



Ross J Horton

May 24, 1927 - July 6, 2012

Branchville

Mr. Ross J. Horton, 85 years of age, died Friday, July 6, 2012. Mr. Horton was born in Bethune, SC, a son of the late Wade C. Horton and Maggie Jones Horton. He was retired from the Branchville Public School after many years of teaching, coaching, and leading as principal. He was an avid golfer, hunter, and fisherman. A champion golfer, he won many awards, including four time SCGA Senior Men's Championship, and one time Men's Senior CGA Championship. He graduated from Newberry College after receiving a baseball scholarship for four years, and earned his master's degree from Western Carolina University. Horton Athletic Field, in Branchville, was named in his honor. He was a member of the Branchville Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of the community.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, July 9, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., at Branchville Baptist Church, with Rev. Steve Mims officiating; the casket will be placed in the church one hour before services.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mrs. Nira "Pete" Horton of Branchville, one son, Steve Horton (Julie) of Moncks Corner, two grandchildren, Maggie and Thomas Horton, two brothers, Grady Horton of Bethune and John Horton of Camden, one sister, Grace Holley of Camden, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Sunday, from 6 to 8 P.M., at Ott Funeral Home in Branchville; at other times, friends may call at the residence. Memorials can

be made to Branchville Baptist Church, 691 Ott St., Branchville, SC, 29432.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
For as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.
Joseph & Mallena Jackson*

JOSEPH C. JACKSON, SR. - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Mr. Ross was a good man & my father & I thought so much of him.
Was so saddened to hear about his death.*

Wally McAlhany - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *Dear Mrs. Pete, Steve and family,
Mr. Horton will be missed. It will not seem right to look out the
window and not see him out there practicing his golf swing. I am so
grateful for the quality time he spent with Genie when she was
young, the endless supply of Ice box watermelons he supplied her
in the summer and all that he meant over the years to me and my
family. May he rest in peace. With love, Vicki and Genie Cleveland*

Vicki Cleveland - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Dear Pete and Steve, Julie & Maggie are thoughts and love is with
all of you at this time.*

Roger, Caryl & Kristin Stabin - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Mr. Horton was a true gentleman who greatly impressed me during our occasional meetings on the golf courses. He was widely admired and his presence will be missed. My genuine sympathy to his family as you and he are in our prayers.*

Captain Al Ross - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Dear Ms Pete and family, So sorry to hear of Coach's passing. Fine man. Great Coach. (played baseball for Coach H my freshman and senior years ("64/'67)) I enjoyed talking to Coach H from time to time in Branchville running into one another. My prayers are with you. Hope for comfort for your loss. Brad Hanley*

Brad Hanley - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Pete, you are very much in our thoughts and prayers...did not get to call you yesterday, but will later today. So sorry to hear of Ross passing, and will be thinking of you in a special way at 11:00am-wish we could be there.. Much love to you and the family.*

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CS

“ I and the entire BCC Men's Golf Association extends sincere condolences to all the Horton family.

Capt Tom Summer - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Ms. Pete,
We are praying for strength and comfort for you in the days ahead.
May you know the peace that only God can give! You are in our thoughts daily.
Love,
Dianne and Luke

Dianne and Luke Dukes - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Please accept our condolences. Ross was a very good friend and an excellent golfing buddy. We were always amazed at his golf abilities. He will be missed by the entire community.

Eddie and Sandra Byrd - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ SORRY TO READ OF THE PASSING OF OUR PRINCIPAL

fren - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I extend my sympathy to Mr. Horton's family. He and my dad, Ronald Houser, were friends and enjoyed playing golf together from many years ago. Especially when he would come to Bishopville to visit his brother Mr. Lawson. I also remember when I was in high school, our girls golf team played for the state championship in Denmark one year and Mr. Ross was there watching as we won the championship. Although I had not seen him in years, I have many fond memories of him and know he will be missed. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Ruthie Houser - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Pete and Family - We are thinking of you and remembering the good times with "Son" (Ross) and all of you. He was a wonderful man and everyone will miss him. Please accept our sympathy and prayers, and always be grateful for having him in your lives. Love, Linda & Steve

Linda & Steve Arnemann - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Steve and Julie and Aunt Pete.
I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Ross'passing. He was a wonderful man. I am so glad to have known him. He is in God's arms and surrounded by those who passed before him. I am sending my prayers and love, Marlene

marlene stabin - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ i am very sorry to hear about mr ross.i enjoyed playing golf with him. he will be missed by many.

phillip widener - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Aunt "Pete", Steve and Julie and family, Vickie and I, Patrick, Jonathan and Michael all send our most deeply felt sympathies. Every summer my family and I would travel from NY down to visit our family in S. Carolina. Being spread between Hilton Head and Mt Pisgah I would always carve out a day to drive to Branchville and play a round or two of golf with Ross. Over the years I had the chance to meet many of his friends at the many different golf clubs we played at accross S. Carolina. Wherever we went people knew him and wanted to just say "hey". When I told him he was my "rock star" uncle, he just grinned and teed off on the first tee and sailed it down the middle of Hole#1 at the Orangeburg Golf club.... Uncle Ross will be sorely missed by all of us who were blessed to know him. May the love of family and friends comfort you all during this most difficult time.

Love,
Randy, Vickie, Patrick, Jonathan and Michael Stabin

Randy Stabin - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ A large part of my life growing up in Branchville and my school years. He was a mentor for many young men in our town and had the gift to make history a subject you enjoyed and actually looked forward to his class. He will be missed by the many lives he touched.

Rebecca K. White - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Mrs "Pete" and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Mr Ross was a wonderful man. His kindness and smile will be greatly missed. He has had such a wonderful influence on many generations in Branchville. He blessed us all.
With love and deepest sympathy,
David, Lisa, Shiloh, and Sterling Long

Lisa Drawdy Long - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ I have known Mr. Ross for 15 years. I was always happy to see him come into the office. He never once left my sight without a smile and a hug or a wave. He will always be remembered in my head and heart as a fine example of a great man.

Wendy Thomas - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM