



## Jesse Lee Horton

January 25, 1924 - June 4, 2016

J.L. was predeceased by his wife, Hilda Gentry Horton, parents Jesse Lee Horton, Sr. and Augusta Cline Horton; brothers and sisters Dorcas Sechrest, Betty Brown, Carmon Horton and Jimmy Horton. J.L. is survived by his children, Pat Willingham (Bob), Don Horton (Jacquie), Ron Horton (Anne), and grandchildren, Don Horton, Jr. (Dana), Ron Horton, Jr. (Dee), Richard Horton, Troy Horton (Elise); great grandchildren, Katie Horton, Sam Horton, Garret Horton and Gentry Horton; sister, Naomi Holshouser; and numerous nieces and nephews. J.L. was educated in Rowan County Schools and graduated from Mt. Ulla High School. He was drafted into the Army and served in WWII as a Combat Engineer in Patton's Third Army. There he fought in three campaigns...Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe including the battles through France to the Battle of the Bulge, through Germany to the Black Forest, into Austria where his unit was the first to arrive to liberate the notorious Ebensee Concentration Camp. J.L. was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry and additional medals as well. After returning from the war he married Hilda Gentry and embarked on a successful business career involving building material stores, home building, real estate development and later farming. J.L. loved his family and supported his children and grandchildren in all their endeavors. He lived life with a passion and enjoyed working, traveling with his wife, hunting and fishing with his sons, grandsons, family and friends, and showing his Tennessee Walking Horses. J.L. was a Master Mason and a member of Scotch Ireland Lodge 154 A.F. & A.M., a Scottish Rite Mason and

a Shriner, and was a loyal and faithful member of Amity Lutheran Church where he grew up. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, June 8 at Amity Lutheran Church with Rev. Gene Bruce and Rev. Larry Bost officiating. Burial will follow the service at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. The family would like to thank Hospice of Iredell for their help as well as his caregivers Debbie Waller, Lisa Hartsell, Patty Russell, and Catlin Call. The family would also like to give a special thanks to Dr. Robert Bertram and staff of Salisbury and Dr. Vincent Castillo and staff at the VA Clinic in Charlotte. Memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625 or Amity Lutheran Church, 1367 Ostwalt Amity Rd, Cleveland, NC 27013. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Horton family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Lee Horton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jesse Lee Horton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Jesse Lee Horton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *What a great picture of J.L. he looks so dapper in that hat. Henry and I enjoyed being with all the Horton boys and sharing horse experiences together. What tall tales these cousins could tell. Lots of good memories. God bless this family.*

June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pat, I am so glad that I got to know J.L. and Hilda. They were both such wonderful people. I know you are going to miss your Dad tremendously. May God bless you and keep you close during this difficult time my long time and forever friend.*

**Lois Jolly-Dills** - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *What a wonderful man whom I'll cherish forever my dad's best friend whom made it possible for us to have a beautiful home to grow up in. Thank you for always making our family a part of yours. I am honored and thank you with all my heart. Cheryl Kinzer Brown*

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**Cheryl Kinzer Brown** - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Ron Sr, Ron Jr, Richard and Families,I know your dad and grandfather had to be a very special man based on what wonderful and honorable men you are. I am deeply sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.*

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**Jill Hobbs** - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Horton Family..may you all cherish the memory of Mr. J L. Horton for the extraordinary role he played in each of your lives. God bless you.Charles and Rita Stone, Johnson City, Tennessee*

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June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *May his memories forever burn in your hearts!*

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**Pearl Brawley** - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Ron & Don, Don Jr, Jim, & Ray and Families, Though we never met your Dad we have met a lot of his family and from the fun we have all had and the good times and laughs. We wish we could have met him as we are sure by the way he raised his family he was a great person. Speaking from us that have lost our parents your memories last forever in your hearts and minds and don't forget to share those good or bad. We wish we could be there to help in anyway but we want you to know just because there are several miles between us you are all in our thoughts and prayers as you get thru the next few days and days after. We are always here for you all. Love your South Dakota Family  
The Lockett's Val, Dawn, Josh, Mace, Vance, Courtney, Dusty, Wylie, Rowdy, Drake, & Quinn

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**Val & Dawn Lockett** - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ J.L. and Hilda became 2 of our favorite people when they came back home to live in Rowan County. The Horton family has been special to Hall for several generations and as I came to know each they have become very special to me. The world is a better place because they were here and their family and all who knew them have shared in their legacy and loss. Hall, "Ronney" and John Steele

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**Hall Steele** - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ sorry to here about JL. I grew up with the hortons living across the road from jimmy horton. did not find out till tue night.

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**Norris Ervin** - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example.*

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**Steve Kinzer** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *It was our pleasure to have gotten to know JL, he will be remembered for his kindness. Sincerest heartfelt sympathy to the family over this tremendous loss. Love and Prayers*

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**Dave & Sylvia Spury** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Dear Ron & family, We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Mr. Horton is an unforgettable character with a true heart of gold. One of our fondness memories is when he would unexpectedly pop into our office and tell stories for hours. We always enjoyed his surprise visits. We will cherish our memories of him as we know you and your family will too. He truly was a great man. God bless you all! We love you!*

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**David & Ingrid Gordon** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *10 years ago I lost a good friend (Hilda) and today I have learned I lost another. What good times we all had so many years ago. Love to all Mary Rice*

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**Mary Rice** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM