



## Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.

July 18, 1934 - June 1, 2024

It is with great sadness that Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Stokes Malphus announces the passing of her beloved husband of seventy years, Howard Harrison "Happy" Malphus, Sr., 89. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, with The Rev. Johnathan Bradshaw and The Rev. Brad Griese officiating. A private family burial will be held in Westview Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Happy was born on July 18, 1934, in Hartsville, SC. He graduated from Hartsville High School and attended Clemson College. He was drafted into the Army in October 1956 and went to Germany in early 1957. Dot was able to follow in May, and their first son, Howard Harrison, Jr. "Harry," was born in Heidelberg in December 1957. They returned home in November 1958.

Happy went to work at Dixie Cup and later went to Sonoco. Their second son, Charles Leon "Lee", was born in Hartsville in November 1960. Happy stayed at Sonoco until his retirement. Happy was also an Eagle Scout and served as Assistant Scout Master of Troop 510 in Hartsville alongside his good friend,

Howard Gandy. After retirement, he worked at Happy's Hobby Shop until he could no longer work several years ago and gave it to his son, Harry.

Throughout his life, Happy loved traveling, especially going on cruises. He also liked playing cards of any kind, particularly poker and Shanghai. Happy loved fishing, going on kayaking trips, and spending time with loved ones and friends.

Happy is survived by his beloved wife, Dot; son, Harry, and his wife, Sherry; six grandchildren: Derrick, Nicole, Patrick, Cole, Bailey, and Britt; eight great-grandchildren: Zayden, Makenzie, Zack, Michaela, River, Eli, Willow, and Noa; and several special nieces and nephews, including Fran, Winnie, Dickie, and Steve.

He was preceded in death by his son, Lee Malphus; his parents, Howard Malphus and Elsie Lee Dudley; his stepfather, Willard Dudley; sisters and brothers-in-law; Mary Lee and Marion Moore, Louise and Dick Whisenhunt; special friends Howard Gandy, Juel and Chester Morris.

We would like to thank family and friends who have brought food and helped us in so many other ways. A big thank you to the Comfort Keepers caregivers who have helped take care of Happy, especially Loraine, Mariah, Mrs. Morris, and Jasmine. Crescent Hospice has been wonderful, extremely friendly and always helpful. A special thank you to Kaitlyn, Jessica, Janay, Janice and A.K.

A special thank you to my daughter-in-law, Sherry, and her daughter, Britt. I could never have made it through the past few months without them.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JUN 3.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown Pennington Atkins Funeral Home  
306 West Home Avenue  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
info@bpafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

### Funeral Service

**JUN 4.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
949 N. Marquis Hwy.  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - June 03, 2024 at 07:49 PM



“ *Jennifer Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



**Jennifer Davis** - June 06, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ *The Lan*

**Mary Sharp** - June 05, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ *Jerry Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



**Jerry Sumner** - June 04, 2024 at 10:41 PM

LC

“ I worked with Happy back in the 70's . And bought a motorcycle from him that belonged to Lee, he came back and asked to buy back, I did not hasten. Happy was a great friend and will be greatly missed, rest in peace.

Les crowley - June 04, 2024 at 08:40 PM

KS

“ Kateri Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Kateri Stewart - June 04, 2024 at 08:06 PM

BA

“ Happy was a dear friend to my family... so many memories of camping and motorcycle riding together... May God bless your family during this difficult time...



