



## Horace Herndon

August 25, 1923 - December 14, 2007

HORACE EUGENE HERNDON, SR.

1923-2007

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord"

Horace E. Herndon, Sr. age 84 of Nokesville, Virginia went to his Heavenly Home Friday, December 14, 2007. He passed away at Prince William Hospital in Manassas, Virginia. Mr. Herndon was born August 25, 1923 in Nokesville, Virginia and was the son of the late Van Rhine Herndon, Sr. and Effie Mae (Davis) Herndon. Mr. Herndon was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a hard worker and good provider who loved being with his family. He was kind to everyone he met and never met a stranger. He was very involved with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed attending their sports, dance and music activities. He also enjoyed his role as a baseball coach.

Born and raised on the family farm in Nokesville, Horace worked and contributed to the livelihood of his family. At the age of twenty-two, he traveled to Florida, where he met the love of his life, Ruby. After a short and unique romance, they were married on October 24, 1945. After a short time back in Virginia at the family farm, the newlyweds moved to Georgia, where they lived and started their family. In 1951 they returned to the family farm in Nokesville. In 1958, Horace, Ruby, and their family moved a short distance from the farm. Horace was self-employed as a land clearing contractor until he retired in the

late 1990's.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 62 years, Ruby Skinner Herndon; four sons, Horace E. Herndon, Jr. and his wife, Joy of Warrenton, Virginia, Jerry H. Herndon and his wife, Ann of Manassas, Virginia, Loyad G. Herndon and his wife, Carolyn of Nokesville, Virginia and George L. Herndon and his wife, Patty of Bealeton, Virginia; two daughters, Joyce B. Compton and her husband, Claude of Aldie, Virginia and Karen M. Barrett and her husband Michael of Haymarket, Virginia. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, Tom Compton, Tim Compton, Jill Compton, Trey Compton, Nathaniel Barrett, Zachary Barrett, Michala Barrett, Trevor Herndon, Katie Herndon, Tara Herndon, Matt Heisler and Jason Heisler and thirteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Virginia Kidd of Nokesville, Virginia and Lorene Thompson of Florida; and three brothers, Robert Herndon of Stuarts Draft, Virginia, Jerry Herndon of West Virginia and Stewart Herndon of Florida and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by a sister, Naomi Richey and a brother, Van Rhine Herndon, Jr.

Funeral services were held at Victory Baptist Church in Nokesville, Virginia with Pastor Clinton E. Owens officiating on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. The service was a beautiful tribute to a very special man who will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Burial followed at Cannon Branch Cemetery in Manassas, Virginia.

The family requests expressions of sympathy be made in the form of contributions to the American Heart Association in memory of Horace E. Herndon, Sr.

Condolences may be sent to [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I wish we could be with you during this time, but as you know there are a lot of miles between us. You are forever in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Marie & Barkwell Cannon** - March 29, 2013 at 02:03 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Horace. I remember him as a hard worker who worked on the farm and in the log woods. I also remember what a wonderful laugh he had when something tickled his funny bone.

*Although we seldom saw each other over the years, I thought of you all often and always knew you were ok.*

*Love you all,  
Carol*

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**Carol Thompson Phillips** - March 29, 2013 at 02:03 PM

MS

“ Dear Ruby and Family,  
We are sorry for your loss and wanted you to know that you are in our prayers. We love you all.  
Mary Lou, Carolyn, Bruce, Terry, Barbara, Gloria, and David

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**Mary Lou Skinner** - March 29, 2013 at 02:03 PM

MS

“ *Ruby and family,  
We are sorry for your loss. We know that you will miss him greatly.  
We just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and  
praying for you during this time. We will be in touch with you soon.  
Love,  
Mary Lou, Carolyn, Bruce, Terry, Barbara, Gloria, and David*

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**Mary Lou Skinner** - March 29, 2013 at 02:03 PM