



Mr. Henry Whetstone Webb

June 28, 1921 - December 1, 2011

Graveside services for Henry Whetstone Webb, age 90, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Magnolia Cemetery. The Rev. Ryan Goodroe and the Rev. Phil Thraikill will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins is serving the family. The family will receive friends Friday, December 2, 2011 from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Sally and Joe Regan, 1732 West Carolina Ave. Mr. Webb died December 1, 2011. Born June 28, 1921 in White Pond, SC, Aiken County, he was the son of the late Joseph Elijah and Sadie Whetstone Webb. He grew up on the family farm in Williston, SC and was preceded in death by five sisters and one brother.

Henry attended Clemson University, graduating with an Agronomy Degree in 1943. The year following his graduation from Clemson, he completed officer candidate school and received his commission as an officer in the Airborne Infantry Division. Additionally, he trained and qualified as a glider trooper and paratrooper. Arriving in Europe with the 82nd Airborne, his first engagement in battle was an airlift into the Battle of the Bulge. Following the Battle of the Bulge, on March 24, 1945 he was in one of four airborne divisions assembled to participate in "Operation Varsity," the glider invasion across the Rhine which began the final phase of the war.

After World War II, he remained with the occupation forces in Berlin and then traveled to Paris where he spent several months studying at the Sorbonne. While there he had the opportunity to visit several very old seed companies in Paris, the experimental station at Versailles, the botanical gardens, flower

breeders and many others. These studies at the Sorbonne were the beginning of his life long career in plant breeding and research.

Returning home after separation from service in 1946, Henry began his career in plant breeding. He was employed with Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company for 35 years as Director of Cotton Research. He was responsible for the development of numerous cotton varieties, not only popular in the US, but around the world. Being recognized as one of the world's foremost cotton breeders, he traveled extensively in cotton producing areas of Mexico, Central America, Europe, and the Middle East. Because of his outstanding contributions to both cotton growers and soybean farmers, he received many awards and honors.

Because of his commitment to service, Henry remained active in the Army Reserve program to include Artillery, Civil Affairs, Command and General staff. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1980 as a Colonel.

Mr. Webb was a member of First Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for many years.

Mr. Webb is survived by his wife, Nancy Bartholomew Webb of their home in Hartsville. He was predeceased by his first wife, Rebecca Kay Webb. His children are a son, Dr. Henry Michael Webb of Atlanta Ga., daughters, Susan W. (Eddie) Moore and Dr. Sally W. (Joe) Regan, all of Hartsville SC; stepson, Sean Devlin and stepdaughter, Shannon Devlin Merolla, both of New Jersey. He has five grandchildren: the late Matthew Webb Moore, Jordan Elizabeth Moore of Columbia SC, Jason Whetstone (Catherine) Regan of Mt Pleasant SC, Andrew Michael Regan of Florence, SC, and Joseph Wesley Regan of Hartsville, SC.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful circle of friends and neighbors who have provided love and support for many years. Many thanks to the caring, committed caregivers at Hospice of Florence. Their gentle touch and caring hearts are so appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Matthew Webb Moore Scholarship Fund, Attn: Debbie Talbert, Carolina Bank, Box 819, Hartsville,

SC 29550.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Regan Residence
1732 West Carolina Avenue
SC 29550

Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Susan, Sally and Mike...I just learned of your fathers passing and I am so sorry. I have so many memories of your Dad. Him, my Dad and Mr. Welch had their hands full keeping all us "Circle Kids" in line. Those memories will stay with us all forever just as his memory will stay in our hearts forever! All of you are in my prayers.

