

Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton

May 26, 1935 - December 19, 2013

Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton was born May 26, 1935, in Swords Creek, Virginia. He was the son of the late Rev. Grat and Chorilda Horton. He went home to glory December, 19th, 2013 being 78 years of age.

Rev. Ralph Horton was the Senior Pastor of the Richlands Tabernacle since 1971. He gave his life to serving his Lord spreading the Gospel to any who would hear. He will be missed by a host of family and friends.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Elaine Horton Roberts. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Thelma Horton Osborne and one brother, Christopher Aaron "Mack" Horton.

Those who remain to carry on his spirit are:

His loving wife of 58 years, Doris Boyd Horton of Richlands, VA

Daughter, Dana Horton Walls and husband Randall of Richlands, VA

Son-in-law, Rev. Gary Michael Roberts of Cedar Bluff, VA

His sisters:

Mozell Horton Cordle of Richlands, VA

Naomi Horton Ray of Richlands, VA

Patricia Horton Jeanelle and husband Danny of Pounding Mill, VA

Sharon Roberts of Richlands, VA

His brothers:

Don Horton and wife Betty of Richlands, VA

Rev. David Horton and wife Brenda of Cedar Bluff, VA

Rev. James Horton and wife Greta of Richlands, VA

Rev. Phillip Horton and wife Carolyn of Richlands, VA

His five grandchildren:

Rev. Aaron Michael Roberts and wife Regina of Cedar Bluff, VA

Rev. Jonathan Roberts and wife Stephanie of Cedar Bluff, VA

Rev. Benjamin Roberts of Cedar Bluff, VA

Miss. April Walls of Cedar Bluff, VA

Mrs. Aranda Vance and husband James of Lebanon, VA

His nine great-grandchildren:

Kermit Roberts, Rachel Roberts, Abigail Roberts, Daniel Roberts, Jordan Roberts, Autumn Roberts, Ezekiel Roberts, Isaac Roberts and Logan James Ralph Vance.

He is also survived by a host of nephews, nieces, friends and colleagues.

Funeral services for Rev. Ralph Horton will be conducted at the Richlands Tabernacle on Saturday, December 21st, at 1:00 pm with the Rev. Mike Roberts, Rev. Phillip Horton, Rev. Neil Bridges, Rev. Bob Osborne and his grandsons officiating. Entombment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Rev. Adam Cordle, Rev. Billy Gillespie, Rev. Brett Houston, Rev. Dale Keene, Rev. Steve Kiser, Rev. Tim Lester, Rev. Johnny Rex Ward and Rev. Stuart Cole. Honorary pallbearers will be the men of the Richlands Tabernacle Church. Friends can call after 5:00 pm on Friday evening at the Richlands Tabernacle in Richlands, Virginia. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Richlands Tabernacle
2505 Third Street
Richlands, VA 24641

Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Richlands Tabernacle
2505 Third Street
Richlands, VA 24641

Tribute Wall



“ *Christine Hayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Horton*



Christine Hayton - December 08, 2023 at 08:48 PM



“ *Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Brother Horton. He was great blessing to many.*

Rev and Mrs. Gary Hampton - December 30, 2013 at 05:21 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, and church at this difficult time. The world lost another good man, but heaven is shouting as another soldiers made it home. He and his daughter are strolling over heaven hand in hand enjoying the beauties it beholds. He will be greatly missed by his family, church and friends from across the nation. It reminds me of that old song "Heaven's Sounding Sweeter All The Time"*

Tonya Carpenter - December 30, 2013 at 04:07 PM

LR

“ One of my favorite holiness preachers of all times---we drove the long ride to their campmeeting in Richland, Va. where my lovely daughter Kimberly K Reedy(Brock) had her very first date with my dear son in law-Rev Mark Brock! They were so good to us and always showed the nature of our Lord's love while holding up the banner of God's love and divine word without compromise:-) His spirit was definitely one of a spiritual FRIENDLY PERSUASION!! May more of us show forth such good fruits to the lost and hurting as Bro Ralph always did in my presence--to me and my family-- What a loss on earth--yet truly heaven's gain:-) love to all of his beloved family--Sis Linda Reedy(Lester) beacon of hope ministries~wsyd-mt airy, nc~~~our prayers are with you~

Linda Reedy(Lester) - December 30, 2013 at 03:24 PM

BL

“ we are sorry to hear about brother ralph. we have known the horton family most of our lives. he will be missed by a lot of people. we send our sympathies. betty, don and donna lowe.



betty cantrell lowe - December 27, 2013 at 06:26 PM

AC

“ Angela, Rebekkah, And Rachel Crawford sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Angela, Rebekkah, and Rachel Crawford - December 27, 2013 at 05:51 PM

LS

“ thinking about all the great years i have know the Horton's family how they was more like family love u Ralph rest in peace thanks you for all u did for the Stevenson family love u Alta Stevenson

lydia alta stevenson shrodes - December 22, 2013 at 08:17 PM

TS

“ Thinking about all the great years we got to enjoy the Hortons at Broxton. God bless you all in your time of loss.

