

## Henry Dye, 1942–2016

Commentary for October 15, 2016 — There Is No Wrong Way to Express Grief

ASK lost a good friend and supporter this past September. Henry Dye volunteered his time in many ways, never asking for or expecting any recognition. I will give that recognition now. Below is Henry's obituary from his local paper.

Henry Mitchell Dye, of Prescott, AZ, died on Monday, September 19, 2016 at Yavapai Regional Medical Center. He was 73.

He was born on December 29, 1942 in Bakersfield, CA. He graduated from California State Polytechnical University in 1968 with a BSME in Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear and Power Systems. In 1969 he married his first wife, Frances Edwards and together they had two children. Henry worked in the Nuclear Engineering Department at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard before taking an early out in 1995. He was most proud of his work on the Manual for the Procedures to Overhaul Nuclear Submarines.

In 1996, Henry married his soulmate and love of his life, Barbara Imhoff. Post Retirement, Henry worked for The Hay Group as a Network Administrator from 1996-2004. In 2004, Henry and Barbara moved to Prescott, AZ. In Prescott, Henry was actively involved with the Hiking Club, Computer Society and Habitat for Humanity.

He also enjoyed Biblical Research and spent many hours assisting the Associates for Scriptural Knowledge with timelines and editorial input. One of his greatest accomplishments was hiking the John Muir Trail in its entirety. He passed on his great love of the outdoors to all he met. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Barbara, their 6 children; Lynna, Brian, Elayne, Christine, April and Anneke, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and sister, Carrie Ann. A memorial service will be held at Ruffner Wakelin Chapel, 303 S. Cortez Street on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Memorial donations may be made in Henry's name to the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity.

As you read, Henry gave his time unselfishly to several local organizations. He was the "computer expert" to several of the groups he volunteered with, as well as organizing and leading various functions for them.

Regarding the "Manual for the Procedures to Overhaul Nuclear Submarines," Henry won a national award in recognition of his work producing that first manual. It involved procedures to replace nuclear fuel in atomic submarines. While each submarine was unique, general procedures for each class of vessel were necessary. Henry Dye "wrote the book" on the process. He also received many awards for excellence of his work as a civilian employee.

I was told that Henry "could keep a secret." Indeed, he had the highest civilian security clearances. Henry and I first met face-to-face a few years ago in San Francisco (he was visiting family, I was at a conference). I asked him, "tell me some 'public' secrets." Henry

told me nothing, though he retired more than a decade earlier. He gave me the title of a book about the challenges submarines faced in the cold war. He said without being specific, Navy personnel thought highly of the book, and it had much truth within its pages.

Henry first contacted ASK in 2008. I only recently learned of his long-time personal interest and research into biblical chronology as far back as the 1970s.

### ***ELM Timeline Project***

Henry along with Tim Parrott were project managers (actually, the only ones on the project) for the ASK "[ELM Timeline Project](#)." With my approval, Tim and Henry went ahead with the timeline design and made it happen, trying various graphic configurations so the chronology would be more understandable, and trying to resolve chronological difficulties. They used their joint engineering and organizational expertise to wade through the mass of data from many chronological authors to yield the product online now.

The timeline is strongly rooted by Dr. Ernest L. Martin's writings on history and prophecy. I think the product is a work of art, clearly relating one event in time with other events. It has received interest from biblical chronology students around the world. The three most important events in history were:

1. the birth of Christ (Immanuel, "God with us," Matthew 1:23) on September 11, 3 BC;
2. the crucifixion and resurrection on Passover weekend in 30 AD; and
3. the revelation of the Mystery to Paul and others in 63 AD  
(three years before the outbreak of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans, and seven years before the destruction of the Temple and city of Jerusalem in 70 AD).

These events of Scripture are the key events of creation. All prophecies relate to them. They are the focus of all revelation. I hope the work begun by Henry and Tim will continue under Tim's leadership, with others joining the research. It will always be "a work in progress."

### ***Too Young***

Henry Dye died too young at age 73. I was frustrated when Dr. Martin died too young (in my opinion) nearly age 70 in 2002. Both were "young for their age," in mind if not in body. Each of you must know of many people — young or old — you feel died too young. Yet God felt otherwise. He will tell us later why times of death occur (Job 14:5; Ecclesiastes 3:1–2).

As a child of God, I sometimes petulantly sulk as I grieve when such deaths happen. Yet I know and understand we will spend eons (and beyond) with our loved ones and friends, all of us then immortal. All mankind will be saved (1 Timothy 4:10). We who are alive are ...

***"looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."***

***• Titus 2:13–14***

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