



Walter Herston Cantrell

September 2, 1935 - January 5, 2019

Walter Herston Cantrell, age 83, of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away Saturday, January 5, 2019 at his home.

He was born in Buchanan County and was the son of the late Luther Washington and Eva Tennessee Horn Cantrell.

He had made his home in the Cedar Bluff area most of his life and was a former tow truck operator and coal miner. He was a member of the American Towing Society and Virginia Board of Towing. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents; three infant children; son in law, Steve Clark; in-laws, Harman and Lorraine Compton; five brothers in law; three nephews; his beloved Donk; his beloved fur babies; and numerous other extended family and friends.

Survivors are:

His Wife of 61 years, Shelvie Mae Compton Cantrell

Daughters:

Lynne Clark of Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Amanda Deel and husband, Gary of Pounding Mill, Virginia

Sons:

Terry Cantrell of Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Trent Cantrell of Belfast, Virginia

Sisters:

Walsie Vandyke of Flint, Michigan

Pauline Davidson of Keen Mtn, Virginia

Geraldine Mounts of Richlands, Virginia

Juanita Hale and husband, Sam of Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Brothers:

Carl Cantrell and wife, Wanda of Lady Lake, Florida

Thurman Cantrell and wife, Marie of McVey, Kentucky

Grandchildren: Chris Clark and wife, Kathy Jo; Greg Cantrell; Kenzie Deel; Carrie Cantrell; and Meghan Deel

Great Grandchildren: Summer Clark and Lucas Clark

Walt is also survived by his "special partner in crime" and brother-in-law, Bob Compton, who stood by him and visited daily.

Funeral services for Walter Cantrell will be conducted Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 12:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Roger Boyd, Rev. Don Smith, and Rev. Johnny Smith officiating.

Interment will follow at the Horn-Cantrell Family Cemetery on Horn Mountain near Shortts Gap, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: Chris Clark, Nick Regon, Keith Brewster, Don Matney, Robbie Powell, Grant Meadows, Dave Olinger, Pat Shrader, Danny Brown, G.B. Barton, Danny Skeens, and Craig Smith.

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Dennis Houchins, Less Compton, Dale Kinder, Earl Dye, and Dave Mills. Friends may call after 6pm on Wednesday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home 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

Horn Family

Horn Mountain, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Herston Cantrell*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Walter Herston Cantrell*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Shelvia and family, so sorry to hear of Walter's passing. I didn't know it until this morning. If I'd known I would have been there for you. I don't check the funeral homes on my computer every day. I Love You. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Juanita Griffith Honaker.*



Juanita Griffith Honaker - January 15, 2019 at 09:34 AM



Thank you Juanita! We understand. Love you too!

Lynne Boyd - January 29, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *Kathy Blankenship sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*

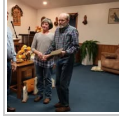


Kathy Blankenship - January 09, 2019 at 08:42 PM

KB

I am so sorry for your loss. My love and prayers for all the family.

Kathy Blankenship - January 09, 2019 at 08:46 PM



Thank you Kathy! Love, hugs, and prayers.

Lynne Boyd - March 26, 2019 at 09:18 PM

LC

“ **LORIE P CHRISTIAN** lit a candle in memory of *Walter Herston Cantrell*



LORIE P CHRISTIAN - January 09, 2019 at 04:42 PM



Thank you Lorie! Love you!

Lynne Boyd - March 26, 2019 at 09:28 PM

TI

“ **THERE WAS NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH UNCLE WALT AT THE CABIN. WE WILL LOVE AND MISS YOU. HENRY, TIFFANY, TROY, AND IVY RAY.**



TIFFANY - January 09, 2019 at 01:26 PM

BK

“ *Shelvie, children, grandkids, Walter is my first cousin and I never saw him with out a smile. My Mother (Lola) was his Aunt and she would tell us kids about things that happen as she was growing up and about Walter and his brothers and sisters when they were small and growing up. Walter was one of her favorite nephew. Just remember all the good times you all shared together and hold them close to your hearts and share them with the younger grandkids as they grow older. My prayer are with you during this time and days to come. God Bless....*

Bonnie Keen - January 09, 2019 at 02:32 AM

LC

Thank you Bonnie. Dad was one-of-a-kind and the memories we have are precious. He loved the reunions we used to go to at the old school and later at Uncle Walt's and Aunt Alice's. Dad wanted to go back home to the Mountain and I know he's rejoicing with all those who have gone on before him. He will be missed!

