



## James "Hal" Huey

August 15, 1928 - July 31, 2017

James Harold "Hal" Huey, 88, widower of Dorothy Powers Huey, passed away July 31, 2017.

A native of Canton, Georgia, son of the late William Clarence and Bessie Killian Huey, he was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Greer First Baptist Church.

As a young man, Mr. Huey was defined by athletics. At Canton High School in Georgia he lettered in 5 sports his senior year. In basketball, his primary sport, Harold was captain, led the team in scoring, was selected to the All-Tournament Team, All-State Team, and was most valuable player at the N.G.I.C. Tournament in Atlanta. He was inducted into the inaugural class of the Cherokee County, Georgia, Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. He was awarded a basketball scholarship to Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia where "Hap" was a starting player for four years. He was his team's leading scorer and rebounder for 3 years, selected to the All-Conference Team for three consecutive years, was the fifth leading scorer in the nation his junior year, and set a school record for most points in a single game (60) and total career points (2200). When he graduated in 1950, his 2200 points scored was the sixth most points ever scored by a player in the history of college basketball at that time. He was selected as an honorable mention All American his senior year. He was inducted into the Davis and Elkins Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981. While serving in the U.S. Army in post WWII Germany, James played basketball in the EUCOM Conference where he led his teams

to many victories and was selected to the EUCOM All-Tournament Team in 1951-1952. After returning from service and settling in Greer, SC, Hal was employed by the J.P. Stevens Company as their athletic director for the textile league at Greer Mill. He was a player/coach from 1952-1960. Based on his accomplishments there, he was inducted into the Southern Textile Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Mr. Huey was very involved in the Greer community. He served on the board of the Greer Recreation Department, Greer Relief Agency, Advisory Council for Allen Bennett Hospital, was involved in United Way campaigns, and active in Greer Community Ministries. He delivered Meals-On-Wheels for over 20 years. He served on the Furman University Board of Trustees for five years. He was an active member of the Greer Lions Club for 60 years and was a past president of the club. He received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award in 2001 for dedicated Humanitarian Services which is the highest award given by Lions International.

Throughout his life, his faith in Jesus Christ was his common defining attribute. He joined Greer First Baptist Church in 1952 where he was a member until his death. His faith, character, and integrity led him to be elected a deacon for several terms as well as chairman of deacons. He served as Director of various Sunday School departments for many years and served on a variety of committees during his lifetime.

All who knew him recognized his sweet, humble spirit full of patience, kindness, and gentleness. He was by nature self-sacrificing and always willing to give of himself for the common good. He loved his family dearly as well as his fellow man and encouraged communication and reconciliation. He never met a stranger and always had a smile, time and a kind word for all with whom he had contact.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Barry Huey (Susan) of Spartanburg; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. Huey was predeceased by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 3, 2017 at The Wood

Mortuary, conducted by Dr. Rick Ezell and Dottie Bryson. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Honorary escorts will be Willing Workers Sunday School Class and Greer Lions Club.

Visitation will be held 2:30-3:45 p.m. Thursday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Greer First Baptist Church, 202 W. Poinsett St., Greer, SC 29650 or Greer Community Ministries, P.O. Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

AUG 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ I'm so sorry to read about the passing of Mr. Huey. We were a Blue Ridge Dr. neighbor, and it was always so nice when Mr. Huey walked buy! He always had a nice smile and a big wave. Burgess Hills is changing, and he will be greatly missed in his neighborhood.  
*Patti Simmons*

**Patti Simmons** - August 22, 2017 at 09:30 PM

HR

“ My memory of Hal began with his starting to play basketball for Greer Mill. The first impression of Hal was "gee is he tall". He obviously played center, was the high scorer and led Greer Mill to new heights.

*he last time I saw Hal he was delivering "meals on wheels" to a HUD facility in Greer.*

*My prayers and condolences to his family and friends.*

**Homer Rudisail** - August 06, 2017 at 08:28 PM

DW

“ Douglas Wilson lit a candle in memory of James "Hal" Huey



**Douglas Wilson** - August 04, 2017 at 02:04 PM

DW

*Dr. Barry, I remember Hal, your dad when he was AD at Greer Mill and my dad was AD at Victor Mill also in Greer. We use to see a lot of him both at the "Y" and he has also visited our home an this was back in the 1950's. I remember Hal as a Very nice Man who would do most anything anyone requested. Will be praying for you and your family as ya'll go through this time of bereavement. God Bless...*

**Douglas Wilson** - August 04, 2017 at 02:22 PM

DW

*Sorry Barry, for got to mention my dads name but it was Tom Wilson..*

**Douglas Wilson** - August 04, 2017 at 02:24 PM

GM

*“ I worked with Hal at Greer Mill. I also lived across the street from him when I was young. Sorry for your loss! He was a very nice person.*

*Glennis Paris McClain*

**Glennis McClain** - August 03, 2017 at 10:13 PM

VT

*“ DR. Huey and Susan, We are so sorry about your loss. You are in our prayers. Terry, Vicki, Will Talton*

**Vicki Talton** - August 03, 2017 at 11:09 AM



*“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of James "Hal" Huey.*



August 03, 2017 at 08:56 AM

GP

“ *Mr. Huey was a sweet and special person. He always had a smile on his face when he walked into the office. I will truly miss him. Dr Huey, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Gena*

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**Gena Powers** - August 02, 2017 at 08:11 PM



BV

“ *I grew up on Victor Mill but my grandparents lived on Greer Mill. I remember Hal Huey with great fondness. He was a man of integrity and ran along with Johnny Stack a truly good Y for J P Stevens. He put up with no foolishness but I never heard him raise his voice in anger. We played against his teams many times and he seemed to care about us as much as those children and young men who played for him. And he always was so dignified but never haughty. We loved Hal and as a patient of the group where his son practices medicine, I have had the opportunity to tell his son what his Dad meant to me. A few months back I saw Hal. I was able to tell him once again personally what an impact he had on me. I am truly sorry for his death. The world has lost a truly good man. Thank you Hal. My prayers and condolences to his family. Billy E Vaughn*

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**Billy E Vaughn** - August 02, 2017 at 04:00 PM



SR

“ Sarah Huey Raymer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Hal" Huey.



Sarah Huey Raymer - August 02, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Hal" Huey.



August 02, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James "Hal" Huey.



August 02, 2017 at 09:16 AM

MP

“ Barry you and your family are in my thought and prayers. Mr Hughey was a sweet, kind man. I remember him well when we were in school.

Mary Susan Pearson - August 02, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James "Hal" Huey.



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August 01, 2017 at 07:35 PM