Trevor Smith - December 22, 2013 at 07:26 AM

TM

“ Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - December 22, 2013 at 06:47 AM

TD

“ What a wonderful man of God Bro. Ralph Horton was! So many wonderful memories of his preaching and fellowship with us at Broxton. We are so saddened of his Earthly passing, but look forward to the day we meet again in Heaven! Our prayers and thoughts are with your family. Sis. Doris, may the peace of God be with you! We love you and your family so very much!
Rev. Joey, Melanie, Luke, Landon, and Ashton Dean

The Deans - December 21, 2013 at 03:00 PM

TW

“ We are sorry for your loss. He was a great man of God. We are praying for you and your family.

*Terry Wright & family
Roanoke, Va*

Terry Wright - December 21, 2013 at 12:20 PM

WS

“ *Wilma Ward Stacy lit a candle in memory of
Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Wilma Ward Stacy - December 21, 2013 at 11:53 AM

WS

“ *Wonderful man and preacher,he led me to the Lord in Hale Creek
Penticostal Church in March 1970.He will be missed,love you all.
Wilma Ward Stacy.*

Wilma Ward Stacy - December 21, 2013 at 11:50 AM

SF

“ *Susan Honaker Fain lit a candle in memory of
Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Susan Honaker Fain - December 21, 2013 at 10:27 AM

PS

“ *Peggy M. Sparks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Peggy M. Sparks - December 21, 2013 at 08:02 AM

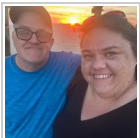
JM

“ *Sis Doris and family,
We love you and your family. We always looked forward to seeing you and him at campmeetings. Bro. Ralph has been an inspiration to us. Doesn't seem like many preachers could preach as Bro Ralph did. May he rest from his labors. He will be missed around Allentown come spring. We will be keeping you in our prayers.*



*Jimmie and Diana McDuffie
Pastor of
Foster Grove Holiness Church
Mobile, AL*

Jimmie & Diana McDuffie - December 20, 2013 at 11:26 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss earth's great loss but heavens greatest gain true man of GOD will be missed deepest Sympathy to Doris and the family Go Rest High ON The Mountain Ralph you deserve it*

Rhonda Arrington - December 20, 2013 at 10:12 PM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. He will be missed so much by all who knew this wonderful man who touched so many lives. I'm sure the joy he is having now with loving family members and friends cannot even be described. Please try and remember you are so loved and will be thought of and prayed for often by many, many people. Love you so much.
Joan & Harold Helton



Joan Helton - December 20, 2013 at 09:09 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Kathy Taylor - December 20, 2013 at 08:23 PM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton.*



December 20, 2013 at 07:18 PM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton.*



December 20, 2013 at 07:16 PM



“ *Angie Justice Jackson and family purchased the Holiday Homecoming Basket for the family of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton.*



Angie Justice Jackson and family - December 20, 2013 at 07:14 PM



“ *Michael Perkins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Michael Perkins - December 20, 2013 at 06:32 PM



*We Love Bro Ralph very much and looked up to him as a pastor.
Michael & Donna Perkins*

Michael Perkins - December 20, 2013 at 06:35 PM

RT

“ To the Horton family, We are very sorry about the passing of our dear friend, Ralph Horton. We loved Bro. Ralph as we love all of you. Our condolences go out to Sis Doris especially. We regret that we cannot be at the funeral service. We are in the country of Panama with our children. We shall meet Bro Ralph in Heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bro Don & Sis Karen Tabor

Rev Don Tabor - December 20, 2013 at 06:02 PM

JL

“ Jerry & Sharon Lowe lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Jerry & Sharon Lowe - December 20, 2013 at 05:51 PM

JO

“ "A Pillar of Great Stature!"