Lynne Clark - January 14, 2019 at 05:00 PM

JL

“ *Jeanette Osborne Lucad lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



Jeanette Osborne Lucad - January 08, 2019 at 09:26 PM



Thank you Jeanette.

Lynne Boyd - March 26, 2019 at 09:29 PM

RP

“ *Ronnie & Peggy Pinkerton lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



Ronnie & Peggy Pinkerton - January 08, 2019 at 08:20 PM



Thank you Ronnie and Peggy.

Lynne Boyd - March 26, 2019 at 09:29 PM

JH

“ *James @ Ruby Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



James @ Ruby Harmon - January 08, 2019 at 07:55 PM



Thank you so much! Love you!

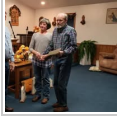
Lynne Boyd - March 26, 2019 at 09:30 PM

PC

“ *Peggy Christian lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



Peggy Christian - January 08, 2019 at 01:58 PM



Thank you Peggy! Love you!

Lynne Boyd - March 26, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ *Donna Compton lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



Donna Compton - January 08, 2019 at 01:52 PM



Thank you Donna! Love you!

Lynne Boyd - March 26, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *Walt and family , such great friends and neighbors !
Walt was such a special soul !!!!!
With love & prayers for the family ,
Jimmy & Thelma Compton & Family*



Jimmy Compton - January 08, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



Carolyn Pyles - January 07, 2019 at 08:49 PM

RC

“ *Randall And Abby Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



Randall and Abby Cantrell - January 07, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Walter Herston Cantrell.*



January 07, 2019 at 06:30 PM

CR

“ *Clifford Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell*



Clifford Reynolds - January 07, 2019 at 03:52 PM

NP

“FAREWELL TO A GREAT FRIEND, A TOW TRUCK DRIVER WHO MADE MY JOB EASY, NEVER ONE TIME DID HE REFUSE OR MAKE AN EXCUSE TO COME OUT WHEN I CALLED HIM. ALWAYS, " I'LL BE RIGHT THERE" AND HE WAS, WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO HELP PEOPLE THANK YOU WALT YOU HELPED ME SO MANY TIMES AND I NEVER FORGOT YOUR QUOTE""FAVOR FOR A FAVOR"" I STILL USE TODAY, FLY HIGH WITH THE ANGELS YOU EARNED IT. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH YOU. PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY FOR STRENGTH DURING THIS TIME AND IN THE DAYS TO COME.

nancy powell - January 07, 2019 at 10:05 AM



Thank you so much Nancy. Dad thought the world of you! He always cherished your friendship. Love you Lady!

Lynne Boyd - July 29, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell



TonyanEdgar Wicks - January 07, 2019 at 08:37 AM

TM

“Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Walter Herston Cantrell



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - January 07, 2019 at 07:34 AM

AD

“ Dear family,

I didn't know Mr. Cantrell very well, but I do know that he had a fine family. You honored him by being such good people. (I taught some of them, and they were wonderful to me, too.) My prayers will be with all of you. May God give you comfort and peace.

*Much love,
Mrs. Anna Damron*

Anna Y. Damron - January 06, 2019 at 07:34 PM



Thank you Mrs Damron! Love, hugs, and prayers!

Lynne Boyd - January 29, 2019 at 01:51 PM

LC

“ My Dad was a wonderful man who had a heart of gold. It was awesome to see him with his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. Dad never met a stranger and he was by far one of the best (if not the best) tow truck operators in Virginia. He never met a stranger. That’s just how Dad was. Trooper Dave Olinger (one of Daddy’s best friends) once said, there was just something about the way Dad worked. “He could do anything with a cable and a chain.” Dad loves all he did and did what he loved. Dad was born on his beloved mountain-Horn Mountain. He absolutely love “his mountain” and he made me, Mom, and Terry promise we would take him home. And home he will go. Back to the mountain he loved as a child and taught us to love as much as he did. Every daughter thinks their Daddy is the best. I’m no exception. My Dad was my hero and the best friend I ever had. He was my book of knowledge, my source of inspiration, and the best math teacher ever! My Dad gained his wings Saturday. Part of my heart died with him. Fly hi Dad! You were the best Dad ever!!! I love you!!!!

Lynne Clark - January 06, 2019 at 05:29 PM

JJ

Walt will be missed by many . He rescued several members of the Sargent family whether towing in a produce truck or a badly stuck farm tractor . A great man ! ...Jim sargent

Jim - January 09, 2019 at 12:12 PM



Thank you Jim! The Sargent family was very special to Dad.

Lynne Boyd - July 29, 2020 at 09:51 PM