Ben Adair - June 04, 2024 at 06:19 PM

GW

“ Gail White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Gail White - June 04, 2024 at 02:03 PM

GW

“ *"Happy Malphus was a very happy man!! He will be dearly missed*

**Gail White** - June 04, 2024 at 02:02 PM

LS

“ *My thoughts and prayers with all the family. I remember our trips to Myrtle Beach when I was very young. Always such a sweet man and wonderful memories.*

*Linda Lane Stack*

**LINDA LANE STACK** - June 04, 2024 at 11:15 AM

BH

“ *My heart goes out to Dot, Harry and family. Happy will be missed but never forgotten. I will always cherish my memories with you all. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time and always. Love you*

**Beth Howle** - June 04, 2024 at 08:01 AM

PB

“ *Phyllis Driggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



**Phyllis Driggers Braddock** - June 03, 2024 at 09:29 PM

WR

“ *So sorry to hear of "Happy's" Passing. Prayers of condolence for his family. May God give grace and peace during these days of grief.*

*William Rivers*

**William Rivers** - June 03, 2024 at 09:08 PM

BS

“ *Bill & Angela Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



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**Bill & Angela Stokes** - June 03, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ *35 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - June 03, 2024 at 03:46 PM

TT

“ *Timmy Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



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**Timmy Tyner** - June 03, 2024 at 02:40 PM

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Happys family. You will be missed my friend.*

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**Scott and Tina Howle** - June 03, 2024 at 01:39 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Hilda Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



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**Jim & Hilda Martin** - June 03, 2024 at 11:37 AM

MR

“ *Marty Robbins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



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**Marty Robbins** - June 03, 2024 at 10:31 AM

DM

“ *So Sorry to hear of Happy passing! The World will miss Happy for sure, I know I will, after working with Happy at Sonoco and his hobby shop years ago, We had a Special Friendship just like many others!!*

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**Doug McNeese** - June 03, 2024 at 10:25 AM

KC

“ *Dot, Harry, Sherry and family, our hearts go out to you on your loss of Happy. We've been thinking about you and praying for peace, comfort and strength. Chip and Kim Clanton and Betty "Bebe" Bryant*

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**Kimberly Bryant Clanton** - June 03, 2024 at 09:44 AM

CM

“ Happy was there the day I was born, My dad ( Chester Morris) and Happy were best friends since age 4. I have literally known Happy all my life. Happy and Dot were like another set of parents to me. The fond memories are too numerous to count! Hartsville and the world are a lessor place without Happy Malphus! My heart goes out to Dot, Harry and all the family.

Cam Morris



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**Cam Morris** - June 03, 2024 at 08:38 AM

SJ

“ Sharon Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



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**Sharon Jones** - June 03, 2024 at 07:38 AM

JC

“ Jim And Jeri Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



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**Jim and Jeri Cox** - June 03, 2024 at 12:29 AM

JB

“ Joseph Bunch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Joseph Bunch - June 03, 2024 at 12:25 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Happy's passing. He was a great and talented man. Glad to have crossed paths with him.



David Jordan - June 02, 2024 at 10:33 PM

WB

“ Dot and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Happy. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace and strength in the days and months ahead. Love in Christ.

Walter and Janelle Britt - June 02, 2024 at 09:45 PM

GO

“ To the family, so sorry to hear of the passing of a fellow assistant Scout Master. I know he will be missed by the scouting community and all who knew him and Loved him. Once a Scout always a Scout. My prayers are with all of you. Always reflect back on the memories you cherished with Happy, they will last a lifetime. Sincerely, Grady O'Neal, former Scouter BSA Troop 526 and former Advancement Chairman and ASM Troop 512 Hartsville SC



Grady O'Neal - June 02, 2024 at 08:50 PM

HC

“ Mrs. Dot and family I have so many wonderful memories of Happy with my family. I loved going to Happy’s Hobby Shop when I was little to feed his goats. Gump and Grandma cherished your friendship and you were there for us during our losses. I will definitely miss Happy’s smiling face! Sending love and prayers to you. Hillary (Morris)

Hillary Morris Chavez - June 02, 2024 at 08:39 PM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Al & Melinda Sansbury - June 02, 2024 at 08:15 PM

FS

“ Faye Stinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Faye Stinson - June 02, 2024 at 08:05 PM

MS

“ Mark And Scarlet Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Mark and Scarlet Shealy - June 02, 2024 at 07:42 PM

LP

“ Linda & Billy Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Linda & Billy Price - June 02, 2024 at 07:29 PM

II

“ Irene And Glenn Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Irene and Glenn Ingram - June 02, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CB

“ Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



carol elmore bryant - June 02, 2024 at 06:22 PM

CB

*What a kindhearted friend-You will be missed by everyone who knew you. Blessings, Carol*

carol elmore bryant - June 02, 2024 at 06:23 PM

DS

“ Donna Dempsey Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Donna Dempsey Sansbury - June 02, 2024 at 06:01 PM

DS

So very sorry for your loss. Prayers lifted for comfort.  
Donna Dempsey Sansbury

Donna Dempsey Sansbury - June 02, 2024 at 06:02 PM

LH

“ My prayers to Dot and the family. Happy was one of my Boy Scout leaders and tried to teach me many helpful things about the outdoors. He told me once that I had been a Tenderfoot longer than anyone ever in the Boy Scouts (4yrs). That record holds to this day. He was a very talented man and would always help anyone that had a need. It was my honor to have known him.

Larry Huggins - June 02, 2024 at 05:56 PM

LB

“ So Sorry to hear about the loss of Happy he is and always will be a Great Man!! He will be Missed prayers for the Family



Lori Bullard - June 02, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CG

“ Prayers for the family



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**Connee Gamble Grantham** - June 02, 2024 at 04:22 PM

CT

“ Dot, Harry, and family you are in my prayers. I have wonderful memories of my time in Troop 510. The log scout huts were made memorable by all the great activities he and Howard created for us. Cable slides from a tall tree and plenty of captured snakes. I was blessed to know him as a leader in my youth and a treasured friend as an adult. He was a special man. Rest in peace.

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**Curtis A. Tyner** - June 02, 2024 at 03:59 PM

PJ

“ Dot, was sorry to see the passing of Happy. Both of you are so special. Prayers for all of you.



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**Pat James** - June 02, 2024 at 03:06 PM

WG

“ Ms. Dot and Family,  
Happy was a good friend to my husband, he called him Duck (just as I did after I met Happy). We thought h the world of this kind and sweet man. If there was ever a true “Southern Gentleman”, he was it. He was always smiling and glad to see us, and those chance meetings turned into very lengthy conversations. Which we loved.  
We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers now, and in the days and weeks ahead.



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**William “Duck “ and Jean Gullede** - June 02, 2024 at 03:04 PM

LG

“ Lyndal Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



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**Lyndal Gibson** - June 02, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CB

“ Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss of Happy. He was a great guy and was always in a good mood. He was mechanically gifted and could fix anything. He will be greatly missed. All of you have our deepest sympathy. Cecelia Brown

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**Cecelia Brown** - June 02, 2024 at 02:10 PM

DH

“ *Debby Hemby-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



Debby Hemby-Smith - June 02, 2024 at 01:48 PM

JD

“ *Mr. Happy will always be my favorite patient as a caregiver, and Mrs. Dot as well. Even on his worst days he would smile and crack a joke! He would love to stay in bed all day and tell me “10 more minutes”. I would tell him “Mrs. Dot said it’s time to get up now Happy” or I would ask him if he wanted a Pepsi and some nabs and that would surely get him up! Heaven gained an angel and he will truly be missed.*

Jasmine Davis - June 02, 2024 at 01:43 PM

TH

“ *Always have been great to our family will miss him*



Terry Hall - June 02, 2024 at 12:14 PM

HG

“ *Scott and Harriet Gupton*



Harriet Gupton - June 02, 2024 at 11:46 AM

JB

“ Johnny & Suzanne Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Johnny & Suzanne Beasley - June 02, 2024 at 11:45 AM

WS

“ Wil Sellers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



wil Sellers - June 02, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Mary Beth Carter Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Mary Beth Carter Bennett - June 02, 2024 at 10:26 AM

LR

“ Lester And Lori Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Lester and Lori Reynolds - June 02, 2024 at 10:11 AM

LY

“ 3 files added to the album "Happy" Memories



Larry Young - June 02, 2024 at 09:29 AM

KA

“ Sad news. May God comfort the family. I have many fond memories.

Kimberly Anderson - June 02, 2024 at 09:28 AM

FH

“ Happy was a one of a kind man. He was a caring and giving man. Prayers for his family.



Faith Howle - June 02, 2024 at 09:28 AM

DB

“ Prayers for all the family and friends



Danny and DeeDee Byrd - June 02, 2024 at 08:02 AM

JM

“ Happy was my friend I miss him already. Jim Murray

Jim Murray - June 02, 2024 at 07:20 AM

TG

“ Tony Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



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**Tony Grant** - June 02, 2024 at 07:13 AM

LY

“ So many fantastic memories of spending time with Happy and friends. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for Dot, Harry, and family as they cope with this loss. Love you all!

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**Larry and Johanna Young** - June 02, 2024 at 07:12 AM

DS

“ David & Gloria Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



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**David & Gloria Shoemake** - June 02, 2024 at 07:07 AM

RE

“ Robert Gene And Peggy R Evans. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



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**Robert Gene and Peggy R Evans.** - June 02, 2024 at 05:01 AM

WG

“ I offer my deepest most sincere condolences to the Malphus family. "Happy" was a one-of-a-kind special person that only comes around once I your life... I am so fortunate to have known and loved Happy. Rest Easy.



Wiley Grantham - June 02, 2024 at 12:53 AM

MG

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Happy.He was The Best of the Best!Praying for you all that God will give you all the strength and comfort during this time and peace in the days to come. Love,Eddie and Marie Gardner.



Marie Gardner - June 01, 2024 at 11:27 PM

JG

“ Very sorry to hear about this. Prayers for the Malphus family.



Jeff Galloway - June 01, 2024 at 10:59 PM

LT

“ Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Linda Thompson - June 01, 2024 at 09:33 PM

DB

“ David And Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



David and Beverly Byrd - June 01, 2024 at 07:43 PM

SM

*I came to know Happy, approximately 15 years ago. And the first thing he ever said to me is, "i'm the most honest man you ever met!" He was and still is. I love you Happy!*

*Now rest!*

Scott Bam McCowen - June 01, 2024 at 09:12 PM



“ Dot,Derrick, Nicole, and Family,  
Our hearts breaks for all of y'all. Happy was a great role model and taught you all so much! Including the ice cream song and the Cookie Monster book that Derrick always ask him to read and then cry at the end! He certainly left a huge legacy behind for his family and friends! Dot you were certainly his world, "You Were Always On My Mind ", that was definitely yalls song! Dot, y'all were together a life time, 70 plus years! You always said he looked like Paul Newman with his beautiful blue eyes! He adored you always! Happy was a very smart and intelligent man, he certainly could fix anything, he always said he could weld anything, but a broken heart and the crack of dawn! He will certainly be missed by all who knew and loved Happy! He can go Rest High On That Mountain now with "Lee", "Darling" and watch over his family. Heaven gained another Angel Tonight Around The Fireplace! We both love you are so so much! Ervin and Jackie Gibson



Jackie Gibson - June 01, 2024 at 06:00 PM

JC

*Janie and I truly loved Happy. We never spent enough time with him and we will always remember the first time we met him. Our love goes out to the Malpus family!*

**Janie and Sammy Campbell** - June 01, 2024 at 10:11 PM

JA

“ *Jimmy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malpus Sr.*



**Jimmy Andrews** - June 01, 2024 at 05:48 PM

MW

“ *Harry. Sorry to hear of your father passing. Thoughts and prayers for your family*



**Mike Ward** - June 01, 2024 at 05:43 PM

JJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**John (Barry) Jordan** - June 01, 2024 at 05:37 PM