Jerry Olinger - December 20, 2013 at 05:06 PM

LS

“ Linda Shreve lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Linda Shreve - December 20, 2013 at 04:43 PM

RW

“ So sorry to hear about Bro Ralph's homecoming. Randall, take care of Dana and the girls. I'll be praying for all of you. I'll miss his stories at our get togethers....Ron

RON WALLS - December 20, 2013 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ "A Pillar of Great Stature"



The Olinger Family - December 20, 2013 at 03:51 PM

RB

“ My sincere condolences to all the family and friends of Rev. Horton. He has been a spiritual light in our community and now will shine his light in Gloryland.
Rev. Clay Boyd, First Christian Richlands

Rev. Clayton Boyd - December 20, 2013 at 02:17 PM

HD

“ Hannah Deel lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Hannah Deel - December 20, 2013 at 12:48 PM

KH

“ *Ken & Effie Hicks*



Ken Hicks - December 20, 2013 at 12:30 PM

HC

“ *To the family of Rev. Ralph Horton,
May God Bless and comfort you in your sorrow! You do have
consolation in knowing just where Rev. Horton will be living until you
go to be with him. He was a wonderful minister and a mentor to
many just as his Dad was before him. God Bless you!*

Jerry Vencill

Marie Vencill Wyrick Jones

Helen Vencill Custalow

Helen Vencill Custalow - December 20, 2013 at 10:59 AM

DF

“ *Daniel Friend lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Ralph Shelba Horton*



Daniel Friend - December 20, 2013 at 10:59 AM

JM

“ *Sis. Horton and family,
We have always loved you and your family.
Bro Ralph will greatly be missed. We would
always look for him at all of our
campmeetings. We will miss him at Allentown
in the spring. His passing will be more to go to Heaven for. He was
an great inspiration to my life. Sorry we will not be able to attend the
services but you and your family will be in our prayers.*



*Jimmie and Diana McDuffie
Pastor of
Foster Grove Holiness Church
Mobile, AL*

Jimmie McDuffie - December 20, 2013 at 09:43 AM

PT

“ *Dear Sis Doris and all members of the Horton family, I would like
send the condolences of my family and I and The Holy Church of
God @ Black Creek to each of you. I'll always remember that first
Campmeeting with him in Jersey, Ga. when Bro. & Sis. Stoker were
pastoring there. We got acquainted there and became friends.
We've preached for him, stayed in their home, and with Phillip &
Carolyn, and have been in several campmeetings together. He was
a man of a sweet and humble spirit and mightily annointed of God.
He was a young preacher's friend and spiritual father. We will miss
him, but our loss is heaven's gain. We are praying for you and we
send our love to you. Pastor Stan & Sis. Valerie Tyson & Family*

Pastor Stan Tyson - December 20, 2013 at 09:41 AM

RH

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Bro. Horton. He was a great man of God and will be truly missed by all who knew him. Love and Prayer to the Horton Family. My God keep you all in his loving care during this sad time. Rev. Ronnie Hess & Family

REV. RONNIE HESS - December 20, 2013 at 09:22 AM

RH

“ REV. RONNIE HESS sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



REV. RONNIE HESS - December 20, 2013 at 09:19 AM

TC

“ TOMMY AND RITA CHAMBERS lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



TOMMY AND RITA CHAMBERS - December 20, 2013 at 09:17 AM

SW

“ Sandi & Allen Whited lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Sandi & Allen Whited - December 20, 2013 at 09:03 AM

RC

“A GREAT FATHER/DAUGHTER REUNION”

A Poem By Rick Combs Honoring The Life Of Rev. Ralph Horton

*A great father/daughter reunion,
Is taking place this very day.
A great prince among us has vanished,
LORD, help his dear family, we pray.
But, oh, I can't help but imagine,
The joy taking place in that land,
With father and daughter united,
Now on golden streets, hand in hand.
The part that he played in her funeral,
Brought tears to the roughest of faces.
We wept when he told of the story,
Comparing our journey to races.
Deb had outrun him, he told us,
For she had completed her race.
And, now, her dear father has followed,
To come in a close second place.
The wonderful thing about this is,
It isn't a race like we know.
For everyone up there's a winner,
Regardless of what place they show.
We pray for the family this Christmas,
That the Holy Ghost comfort will bring,
While Bro. Ralph and Sis. Deb,
Are spending it with The Great King!*

Rick Combs - December 20, 2013 at 08:42 AM

LR

beautiful poem brother~~a beautiful man of God~~

Linda Reedy(Lester) - December 30, 2013 at 03:36 PM

JA

“ A great man of God who will be missed by many people from all over this great country of ours. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Janice Nester Brown, Lowgap NC

Janice - December 20, 2013 at 08:12 AM

DC

“ He was a mighty man of valor. He will be missed. We are glad that he was able to come and preach Bro. Miller's campmeeting this year. A general has gone home.

