



## Howard M. Heilbronn

August 25, 1921 - June 12, 2020

Howard Marvin Heilbronn, beloved husband, father, papa, and great papa, of Saginaw, went home to be with the Lord on June 12, 2020, at the age of 98. The son of Marvin and Maude (née Mahar) Heilbronn, Howard was born on August 25, 1921, in Saginaw, Michigan. He married Adeline Thom on May 11, 1943. They celebrated 77 wonderful years together just last month.

Howard, lovingly nicknamed “Hop”, worked as the office manager at Helfrecht Machine from 1942 to 1986. Needing to keep busy in retirement, Howard began working at W.L. Case Funeral Home and thoroughly enjoyed his time there. In his younger years, Howard was a boy scout and attended the first National Scout Jamboree in 1937 in Washington D.C. and worked at Camp Rotary with the Boy Scouts. He also attended the 1933 World’s Fair in Chicago. Howard served in the U.S. Coast Guard in Sheepshead Bay, NY and was a proud WWII veteran. He was a faithful member of Peace Lutheran Church and was the Past President of the congregation. Howard was a family man, lover of all things chocolate, an excellent steak, a well-made Manhattan, Michigan State sports, and vacationing in Northern Michigan. He was soft-spoken, but just when you thought he wasn’t listening to a group conversation, he would chime in with a humorous zinger. Time spent with family was undoubtedly his greatest joy in life. Hop will be missed by his family and friends, but his love, gentle nature, and kindness lives on.

Howard is survived by his beloved wife, Adeline “Addie” Heilbronn; loving children, Michael (Sheilah) Heilbronn, Barbara Heilbronn, and Gregory (Jean) Heilbronn; dear grandchildren, Christopher (Janine) Heilbronn, Elizabeth (Jon Oelke) Heilbronn, Matthew (JoAnne West) Heilbronn, and Andrea (Mark) Fischer; adored great-grandchildren, Laurel, Eleanor, Lake, James Howard, Gwyneth, and Emmett, with another on the way; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Howard was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Maude Heilbronn; sister, Shirley Heyer; and brother-in-law, John Heyer.

Funeral service with military honors will be held privately. A public memorial service will be held at a later date with burial at Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery, Saginaw.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Howard may be made to Peace Lutheran Church or Peace Lutheran School, 3427 Adams Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602.

Howard's family wishes to thank Hoyt Nursing and Rehab for their kindness and care.

For information, please call Fischer Family Funeral Services at (989) 755-8277. To express your condolences, please visit [www.fischerfuneral.com](http://www.fischerfuneral.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery**

4810 Brockway Road

Saginaw, MI, 48638

# Comments

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“ Tom and Kathy Heidger purchased the Cheryl's Classic Treats Box for the family of Howard M. Heilbronn.



**Tom and Kathy Heidger** - June 22 at 07:31 AM

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“ Tom Heidger lit a candle in memory of Howard M. Heilbronn



**Tom Heidger** - June 22 at 07:25 AM

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“ So thankful for Howard's arrival home in heaven. Miss him. He was so encouraging, positive, thoughtful and sweetly humorous as I remember him. His departure motivates another strong reason to long for home! Bert Eggers

**Bert Eggers** - June 17 at 05:16 PM

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“ Dear Addie and family, So sorry for your tremendous loss. Remembering all the good times we had...especially picnicking in both backyards. Hop was a great friend. Sending love from Evelyn Lang and the entire Lang family.

**Evelyn Lang** - June 17 at 02:32 PM

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“ Dear Heilbronn cousins;  
So sorry to hear Hop has gone. He was my favorite cousin and my first boy friend. I thought the world of him. I think my husband of 62 years even reminds me of him. Both Eagle Scouts.. Howard and Ned enjoyed talking of Scouting adventures and Camp Rotary. He will be missed always a wonderful smile and a hug. Rita Mahar

Brown

Rita Brown - June 16 at 09:09 PM

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“ To the Heilbronn family. What a joy to have known and loved Howard! He often reminded me that even though we shared a birthdate, he was the 'elder' and so much wiser. He will be missed. Addie, sending hugs for you, see you soon. Suzanne Marvosh

Suzanne Marvosh - June 16 at 02:55 PM

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“ Dear Heilbronn Family.  
May the unending love, support and peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be yours at this time.  
“He tends His flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart.” Isaiah 40:11  
Rest in Jesus.  
Judy Hillman

Judy Hillman - June 14 at 09:57 PM

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“ Dear, Dear Heilbronn family,

Bryan and I were so sad learning of Howard's passing. We will never forget how wonderful it always was seeing him in church. He had such beautiful, welcoming ways, hugs and kisses. He brought a smile to our faces every time. It will not be the same. He will be missed.

We praise our Savior for his sacrifice and promise of life eternal. Howard is enjoying that glorious gift now. We ask God's peace at this time of sadness and mourning. We are keeping you in prayer.

Love,  
Sue Korth

Sue and Bryan Korth - June 14 at 03:25 PM

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“ Scott Sayers lit a candle in memory of Howard M. Heilbronn



**Scott Sayers** - June 14 at 10:21 AM