



## Harold "Gene" Horton Sr.

September 18, 1929 - October 28, 2018

Bluefield, WV- Harold (Gene) Horton Sr., Age 89 of Bluefield WV passed peacefully October 28th. Born September 18 1929 in Richlands VA, he was the son of the late John S. and Stella D. Horton. He was a graduate of Richlands High School and was a proud member of the Blue Tornado Football team. He served in the United States Air Force for five years and retired from Norfolk Southern RR with over 35 years of service. Mr. Horton was known by his RR buddies as " Snake Horton" and "DAD". He loved sharing memories and stories of his RR days. He loved watching football and was a loyal WVU and NY Giant Fan.

In addition to his parents Mr. Horton was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Shirley W Horton and one brother John R. Horton.

He is survived by daughters Regina Horton Lacy, and Beverly Horton Damron, husband Patrick, of Bluefield; and one son Harold Horton Jr. and wife Jami of Alvin Texas; eight grandchildren, Melanie Lacy Rusch husband Ted, Brittany Lacy Funderburk husband Matt, Kristan Lacy Wimmer husband John, Ashlee Litz Degray husband Greg, Morgan Litz Walk husband Travis, John, James and Hannah Horton; great grandchildren, Jayden Bailey, Kynlee, Peyton, Bryce and Brayden Wimmer,

Aiden, Greyson and Griffin Rusch, Jack and Sophia Barrow, Mattison and Mason Funderburk, Tanner and Barrett Degray and Hudson Walk; nephew John Horton and niece Joann Taylor.

The family wishes to acknowledge special friends Frank and Jean Mitchell and Joe Hillman and to all the wonderful cards, prayers and visits from others.

A very, very heartfelt thank you to the staff at Mercer Nursing Home who loved and cared for him. He loved you and gave each of you a special "nickname".

At the request of Mr. Horton a private family service will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting <http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com>. Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Harold (Gene) Horton, Sr.

# Comments

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“ Love and Prayers are sent to you, in the loss of your dad. We so enjoyed our visits with Gene. He was faithful to his church and his God, and we know there is much rejoicing in heaven.

Pastor Randy & Florence Sargent

Florence Sargent - November 02, 2018 at 07:20 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Gene for many years when I was a brakeman. I had a Clinch Valley job with him as my conductor. I always looked forward to going to work. Gene had the best sense of humor. And you put him and Ernie Hoback in the same room it was sit back and enjoy the show. You laughed until your sides hurt. I had so much respect for Gene. I loved to hear his stories. I know his family will miss him so much. But rejoice , for this is not the end. It is only the beginning. You will see him again. I pray God can give you peace and comfort at this difficult time. With Love. R T Bowen

Rees Bowen III - November 02, 2018 at 12:15 PM

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“ Mike & Nancy Hawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold "Gene" Horton Sr.



Mike & Nancy Hawkins - October 31, 2018 at 12:06 AM

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“ Dear Beverly, Patrick, and family: We are lifting you all up in prayer in the days ahead. May our Heavenly Father comfort you all in the homegoing of your Father Harold Gene Horton Sr. The tributes here speak to the wonderful and caring Father and Mother you were blessed with. May God send a blessing of peace and comfort.



Mike & Nancy Hawkins - October 30, 2018 at 11:04 PM

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“ Dear Regina, Beverly and H. E.  
I have thought a lot about your parents the last 24 hours. Many many talks did I share with them out in the yards between the two houses on Ohio street. I am blessed to have known each of them. Mr. Horton had such a kind nature about himself. Never had a harsh word about anyone or anything. He would tease me about eating liver and how good it was...haha....he would brag about what a good cook your mother was. Imagine the celebration when he reunited with his 'JOE' when he saw her again. He loved all of you so much and bragged about those grandchildren. When H.E. and his wife announced they were expecting he talked about it every time I saw him. Pure joy. I understand your tears but I believe he and your mom are together again with Christ. Please let us know of anything we can do for any of you at anytime. Take care of each other.

Trish Estep

trish estep - October 30, 2018 at 08:09 PM

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“ Here's to you my old railroad and Moose buddy!! Gene, you were one of my MOST favorites of all the people I ever worked with and I will never forget you!! Please tell our old friend Harry hello for me and I sure hope to see ya both on the other side one of these days!! Your friend always, Larry Tuggle

Larry W Tuggle - October 30, 2018 at 07:05 PM

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“ Regina, Beverly, HE,  
My family moved to Ohio Street in 1982 and immediately your Mom and Dad became our friends. Mr.Horton would walk down the street and always stop to talk with me. I remember when my Dad pasted away in 1992 your Mom /and Dad came to the funeral home and Mr. Horton told me if I ever needed anything that he was across the street. In later years when he was sitting in the front yard in his swing we would talk about everything, and we would discover people we both knew. I really miss our chats. You all were very blessed to have your Mom and Dad as parents. They were what I considered my foster parents. All I can say is they are great folks and I can hear him catching up with Mrs. Horton now. They both are sitting on a swing in heaven, both healthy and happy.  
I am so sorry for your loss, but I know you have great memories that will carry you on.  
I am blessed that your family has touched my life. If you any help later on please let me know. Hank

**Hank Burnley** - October 30, 2018 at 11:15 AM

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“ Regina and family, I am so sorry about your Dad's passing. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. I will be praying for you all doing this difficult time. Love and prayer.

Anita Sizemore Bentley

**Anita Sizemore Bentley** - October 30, 2018 at 08:16 AM

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“ Oh Regina andBev, I am so very very sorry to read about your Father's passing. He was a great gentleman and always had a warm "hello" when I saw him. It is so hard to lose a Dad and it hurts. You and Bev certainly took great care of your Dad. Love and prayers!

**Lindsey Grubb Barilla** - October 29, 2018 at 06:56 PM

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“ I am really sorry to hear the passing of your Dad. I met him just a few short years ago. My friend Hank asked me to mow your Dad's grass for him and Hank had told him my name, while I was mowing your Dad came outside shaking his finger at me. I stopped the mower thinking I must have done something wrong and said "Yes Sir". Your Dad said " I want you to know that I hooked your Daddy up to many a Caboose". I knew right then that I had met a friend that I had probably heard of growing up. He was so nice to me and I knew that I had the honor of meeting a fine man. I know they are in heaven running the trains now. God bless you and your family.

Tom Gordon

**Tom Gordon** - October 29, 2018 at 06:36 PM