



Henry M. Parsons

March 30, 1937 - June 14, 2017

Henry M. Parsons, age 80, of New Martinsville, passed away Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

He was born March 30, 1937 in Wheeling, WV, the son of the late Roy C. and Frances Eckenrode Parsons of Pine Grove, WV.

He was owner of Parsons Surveying since 1968 and was Wetzel County Surveyor for 44 years. Prior to that he taught at Paden City High School and was employed by PPG. He was a member and past trustee of New Martinsville United Methodist Church.

He belonged to the West Virginia Association of Land Surveyors and Little Kanawha Chapter of Land Surveyors. In 1998, he was chosen WV Land Surveyor of the year. He held positions as Director of Emergency Services, Flood Plain Manager and Public Information Officer for Wetzel County.

In addition he was a member of Bayer/PPG Community Advisory Panel and New Martinsville Lions Club. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and the National Guard.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James H. Parsons.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Winland Parsons; two daughters, Kathy Friedline of Mobile, AL and Beth (Mike) Pantone of Charleston, SC; a brother, Roy C. Parsons of Baltimore, MD; six grandchildren, Melissa, Daniel, Laura, Matt, Shane and Will; two great-grandchildren, Trent and Lizzie.

Family will receive friends Sunday from 5-8 pm at Grisell Funeral Home &

Crematory, 751 Third St. New Martinsville. Visitation will be held on Monday from 12 pm until time of service at 1:00pm at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church 10 Howard Jeffers Dr New Martinsville, with Rev. Stephen Rector officiating.

Burial will follow in Paden Memorial Garden, Paden City, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Martinsville Public Library 160 Washington St. New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Cemetery Details

Paden Memorial Gardens

RR 2 Box 449
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JUN 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Martinsville United Methodist Church
10 Howard Jeffers Drive
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Martinsville United Methodist Church
10 Howard Jeffers Drive
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Dear Vivian, Kathy and Beth,
We are so very sorry. Henry was the most wonderful person. He brightened a room when he came in. Smart, humble and kind - he was like my dad in so many ways. His visits to North Main were a highlight. He was a gem!
Our love and most sincere sympathy,
Jan Coffield Tobin and family

Jennifer Tobin - June 20, 2017 at 09:41 AM

SA

“ We are so very sad to hear of your loss. Henry was a kind, wonderful person and we are thinking of him fondly as we sit here reminiscing. Our love and condolences to Vivian and family at this time.
Tom & Suzy Allen

suzy allen - June 17, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Henry M. Parsons.



June 16, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Henry M. Parsons.*



June 16, 2017 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Henry M. Parsons.*



June 16, 2017 at 07:06 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during these difficult times. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.*

Tyler County Clerk's Office

Sarah Smith - June 15, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ *Sarah Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry M. Parsons*



Sarah Smith - June 15, 2017 at 01:13 PM

NH

“ *Mr. Parsons was my algebra teacher in high school. He was a nice teacher, and one I will always remember with fondness. My condolences to his family.*

Nancy Barkes Haught - PCHS Class of 1966

Nancy Barkes Haught - June 15, 2017 at 09:50 AM

MA

“ *Michael and Antoinette purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Henry M. Parsons.*



Michael and Antoinette - June 15, 2017 at 07:58 AM

KW

“ *Henry was an amazing man. So glad I was able to call him a friend. He will be very missed. Prayers for his loved ones.*



Kristen Wise - June 15, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Henry M. Parsons, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Reserves /National Guard Veteran, Henry M. Parsons, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 15, 2017 at 04:55 AM

PB

“ *Pamela Burlingame lit a candle in memory of Henry M. Parsons*



Pamela Burlingame - June 14, 2017 at 10:08 PM

PB

I met Mr. Parsons through my late husband, John Burlingame. I'm very sorry for your loss...My prayers are with his family. May Mr. Parsons rest in peace.

Pamela Burlingame - June 14, 2017 at 10:10 PM

SL

Henry Parsons was my teacher back in the mid 60s and taught me a lot in architecture drawing among other classes. I also new Henry all though out my life and consider him my mentor and a very good friend. My prayers are with the family and I will always miss this man I call my friend. God Bless

Steve Leasure - June 15, 2017 at 09:14 AM

RC

Henry was a familiar and kind face that greeted so many of us at the annual WV Surveyors Convention. His contribution, insights and warm smile will be truly missed. I pray God will pour out his spirit of comfort on his family.

Rick Casteel - June 16, 2017 at 02:26 PM

JB

Henry and I grew up together in Pine Grove, WV in the 1940 and 1950s. He was very adventurous and curious about everything we encountered whether it be in the woods, the streams, or buildings. His father was our Algebra, Science and Chemistry teacher. After reading the notes from his students at PCHS I know why he made an superior teacher. His friend,

JACK A BECKETT, PINE GROVE HS CLASS OF 1954

JACK A BECKETT - June 24, 2017 at 09:43 AM

BO

Dear Vivian, Roy sent me a copy of Henry's obituary. He had many friends and did a lot for Wetzel County. I did not know he was a teacher but from reading comments he not only was excellent but admired by his students.

Tom and I send our condolences to you and your girls.

80 is young. I had my 93rd birthday in May and am glad my health is fairly good. I always enjoyed visiting you and Henry with Roy. Love to you, Barrett

Barrett Oliver - July 09, 2017 at 11:03 PM