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HENRY A. POHS Engineer, 70

Henry A. Pohn of Denver, an engineer, died February 12 in Denver. He was 70.

Services were Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

He was born November 20, 1928 in Denver. On June 8, 1963 he married Eloise Penberthy in Denver. He was a member of the Denver Mining Club and the Booster Club at Holy Family High School.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mary Catherine Spretnjak (Greg), Granger, Indiana and Mary Elizabeth Ireland (Kevin), Highlands Ranch, Colorado; a brother, Frank, Wheat Ridge, Colorado; a sister, Dolly Ansay, Denver, Colorado; and three grandchildren, Katharine Eloise Ireland, Mark August Spretnjak, and William Henry Spretnjak.

Contributions may be made to the Holy Family Endowment Fund, 4377 Utica Street, Denver, Colorado 80212.

Requiescat In Pace



This obituary notice that appeared in the Denver paper was too short to speak in detail about Henry's devotion to his family, especially his special love for his wife Eloise, and his two daughters, Mary Catherine and Mary Elizabeth. Henry was also devoted to Holy Family, his church and school.

In addition, Henry was very interested in the entire field of underground mine lighting. In the late 1960's he brought the few known collectors together with the *Lamp Post*. The number of collectors grew from the original ten, until last year the *Lamp Post* was sent to over 500 people in several countries. It was all an effort from the heart; Henry loved to share information and was always willing to help a collector identify his new "find" and provide detailed information on missing parts when necessary. Much of the cost was born by Henry alone with some help from others, which was always gratefully received. His first book, published in 1974, became a "bible" for many of us - there was no other reference available in English. His recent "magnum opus" (the BIG BOOK) is a fantastic reference for all of us - no collector should be without a copy. The mine lamp collecting community has lost a great pioneering member. He was a collector, student, teacher, author, historian, friend, and a mentor to many of us.

After Henry completes his heavenly duties, we're sure he sits around with George, Chuck, Norm, Vic and Jeannie.....and talks mine lamps!

Thank you for many years of Tony and John friendship through our mutual interest in mine lamps, Eloise

What will happen to the *Lamp Post*?
The fate of the *Lamp Post* is unknown. Mark Mallicoat has volunteered to write two pages in Henry's style and under the *Lamp Post* masthead. These would be included at the end of the *Collector's Mining Review*, to be published quarterly by Steve Rush if there is sufficient interest. Approximate subscription cost would be \$25 per year. If you are interested, contact Steve Rush directly at 31112 Shadow Mountain Drive, Conifer, CO 80433 His telephone is (303) 670-9158.