍🤍 *Ditto* 🤍🤍🤍

**Danielle Gardella** - April 05, 2022 at 10:18 PM



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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - April 05, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Paul R. Seney, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry L. Gardella Jr.*



**Paul R. Seney, Jr.** - April 05, 2022 at 03:29 PM

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*The Entire Staff of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc. sends its deep condolences to The Family of Henry L. "Hank" "Louie" Gardella, Jr. at this most difficult time.*


Paul R. Seney, Jr. - April 05, 2022 at 03:30 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - April 05, 2022 at 03:23 PM

 Danielle Gardella

*I chose this back in the day picture of my Uncle Hank our "Louie" because this is when he was a "freebird" - free of pain and free of medical issues. A few years ago he said to me "How long do you want me to live Danielle, I'm 76 years old I had a good life". My reply was always "stop talking like that - that's not something I want to hear". He was always a comedian doing and saying things to rattle my chain - which I will say he definitely got enjoyment being a character!! I know he is at peace and will always be around in spirit. ❤️❤️❤️*

Danielle Gardella - April 05, 2022 at 10:33 PM