



## Henry Clinton Follette

May 1, 1931 - March 13, 2015

### Biography

Henry Clinton Follette, 83, of Salisbury, died peacefully and surrounded by his loving family, Friday, March 13, 2015 at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital, after a long battle with terminal illness. He was born May 1, 1931, in Mooresville, NC to the late Clarence Clark "Coot" and Lucy Horton Follette. He was a member of Thyatira Presbyterian Church.

Henry had a long and happy life that was fueled by both his passion for horses and love of people. Born and raised in Mooresville, Henry spent his summers running a riding stable that is still in operation in Lake George, NY. In 1952, Henry married his loving wife, Dixie Sims of Concord. He served in the Korean War, where he was awarded a Bronze Star. Upon returning home, Henry continued to run the family horse business and started his own western store in Mooresville. In 1972, Henry and his family moved to Rowan County, where he raised cattle and champion show Quarter Horses. In addition to his farms in NY and NC, Henry also had farms in Grantville, PA and Ocala, FL where he owned, raised and trained thoroughbreds. Henry never met a stranger. Everywhere he went he always made a friend and a deal. Henry was an amazing man, with a commanding and kind presence, that influenced all that had the pleasure of knowing him. He will remain a role model and inspiration to all, and will continue to live on through the hearts of all the lives that he touched.

In addition to his parents, Henry is preceded in death by his sister, Christine

Bowman (John) of Cummings, GA and brother, C. R. "Babe" Follette. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dixie; daughters, Lisa Armstrong (Anthony) and Suzi Cocca (John); grandson, Cody Follette Armstrong; granddaughters, Ashlea Kate Armstrong and Cala Rae Cocca of Salisbury; brother, R. J. Follette of Clemmons; sister, Rose Foust of Morganton and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Bayard Powell and his team for their dedicated care. Also a special thanks to his devoted niece, Judy Follette. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Leukemia Research Foundation, 3520 Lake Ave., Suite #202, Wilmette, IL 60091-1064 or the SECU Family House, 1970 Baldwin Lane, Winston Salem, NC 27103.

Services for Henry will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 2:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Carroll Robinson officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be one hour prior to service.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Follette Family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Henry Clinton Follette*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Henry Clinton Follette*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Henry Clinton Follette*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *It was the early 1960's that my brother Artie and I first met Hen. The stable then was Sunnybrook and, when ever we could put together two dollars each, we'd head there, go for a ride, then just hang out. Over the years that followed both Artie and I worked for Hen, first cleaning up around the barn, and then taking out rides, but most of all just hanging out at the barn with Hen, his infectious personality, and enjoying the day to day antics that went on there. As the many years have gone by, my brother and I have stayed close with Hen and his family. We'd get together throughout the summers for dinners and laugh at the same old stories, told over and over again about the old days of hacking at Sunnybrook. It's not going to be the same without you, Hen. We're going to missthat, but most of all we're going to miss the special person you've been in both our lives. We will keep telling those stories Hen, with tears in our eyes, love in our hearts, and memories that we'll always cherish. We'll miss you Hen. Love, your friends Vinny and Artie*

**Vinny and Artie ilardi** - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to all of the family with the news of Henry's passing. We enjoyed being a part of Henry's life and have many wonderful memories of time spent at the stable. Last summer I accepted Henry's riding stable award for him at the Painted Pony Ranch and it was a true honor to so as I began riding at the age of 6 at the stable. In the 63 years since that first meeting never was there a time that myself or my family was not greeted with warmth and smiles. Henry will be truly missed and remembered with great fondness. Sincerely, Nancy Lane & Family

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Nancy Lane - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Monday, March 16, 2015 Godspeed Henry keep the horses running....you were a great guy with many friends. I will never forget working for you, Babe, Coot and Ms Lucy way back when..Love Valley-Sunnybrooke Acres.. we still talk and laugh about the times we all shared. RIP my friend.