Pastor Dwayne Cornett and family

Dwayne Cornett - December 20, 2013 at 08:06 AM

TF

“ The Garlie And Alice Keen Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



The Garlie and Alice Keen Family - December 20, 2013 at 07:47 AM

CS

“ Charlotte, Sam & Family And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Charlotte, Sam & Family and Anita Short - December 20, 2013 at 07:42 AM

ER

“ *Ed Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Ed Richardson - December 20, 2013 at 07:17 AM

PF

“ *There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest he hath also ceased from his own works.... Hebrews 4:9-10a*

To our dear friends we share and sorrow with you in this great loss, yet we rejoice in hope knowing the burdens of life have been laid to rest, while a crown of righteousness has been obtained.

Our prayers and concerns are with you at this difficult time. Our solider and friend has entered into his rest, he would challenge us to enter into our rest. Bro. Ralph has been and will continue to be a great model of the faith to follow. We love each of you dearly.

*Pastor Mike Shaffer, family and the congregation of Lighthouse Full Gospel
Roanoke Va*

Pastor Mike Shaffer and family - December 20, 2013 at 06:06 AM

HG

“ *Hilda Griffithh lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Hilda Griffithh - December 20, 2013 at 06:06 AM

PR

“ *May God Bless and touch each of you with his loving grace.*

Bill & Pat Reedy



Pat Reedy - December 19, 2013 at 11:12 PM



“ *Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Carolyn Pyles - December 19, 2013 at 09:44 PM

JB

“ *James & Charlotte Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



James & Charlotte Brown - December 19, 2013 at 09:38 PM

BN

“ *Bill & Vicki Nuckels lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Bill & Vicki Nuckels - December 19, 2013 at 09:35 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Kathy Blankenship - December 19, 2013 at 07:56 PM

KB

I am so sorry to hear about Bro. Ralph's passing. He was such a great man always doing for the Lord. My prayers are for the family and his Church. May God be with you all now and in the months ahead.

Kathy Blankenship - December 19, 2013 at 07:59 PM

TR

“ *Terry And Bobbie Ray lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Terry and Bobbie Ray - December 19, 2013 at 07:16 PM

TR

“ *Terry And Bobbie Ray lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Terry and Bobbie Ray - December 19, 2013 at 07:15 PM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Leroy Nelson - December 19, 2013 at 07:01 PM

TR

“ *Trishshortt lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



trishshortt - December 19, 2013 at 06:28 PM

CS

“ *CHRIS & MELISSA STOOTS lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



CHRIS & MELISSA STOOTS - December 19, 2013 at 06:17 PM

BP

“ *I offer prayers and sympathy for the Horton family. Bro. Ralph ran a good race. He blessed a multitude of people through the many years of his ministry. His influence was felt throughout the Independent Holiness - Pentecostal movement. He will be greatly missed by all of us in the movement.*

Pastor Bill Preskitt

Bill Preskitt - December 19, 2013 at 06:13 PM

GA

“ *Gaynell Armes lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Gaynell Armes - December 19, 2013 at 05:58 PM

RA

“ *RUBY ASBURY lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



RUBY ASBURY - December 19, 2013 at 05:44 PM

GH

“ *Sorry to hear about Bro. Ralph Jesus called him home. Praying for the Family during this time .God Bless All Of You.{family &friends}.*

Glen Hess - December 19, 2013 at 05:10 PM

ED

“ *Eddie And Bonnie Davis lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton*



Eddie and Bonnie Davis - December 19, 2013 at 04:43 PM

RK

“ Roy And Jill Kinder lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Roy and Jill Kinder - December 19, 2013 at 04:31 PM

RM

“ Rev & Mrs Bruce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Rev & Mrs Bruce Mitchell - December 19, 2013 at 04:03 PM

BJ

“ Bill Ray And Naomi Joyce lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Shelba Horton



Bill Ray and Naomi Joyce - December 19, 2013 at 03:50 PM

BJ

Saddened to hear this. Doris and family, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I have lots of fond memories. Love, Bill Ray and Naomi Joyce.

Bill Ray and Naomi Joyce - December 19, 2013 at 03:53 PM

AR

My deepest sympathy to the family. Bro Ralph was blessing to so very many and will be sadly missed! His cousin,
Ann Roberts

Ann Roberts - December 22, 2013 at 03:29 PM