



## Henry Runion

October 19, 1917 - February 1, 2010

Heading: Henry Jiles (H.J.) Runion (Veteran)

Dateline: Greer

Henry Jiles Runion, 92, of Hammett Crossing, Greer went to be with the Lord, Monday, February 1, 2010, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Evangeline Finley Runion.

A native of Greenville County, he was the son of the late Ben and Mentie Turner Runion. He attended Greer High School. Having been in the Merchant Marines during WWII, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and worked in local textile mills.

He and his first wife, Velma, were the owners and operators of Tiny Tot Nursery on Brushy Creek Road, Taylors. He was known to the children at the nursery as "Papa Runion." His hobbies were traveling and gardening.

He was a devoted Christian and served in a number of churches in this area. He was a charter member and co-founder of Lee Road Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School and served as a Deacon and was President of the Joy Club.

Surviving also are two daughters, Sandra Lasseter of Lawrenceville, GA and

Janet Spearman (Gene) of Greenville; four sisters, Beatrice Charping and Betty Owens of Taylors, Margaret Treadway of Greenville, and Gennell Masters of Greer; four grandchildren, Sherry Gerringier of Greensboro, NC, Keith Lasseter of Atlanta, GA, Gena Craig of Greer, and Derrick Spearman of Greenville and 12 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was pre-deceased in death by his first wife, Velma Cox Runion, a infant daughter, Cheryl, a grandson, Eddie Lasseter, a son in law, Pete Lasseter, two brothers, James Runion and Carroll Runion and sister, Kate Runion Patterson.

Funeral Services will be 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Lee Road Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Todd Stewart and Dr. Drew Hines. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at Lee Road Baptist Church.

Families are at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Lee Road Baptist Church (Build The Future Fund), 1377 East Lee Road, Taylors, S.C. 29687 or Alzheimer's Association, 4124 Clemson Blvd., Suite L, Anderson, S.C. 29621.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 1:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Lee Road Baptist Church  
1503 East Lee Road  
Taylors, SC 29687

## Service

FEB 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Janet, so sorry for your loss and so sorry I did not make it to visitation yesterday. I hope the rest of your family is trusting in Jesus at this time as I know you are. Praying for you and your family for His great comfort and peace.  
Love you###imported-begin##Debbie Goad###imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 08:02 AM



“ Not too many men have walked on this earth that can compare to Papa Runion. I loved him as if he were my own grandpa and would not trade my years of growing up at Tiny Tot for all the gold in this world. He had a great impact on me and I will never forget him and will treasure the day that I will see him again in Heaven. I do believe all that came in contact with Papa were truly blessed.###imported-begin##Jay Wilson###imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 10:20 PM



“ My prayers are that you and your family will find peace in knowing that your loved one is rejoicing in Heaven with Jesus. What a blessing and that you will see him again. I just give God the Praise that Mr. Runion is no longer in bondage to his sickness.

*In his hands,*

Carol Cox###imported-begin##Carol Cox###imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 08:57 AM



“ To the entire Runion Family:  
So sorry to have read of HJ's death. The memories I have of the entire Runion Family are cherished.  
The impact Papa and Mrs Runion had on my children Zina Wilson Brooks and Jay Wilson has lasted a lifetime. They learned so much at the nursery about the better things of life.  
I very much appreciated HJ and have fond memories of him.  
God bless each of you.##imported-begin##Jim Wilson##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 08:27 PM



“ Dear Evangeline, we have just learned of H.J.'s homegoing and want you to know our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. We pray God's richest comfort and sweet presence will continue with you and the family in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Bill and Jane Hightower##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY. MAY GOD'S STRONG HANDS LEAD YOU THROUGH THESE SAD TIMES.  
  
GOD BLESS##imported-begin##JAMES AND CAROLYN HOOPS##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 02:51 PM



“ Dear Vangie,  
We know that you will miss HJ as will the rest of his family, Lee Road Baptist Church and his many other friends but we pray that God will fill that vacancy in your heart and home with His love and presence as only He can and sustain you at this time.  
Treasure the precious years and memories that God has given you .  
You are in our prayers at this time.  
We care,  
Gaston & Jewell Hyde  
2602 Miller Lane  
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901###imported-begin##Gaston & Jewell Hyde###imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 02:29 PM



“ Evangeline, we were so sorry to hear about the passing of HJ. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we will not be at the service tomorrow, but we will see you soon. Love, Shirley and Jack###imported-begin##Shirley Waldrop and Jack Thompson###imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 01:14 PM



“ My Dear Old Friends,  
After more than 70 years I find that H.J. really had a name. The Ben Runion family is very special to me in that we were neighbors and friends and school mates. May Our Heavenly Father Bless and Keep all of you in His care.

Alton Brownh  
Dunnellon, FL###imported-begin##Alton Brown###imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 12:38 PM



“ *Evangeline, we are so sorry for the loss of your husband. I know you will miss him terribly, but I pray that God will give you comfort and peace. I've always admired you for taking care of everyone else. You are a special person and deserving of God's care.*###imported-begin###*Joan (Merritt) Woodsby & George Woodsby*###imported-end###

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February 02, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ *We are praying for you all, Janet and Gene. May God bless you as you go through this. Love, Ed and Valerie*###imported-begin###*Valerie Robertson*###imported-end###

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February 02, 2010 at 12:14 PM



“ *Sandra and all family members we extend our Deepest Sympathy in the loss of your Dad. Love and Prayers to all of you.*

*Fred & Nancy Henry Burns*###imported-begin###*Fred & Nancy Henry Burns*###imported-end###

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February 02, 2010 at 10:40 AM



“ *Evangeline we are so sorry that we will be unable to attend H.J.'s service tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are going out for you and the family for comfort and peace during this difficult time. Daddy asked me to extend his condolences as well. He is not able to make the trip up but wishes he could be here for you. We all love you.##imported-begin##Sandra and Byron Elmore##imported-end##*

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February 02, 2010 at 10:11 AM



“ *Janet, Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family, during this sorrowful time. It is always encouraging to know your father is now with our Lord and is finally at peace. We love you.##imported-begin##Jack & Julie Roberts##imported-end##*

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February 02, 2010 at 08:44 AM