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Rick Hull - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dixie, Lisa and Suzie, My sincere and loving sympathy to all of you!! Henry was one of a kind and was so loved by so many. He was one of Jim's most favorite people ever! I have never known anyone who knew so much about all horses from those used at the hack stables to those thoroughbreds racing in the Triple Crown. I used to love seeing him at OTB on Kentucky Derby Day, and often asked for a tip!! My Love to you All!! Jeanie Cavanagh

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March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“*Dixie, Lisa, and Suzie - My condolences to all of you on the loss of your husband and father. I lived right behind Saddle -Up stables for many years and worked for Henry for 3 summers at least. I was 12 years old when I started. I remember a trip in his big livestock truck that we took to Garnet Lake to pick up horses that were used at a summer camp. We picked them up and on the way back he saw a beautiful horse and stopped, he talked to the owner and bought the horse. He had a way with people that I always remembered. I learned a lot from him in the years I worked for him. I haven't seen your family in many years but I believe you bought our house behind the stable a few years ago. I'll stop this coming summer and see you and say my condolences in person. Take Care...*

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**Dave Armstrong** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“*Henry may you rest in peace, and to Dixie, Suzie, Lisa and family, our deepest sympathy. May God bless you and keep you strong. Love Vinny, Louise, and Brionna.*

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**Brionna Barcia** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FP

“*Mrs. Follette, my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family over your loss. While I have only known Henry for approx. five years, I recognized him as a fine gentleman and friend. May he rest in peace.*

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**frank passaro** - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family and friends. He was truly one of a kind, always with a kind word or a bit of advice and he never missed the opportunity to share a joke or a story. He will be greatly missed. Love you, Henry

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**Karen & Rory Whitman** - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry I forgot to add my name. Rick Hull Warrensburg NY Love Valley, Sunnybrook Acres

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CB

“ Dixie, my sympathy to you and your family. I've lost a friend of probably 70 years - who was my friend longer than anyone left. I feel so bad that I didn't get up to see you and Henry last summer!  
Carol B

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**Carol Bromley** - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Henry, You were a great man as well as a true friend. I will never forget all you taught me about horses. And years later did the same for Lindsay. You will always live in our hearts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Miss Dixie, Lisa, Suzie and the entire family.

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**Pat Wood** - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ my prayers to the family. I met Henry at his western store in Mooresville and we bought a horse from him, I'll never forget his kindness and sense of humor.

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**Cathy Shoaf** - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES, YOUR LAKE GEORGE NEIGHBORS, THE FILIPPELLI AND O'CONNOR FAMILIES, OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

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March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Many great memories of my days at the stable and talking horses with Henry. He will be missed so much by so many. Love ya Henry!!

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**Heidi Knickerbocker** - March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ The world has lost one of the last true "Southern Gentleman". My thoughts and prayers go out to Dixie, Lisa, Suzi and family. Carol Gorham, Lake Luzerne, NY

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March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We have always thought fondly of Henry and still share memories of when we worked at the stables and deli.

Stephen and Stephanie Hitchcock - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I remember the smile and warmth that emanated from Henry. Since I was a little girl, I remember my father, Fred Brantley, sharing stories of Henry- on the cattle drives, horse auctions and Lake George. All the stories were of friendship and horses. When I went to Lake George, he treated my family as his family. Henry leaves a legacy of kindness and love. God Bless.

Shelia Brantley - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Henry you were a great friend for 12 years. i work for Curtis Lumber in Warrensburg ,new york. i helped henry everytime came in ,he would ask for and nobody else and i was proud to help him. i respected him and we talk alot, about alot things. i will miss him very much. all my prayers go out to his family. thank you Henry for being you

David Greene - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MQ

“ You taught me so much through the years and you will be missed!!

Mandy Quito - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Such a great man and a wonderful spirit. His memory will live on in all those lives he touched. Love you Henry.

Kelly Scott - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Henry you are a great man, And you will be missed the stable wont be the same without seeing your smile there. May you rest in peace.

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**John and Shelly McClaskey** - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave Simmes "the tree man" sends his condolences

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March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ My dad Rich Walker was an auctioneer for Coot. I have heard horse stories my entire life. It has been my pleasure to have known and traded with Henry. He always called me Little Rich. He would come to the auctions. He liked to hear me work. He was a true horseman inside and out. I will miss that giant smile. God bless you all and God's speed cowboy. I am sure you and Pop are telling tales to each other.

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**Becky Tarlton** - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM