



## H. D. Reese Page

January 4, 1925 - February 12, 2008

Henry Dobson Reese Page, age 83, died on February 12 at home after a long illness, with his family at his side. Born in Florence, South Carolina he was the son on the late Anna Floride Reese of Abbeville and Earle Cornelius Page of Inman and grandson of the late Dr. Henry Dobson Reese. While in high school he worked as a lab assistant at the Clemson Experimental Station which sparked an interest in chemistry. Graduating early from Florence High, he was made a messenger of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D.C.

At the age of eighteen years old, Reese was a member of the “Greatest Generation” and a member of the U.S. armed forces from 1943 through 1946 fighting in France, Germany, Holland, and Luxembourg. He was in General Patton’s Third Army, 567th Antiaircraft Artillery, manning an antiaircraft gun. He was wounded in “The Battle of the Bulge” and though offered a Purple Heart, declined because he felt others had done more. During his three years in European Theatre, he was asked to teach and taught a number of soldiers how to read.

Reese graduated Cum laude in three years from the University of South Carolina in Chemical Engineering. He was on the dean’s list, tapped for Tau Beta Phi, Epsilon Lambda Sigma, member of the YMCA and Chemical Engineering Society and a Life alumni member at U.S.C. He graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) with a Masters in chemistry, where his thesis, “Phase Equilibria Studies With Bromine,” was published as a

college textbook. Reese attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and the University of Missouri. In 1993 Reese received a Bachelors of Arts degree from Frances Marion University in Fine Arts. He was an active member of Kalmia Arts, which is now Black Creek Arts Council. He was chairman of the South Carolina section of the American Chemical Society and a member for over 50 years, member of the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club, G.O.P. 5th precinct, and delegate to the state convention. Reese was a Scoutmaster in Hartsville and former P.T.A. President of Carolina School and Hartsville Chairman of the Crippled Children's Society.

Reese was active for more than forty years in the First Baptist Church of Hartsville where he was the director of Sunday School, Training Union, Audio-visual Aids, in charge of visitation, and Enlargement, and teacher of the men's class and the couples class.

Reese retired from Sonoco Products Company in Research and Development after thirty-four years, ending as manager of the converting group (consolidation of resin, lacquer coating and adhesives.) Reese helped in writing a book on Sonoco Research Laboratory Safety.

Reese is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 56 years, Ouida Faye Davis Page, daughter Ouida Kenrick Page Valdez, son-in-law Greg Valdez, and grandson Ronald Reese Page. Reese was predeceased in 2000 by a daughter, Ella Reese Page, a sister, the late Eleanor Page Anderson of California, a sister, the late Floride P. DuBose of Florence, and a brother, the late Rev. Earle C. Page of Gainesville, Florida. Nieces are Floride Bartell of California, Margaret Fitch of Aiken, Eleanor Lenney of Atlanta and Shirley DuBose of Florence. A favorite first cousin, (who was like a brother to him), is Dr. Earle Hampton Godfrey of Spartanburg.

Visitation will be held at Brown Pennington Atkins Funeral Home on Thursday, February 14 from 5:00-7:00 with the funeral being held at First Baptist Church Hartsville on Friday February 15, at 1:00 p.m. with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers you may give a contribution to Black Creek Arts Council in

which Reese was actively involved; designate in honor of Reese Page, or you may contribute to the Music Ministry at First Baptist Church, Hartsville.

The family is grateful for the long, faithful and untiring support of health care professionals Rosa Bishop, Yvonne Brown, Ruby Bishop, Carolyn Kennedy, Brenda Zimmerman, Lelia McFarland, Geraldine Barefoot and James Addison. Thanks also to the McLeod's physical therapy team, Carolina Pines staff of physical therapy, McLeod Hospice and their chaplains, nurses and aides. We appreciate the friendly and efficient service since 1995 from American Home Patient, Rosemary Sansbury, Valerie Cochran and Daniel Gaddy

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
104 E. Home Ave.  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ I was saddened to hear of Reese's passing. I was out of the country and did not hear of his passing until today-Tuesday the 26th. He was a brilliant person and an inspiration to all. My prayers are with your family during these times.##imported-begin##Sharon Moon##imported-end##

---

February 26, 2008 at 04:45 PM



“ We wish to extend our sincere symphaty to the family on the loss of their loved one. Our prayers are with each and everyone of you.  
Warner DeHart  
Tara S. Waddell  
Georgia Ross##imported-begin##Darlington County Veterans Affairs ##imported-end##

---

February 21, 2008 at 03:12 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Page and Ouida,  
Bryan and I are thinking of you and your family this week. Your family has meant much to ours over the years. What a great testament to how a life should be lived! Mr. Page will certainly be missed by all.  
Love,  
Cindy and Bryan Herring##imported-begin##Cindy and Bryan Herring##imported-end##

---

February 18, 2008 at 09:43 AM



“ Mrs. Page and Ouida,

*I was so sorry to read about Mr. Page passing. I know how sad it is, as my mother Dorothy Rowe also passed this week. My parents always thought so well of Mr. Page, and my father Riley in particular always spoke highly of him. I know that you will miss him. Remember him well.##imported-begin##Lisa Rowe Ray##imported-end##*

---

February 17, 2008 at 01:23 AM



“ To Ouida, Greg, Faye, and Ronald:

*Reese Page was a fine man who will be missed by all who knew him. He led a full and active life. He will live on in the hearts and minds of his friends and family. He was an example of a fine Christian gentleman who used the talents that God gave to him to enrich the lives of others.*

*I was blessed to have known him. I was honored to have served as his physician.*

*Susan Reynolds.##imported-begin##Susan Reynolds##imported-end##*

---

February 15, 2008 at 10:49 PM



“ Mrs. Page and Ouida, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Page was a Fine Southern Gentleman and will be missed. Thank you for sharing so many details of his life in his obituary - it is amazing that he accomplished so much and I know you are so very proud of him and all he has done. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Johnny and Susan Goode##imported-end##

---

February 15, 2008 at 06:51 AM



“ Mrs. Page: I am sorry about your loss of such a fine and distinguished husband and father and friend to many people. The obituary gives me some details of his life that I was unaware of and he certainly lived a full life of love and service to his country, church, state, and fellow citizens. I remember him sharing with me the story about his bone fusion surgery in his neck, the same as I had, and his recommendation of a surgeon. I never saw a frown on his face, he was always thinking about other people. Surely he received a grand welcome by our Heavenly Father when he arrived "home." You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jimmy Ballard##imported-end##

---

February 14, 2008 at 10:46 PM



“ Mrs. Page and Quida, I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Page's passing. Hold his memories close to your heart and they will comfort you in the days and months ahead. I will remember you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Dell Gandy##imported-end##

---

February 14, 2008 at 08:14 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Page & Family:

*I am so saddened to see that Mr. Page has passed away. I've always thought so much of him and your entire family! You will be in my thoughts and prayers as I travel to Atlanta today and in the days and weeks ahead. If there is anything that I can do for you, I will be more than glad to do it. Mrs. Page, you are such a special person to me, a great role model. You taught me many lessons that I still find useful everyday. I fondly remember one of your stories about Mr. Page driving on the turnpike up north as you read the map...he asked "I take a left?" and your reply, "Right"! Needless to say you got a nice tour of both sides of several miles of highway neither of you had anticipated. Now I always reply when asked, "correct", just like you! Thank you for being you and giving a young girl a life long love for learning. My mother always cherished your friendship. May the memories of all the times you and Mr. Page shared bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead and during your journey through grief.*

*Love, Rebecca Skinner##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##*

---

February 13, 2008 at 10:02 AM