PT

*I really love this picture of Happy. As a person by myself most of the time, if I needed a piece welded or repaired I could count on him. He would argue with me about doing it or how it should be done, but never failed to fix it for you. And he loved yard sales and estate sales. You could always run into him there. So sorry Dot and Family. He was a treasure to all who knew him. Pat T.*

Pat T. - June 02, 2024 at 09:32 AM

JJ

*“ Aunt Dot, Cousin Harry and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
My life is full of good memories of my Uncle Happy. He was my father's childhood best friend. Many of my father's stories he told us were of things they did together. He introduced my father (JL) to my mother (Betty) in the early 1950s. I guess I sort of owe my existence to him. He once eased my son's teething pain with parts from a pen and Lord Calvert. That is classic Uncle Happy.*

John (Barry) Jordan - June 01, 2024 at 05:28 PM

MM

*“ Happy could fix, or build, anything. I'm proud to Salk him my friend, and will certainly miss him*

mike mcconnell - June 01, 2024 at 05:13 PM

DB

*“ Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



Dick Brown - June 01, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SS

“ Sam A. Hall Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Sam A. Hall Sr - June 01, 2024 at 05:06 PM

LB

“ Had many good years and lots of lessons learned from Happy at Sonoco. Praying for the family.

Larry Baker - June 01, 2024 at 04:38 PM

DA

“ Donna Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



Donna Atkinson - June 01, 2024 at 04:17 PM

JW

“ James Warren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.



James Warren - June 01, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Happys family and friends. He was a great man, and a great friend. You will be missed my friend.* ”

James Warren - June 01, 2024 at 04:08 PM

MJ

“ *Mark And Amy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.* ”



Mark and Amy Johnson - June 01, 2024 at 03:30 PM

GG

“ *Dot and family, we are saddened to hear the about the passing of Happy! You all are in our thoughts and Prayers!* ”



Gene and Teresa Gibson - June 01, 2024 at 03:16 PM

DT

“ *Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.* ”



Dave Thompson - June 01, 2024 at 03:00 PM

LL

“ *Lawrence & Cindy Lowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - June 01, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JK

“ *We all loved Happy. Lots of love to Dot, Harry and family. Sending hugs and my love. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Joan Kelly - June 01, 2024 at 02:22 PM

JG

“ *Dot ,Harry and family I'm so sorry to hear of Happy's passing He was a special person who would help anyone in need ,prayers for you and family .GOD bless Jewel*

Jewel Walters Gibson - June 01, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard H. "Happy" Malphus Sr.*



Jewel Walters Gibson - June 01, 2024 at 01:13 PM

JK

“ *Dot & family, I'm so sorry for the passing of Happy. I was not expecting when I found out this morning. Condolences to all the knew him. I'll see you soon.*

Joe Kelly - June 01, 2024 at 12:46 PM

BF

*Happy was a kind and special man . He sold me a washing machine for 20 dollars and it ran for 5 years.*

*Jesus gained a n angel today fly High Happy.*

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**Brenda Floyd** - June 01, 2024 at 01:30 PM

DJ

*We at Newsome Home Appliance thought a lot of Happy. A good man*

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**David Newsome Jr.** - June 02, 2024 at 09:19 AM

SC

*Happy was a very special person who never met a stranger. He will be remembered for his love for his family, his quick wit and his unwavering joy and love for nature and the outdoors. Our family was certainly blessed when Sherry met Harry and we all immediately were part of Dot and Happy's family. May your memories of your lives with him bring you peace and comfort in this time of loss.*

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**Susan Fairfax Cato** - June 03, 2024 at 12:03 AM

JS

*Dot and family, we are so sorry for your loss. May our precious comfort you in the days ahead. You will be in our prayers. Jeff and Carolyn Sifford*

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**Jeff and Carolyn Sifford** - June 03, 2024 at 04:11 PM