



Henry S. Flowers

Henry S. Flowers, 95, of Sturgeon Bay formerly of Winchester, VA., passed away Friday December 23, 2016 at home with his family at his side. He was born October 24, 1921 in Sumter, South Carolina, the son of Wade Hampton and Carrie (Watts) Flowers.

Upon graduation from high school, Henry attended Clemson University, but his studies were interrupted during WWII. He served our country in the U.S. Army Air Corp as a radio operator with the 8th Air Force, 96th Bomb Group, #413 Squadron. He was the last survivor of his plane crew who was shot down during a bombing run to Berlin. He was captured by the German Army and he spent over one year in a POW Camp until being liberated in 1945.

Henry returned to Clemson to complete his engineering degree. He worked as Chief Mechanical Engineer with Ashworth Brothers, designing and manufacturing conveyor belts for industry throughout the United States and abroad.

On December 21, 1946 he married Peggy Lee Anderson of Winchester, VA. She preceded him in death in 2010.

He was very active in the community. He credited his survival in POW camp to the American Red Cross and vowed to volunteer at least one hour for every hour he spent as a POW. He exceeded that goal and received numerous awards from the AMRC including the highest volunteer honor: The Clara Barton Award. He was instrumental in developing the Water Safety Program across the Tri-State area and taught at the National Aquatic School for several decades. He continued to teach swimming in Winchester until age 85.

Henry was active in the local Kiwanis, where he established the Circle K Club service organization for high school students

and received the Kiwanian of the Year. He was also a member of the Loyal Order of Elks, Lodge 64, Sumter, SC. He was a member of WWII Ex-POW's organization and was President of the Shenandoah Chapter until moving away from the area. He was also a lifetime member of the Free Masons, serving 72 years with the Clarmont Masonic Lodge 64 in Sumter, SC until his passing.

Henry loved swimming, fishing, and gardening. He loved his pets, having both dogs and cats throughout his life. He also enjoyed his weekly poker night with his "poker buddies."

Surviving are his two daughters, Cynthia (Allen) Powell, and Lindsay Flowers both of Sturgeon Bay; two sisters, Carolyn Flowers Ramsey, and Tillie Flowers Keer both of Sumter; seven grandchildren, Whitney Racey of Melbourne, FL., Christopher (Tracey) Powell of Palatine, IL., D.J. (Sarah) Racey of Huntsville, AL., Brandon (Niki) Powell of Mason, OH., Craig (Karen) Powell of Milwaukee, WI., Barry (Kim) Powell of Syracuse, NY.; Justin Bentz (Kristi) of Toms Brook, VA.; Son-in-law, David Racey of Melbourne, FL.; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his parents, Wade Hampton and Carrie Flowers; his wife, Peggy Anderson Flowers; and his daughter, Barbara Racey.

Visitation will be January 11, 2017 from 4-7 p.m. at Omps Funeral Home Amherst Chapel. There will be a prayer service and military honors at 6 p.m. Interment at Mt Hebron Cemetery will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Veterans Organization of your choice.

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