



## Mr. Eugene Lee Horton

November 7, 1921 - February 1, 2018

Eugene Lee Horton, 96, passed away February 1, 2018 in his home at Newcastle just a short distance from the spot where he was born on November 7, 1921. He was the older son of Lee Baxter and Della Isard Horton.

“Gene” was raised in Newcastle and Forrest City and graduated from Forrest City High School. After high school he attended William R. Moore Technical School in Memphis. When World War II broke out, he joined the Naval Air Corps and was training to be a pilot with likely duty in the South Pacific. Because of divine intervention and his failure to devote adequate attention to the study of naval history, he was given the choice to either be recycled or go home. He went home and later joined the war effort by working at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant in Minden, Louisiana. While there he met Marion Bolin, whom he would later marry. Eugene enlisted in the Army in 1942 and was sent to India where he worked and sweated for two years helping to build the world’s longest pipeline. The pipeline would supply fuel to allied troops in India, Burma and China.

Upon his return home he went to work with his father in their cotton gin and general store. In 1947 he married Marion Bolin of Shreveport and they raised two boys, John and Carl.

For 45 years he was treasurer and song leader in Forrest Chapel United Methodist Church at Newcastle. He was a great influence on many boys and men as a Boy Scout leader for over 20 years and was honored for his dedication to Scouting by being awarded the Silver Beaver award. He was a justice of the peace for St. Francis County and was retired after 18 years of employment with the Arkansas Highway Department. He was custodian of Loughridge Cemetery for over 40 years and was caregiver for his elderly grandmother, mother and several aunts. He was active for many years in Forrest City Kiwanis Club and especially excelled at selling pancake tickets.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Marion, after 51 years of marriage. In 1999, he married Jo Ann Moore and she survives him. He is also survived by a brother, James Russell Horton of Solomons, Maryland; sons, John Horton of Newcastle and Carl Horton of Wynne; grandchildren, Jennie Horton of Fayetteville, Baxter Horton of Dallas, David Horton of Jonesboro and Sarah House of Van Buren, and eight great-grandchildren. Three stepsons survive him, Tony Moore, Allen Moore and Scott Moore, nine step-grandchildren, and twelve step-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 3rd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Stevens Funeral Home with funeral at 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 4th, also at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Loughridge Cemetery. The family request memorials be made to Loughridge Cemetery, 668 SFC 442, Forrest City, AR 72335. Visit online registry at [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Loughridge Cemetery

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

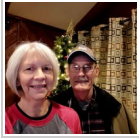
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## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ JOAnn, John and Carl..and family our whole neighborhood feels your loss. MR Gene was always generous in sharing his memories for WW II homework and to give a ride on his golf cart to visiting grandkids ...how grateful we are to have met him and enjoyed his company

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**Dian Lawson** - February 05, 2018 at 02:36 PM

RM

“ Charlie and I really liked Mr. Horton. We send our condolences to the family.

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**Rosa Myers** - February 04, 2018 at 10:05 PM

ES

“ I just heard of Gene's death. My mother was Katherine Devereux Morgan and so the Horton's were all very dear to her. Even tho I have not lived in Arkansas for years I will miss Gene. Please let his family know I am thinking of them.

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**Elizabeth Morgan Spiegel** - February 04, 2018 at 10:54 AM

MA

“ I have fond memories of the Sunday drive "To the country" with my brother and parents so we could all enjoy ourselves young and old alike.

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**Madge** - February 03, 2018 at 04:21 PM

ST

“ Horton Family, Sorry for your loss. Mr. Horton was such a kind person. Years ago I would see him and his friends at McDonald's he would always say to me, you were Jenney 's second grade teacher at Caldwell, I would smile and say you still remember me! Mr. Horton you will be missed!



Shirley W. Thorn - February 03, 2018 at 01:18 PM

DD

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Gene touched many lives and his legacy lives on in each of you. We will hold you all in our prayers.  
Bobby Griffin family

Donna Griffin Daugherity - February 03, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Lee Horton.



February 03, 2018 at 10:14 AM

PE

“ Was introduced to this man by my friend Bessie Forbes. He was the nicest, kindest man I ever met. Will remember him always.

Patsy Hemingway Everett - February 03, 2018 at 06:24 AM

SR

“ Dear Jo Ann and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are praying for you as you journey through this difficult time. May you feel the Lord's presence every step of the way!  
Suzie and Brother Kevin Rodgers

Suzie Rodgers - February 02, 2018 at 10:50 PM

RS

“ Sorry to here of the passing of Gene. Had many a great visit with him at McDonalds in Wynne when he was still out and around.

Rickey Stutts - February 02, 2018 at 08:02 PM

KO

“ I am sure that Uncle Gene sang "Oh , The Race Is On" all of the way through those Pearly Gates! I am so thankful that Uncle Sam sent him and my dad to Camp Claiborne, and am so thankful for the more than seventy year friendship they shared.

Kathy Stewart O'Nan - February 02, 2018 at 07:53 PM

JM

“ Jo Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. I did not have the opportunity to meet Gene but i am sure he was a fine man. Love you.

Javene Mounce - February 02, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Lee Horton.



February 02, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Lee Horton.*



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February 02, 2018 at 04:12 PM