Lynn Langston Hanes - December 07, 2011 at 10:47 PM

SR

“ Nancy, Mike, Susan, and Sally,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your loss.
Susan Reynolds

Susan D. Reynolds - December 03, 2011 at 09:33 PM

SM

“ Dear Nancy, Sally and Susan, Henry will be missed by so many. He was a brilliant gentle spirit. I did not know him well, but know he will be missed by all his family. Prayers will be with you as you walk this path. Sharon Moon



Sharon Moon - December 03, 2011 at 07:54 AM

KB

“ Nancy and Dr regan, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Webb's death. I love Nancy and enjoyed taking care of her at Dr Reynolds office. I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. God Bless, Karen Baker

Karen Baker - December 02, 2011 at 07:28 PM

RW

“ Susan and Family, You are all in our prayers during this sad time. May God wrap you all in his loving arms and give you comfort and peace.

Rita and Jimmy White - December 02, 2011 at 02:07 PM

EB

“ Mike, Susan, and Sally,
I am so saddened about the passing of your sweet Daddy, my Uncle Henry!!!!!! I have such fond memories of many visits with all of you, and I always felt that our families were particularly close, maybe because Uncle Henry and My Mama were so very close! We are all thinking about you and also Nancy, of course.
So sorry that noone from our side of the family can be there in person, but, know that we are with you in spirit and in our hearts! Ross and I are sending a Memorial in the name of Matthew Webb Moore, as is mentioned in the writeup I was able to obtain. I love to send flowers, but, somehow, feel that Uncle Henry would have liked the idea of the Memorial more!
With much love, always! I wish you peace!
Your cousin, Emily and my husband Ross
Gulfport, MS

Emily Jowers Buntyn - December 02, 2011 at 12:00 PM

PM

“ Susan - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you gain strength and comfort from God as he holds your family in his loving arms.

Pinky McInville - December 02, 2011 at 10:30 AM

DH

“ Susan, Sally, Mike & family,
I am truly saddened today to hear of Henry's passing. You know that he served as a mentor for me, but he was much more than that. At a time in my life when I needed family, he and Becky treated me as part of theirs, and you guys felt almost like siblings to me. I may not be able to remember what I had for lunch yesterday, but I have many memories of experiences, both professionally and personally, with your dad that exemplify the impact he had on my life. I grieve with you today over his passing, but I also celebrate with you his life **WELL LIVED!!**
David Howle
Clemson

David Howle - December 02, 2011 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ Jennie Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Henry Whetstone Webb



Jennie Sherrill - December 02, 2011 at 09:52 AM

EB

“ Mike, Sally and Susan,
I went to school with Mike in high. school and at Clemson. I had the honor of meeting your father on several occasions. I did not know a lot about him at time. Thanks for the tribute to a very interesting gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with you, his extended family and many friends.
Edwin Bass
Hartsville

Edwin G. Bass - December 02, 2011 at 08:51 AM

TW

“ Mrs. Nancy, Mike, Susan and Sally, and extended family, Tommy and I wish to express our most sincere condolences to you. Mr. Webb was one of the finest gentlemen I've ever known, and his character and morals are exemplified through his family. I always knew Mr. Webb as such an accomplished businessman, but never knew he was such a remarkable "hero" as well. Hartsville has had many unique citizens, that perhaps ,is why Hartsville is one of the "All American Cities"., We are all enriched having known, Mr. Webb and he will be missed by many. Imagine the wonderful Christmas he will be having reunited with loved ones! We love you and our thoughts are prayers are with you today and in the days to come.
Terri

Terri Northcutt Woodham - December 02, 2011 at 08:50 AM

CG

“ Susan and Sally, what a wonderful life your father led. Such memories will forever live. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Curt and Cindy Griggs - December 02, 2011 at 07:58 AM

CM

“ Dear Sally and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your father. May you hold on to the memories you all shared and he will live in your hearts forever. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.
Love, Crystal Talbert Minnehan and Family



Crystal Talbert Minnehan - December 02, 2011 at 07:01 AM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Whetstone Webb*



Rebecca Skinner - December 01, 2011 at 11:50 PM

RS

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you...

Rebecca Skinner - December 01, 2011 at 11:50 PM

GG

Susan and Family, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Gene and Teresa Gibson - December 04, 2011 at 09:40 PM