



Pat Henry

March 14, 1926 - May 26, 2013

Pat Reeves Henry, 87, of Springdale died May 26, 2013, surrounded by the big family he cultivated like a garden. A man who had his priorities straight, he is best described as a faithful servant-leader.

Pat said, "the best thing I ever did was to marry Earlene Brown." She wisely took him on in 1950, when he said his "greatest ambition was to have a happy Christian home."

That achievement was more than realized in Springdale with four daughters – Rev. Wendy Fenn and husband Doug (Dallas), Ginger and Rick Geyer (Austin), Linda and Joe Dickinson (Ft. Smith), Holly and Dave Meehan (Rogers). A friend commented that he'd like to be reincarnated as one of Pat Henry's grandchildren. In chronological order, those who got to claim "Paw Paw" are Steve and Julia Fenn, Blake and Brandy Meehan, Alan and Erin Dickinson, Meghan Meehan, John Fenn, Kevin and Tiffany Dickinson, Allison and Fernan Rodriguez, Patrick Fenn, Adam Geyer, Abbey Meehan, Melissa Dickinson, Larkin Geyer, Keith Dickinson and Amanda Maxwell (deceased).

Happiness rose to another level with a quiver-full of great-grandchildren: Gabrielle, Ella, Grace, Joseph, Drew, Ann Marie, Henry, Maci Claire, Elijah, and Blythe.

Crying out for liberty, his parents Amma and Wendell named their noisy newborn Pat Henry, on March 14, 1926. The town of Conway, Arkansas raised the ever-curious Pat along with his brothers Joe, Bob and sister Mickie. Bob and wife Barbara, of Conway, and Billie Henry of Benton survive him, along with a bevy of nieces and nephews.

Pat graduated from Conway High School and Hendrix College. Versatile and encouraging, Pat worked as a teacher and coach in Fordyce. Fair-minded and sharp, he served the Jeff D. Brown Co., Inc. for 19 years, three as President, followed by Wilson Laurel Farms, Inc. He held leadership positions in several statewide poultry associations. At mid-life he resourcefully took ownership of Pat Henry Chevy-Olds-Geo. In 1990 he was nominated by the Arkansas Automobile Dealers Association for the Time Magazine Dealer of the Year Award. He always said "my faithful employees made my business successful."

Pat drew deep joy from the First United Methodist Church of Springdale, where he was a co-founder of the Builders Class 63 years ago. He started youth programs, taught Sunday School, was on every board possible, and a delegate to annual conference. He enjoyed being on the building committee, and served as "Snoopervisor" for church expansion in his elder years.

Pat's civic involvement was extensive, from President of the Chamber of Commerce to planting maple trees named for his grandchildren all over Murphy Park. He was on the board of the United Fund, the advisory committee for public schools, and personally built the playground equipment for Westwood Elementary. An avid booster for kids and Razorbacks, he was a lifelong member of the Kiwanis Club, where he started the Kids Day Football. The Jaycees honored him for Distinguished Service and Boss of the Year and he received the Chamber's Outstanding Civic Service Award.

The family thanks the Schmeding Center, Circle of Life Hospice, and many others for special care given to Pat in his fifteen year struggle with dementia. Despite many losses and frustrations, his true spirit, which was humble, courteous and hilarious, remained intact.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 29th in the chapel of First United Methodist Church, 5:00—7:00. Memorial service will be in the sanctuary at 11:00 Thursday.

Gifts in honor of Pat may be sent to Circle of Life, 901 Jones Road, Springdale AR 72762 or to FUMC, columbarium fund 206 West Johnson Ave, Springdale AR 72764.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

To sign the guestbook online please visit www.siscofuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Pat Henry*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Earlene,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.
Paula (Penny) Patton*

Penny K Patton - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM



“ *Dear Bob--We were so sorrowed to hear of the death of your brother Pat--While he was a few classes ahead of us in Conway Hi, he was such a standout and an inspiration for all to admire. We send our thoughts and prayers for all of the Henry families. Love,
Bob & Carolyn Bumpers Dow*

Bob & Carolyn Dow - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM



“ *Earline & family, I am thankful that I met Pat years ago, while purchasing an auto from his dealership. He was a true gentleman. Sincere sympathy & prayers for comfort.*

Donna Easley - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

WF

“ Our 'daddy', which we all called him and probably always will, was an unusual man. He put family above all - and his wife Earlene at the top of that priority. She sustained him through rearing all of us (how on earth did they stand that?) - and also through a long time of caregiving, the roughest patches of which came near the end.

Momma and Daddy made us sure, without a doubt, that we are loved. And that has been the basis for our whole lives.

I miss you, Daddy. And always will.

*Love,
Wendy*

Wendy Fenn - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

SK

“ To all you special Henrys around the South- My heart was saddened to hear about Pat's passing and yet overjoyed to know that he was going home!!! My parents (Joe and Pat Taylor) loved your family and you all made Springdale a very special for them to live. I'm sure Dad was so happy to see Pat at the pearly gates - I can imagine they are having quite a time together- enjoying each other and all those who have gone before in Christ Jesus! Love Always-Susan

susan taylor kincannon - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

RH

“ Family, Prayers for comfort at this time. I fist met Pat when he purchased the Chevrolet dealership here. I was an area representative for GMAC-MIC finance and insurance division of General Motors Corporation. Quickly, we established a good working relationship that lasted for years.

Rondell "Ron" Harrisonr - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

CE

“ David and I send our sincere sympathy at this bittersweet time. Pat was a faithful member of God's earthly family and is now most certainly the fully restored same in Heaven. May happy memories and the Holy Spirit bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead. We regret being out of the country and unable to pay our respects in person at his services.

Cathy Evans - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

AP

“ Mother remarked in reflection that Pat Henry was the best looking man she had ever seen on first spotting him exiting the first United Methodist Church when our family moved to Springdale in 1960. I will always remember his tenacious spirit after countless tries of helping me successfully get up on one ski during an afternoon of summer fun. The countless hours our families spent together, the laughter I shared with the four darling Henry girls, and the artistic and creative influence of the beautiful Earlene are forever imprinted in my memories. My love goes out to each of your during this time of transition in your lives.

Andy Parker - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

SR

“ Dear Earlene and Family,
I want to express my sympathy for your lose. I have been out-of-town and I just found out. I guess you know I lost Rick Jan. 9th this year. Rick talked about Pat often especially their fishing trips. He was a good man and he will be missed.
Lov, Sharen

Sharen Ricker - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

DG

“ Wendy & Family:

So sorry to just now learn of this news. Your Dad was such a kind and great man. So many wonderful memories of the good times in Fayetteville/Springdale. Thinking of you all and wishing you peace...especially for your Mom. One of my favorite ladies ever. Take care!

David Glenn - October 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

BW

“ *What a wonderful friend! Bill loved Pat and thought that he was the best! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you!*

Bill and Carole Wood - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM

DF

“ *We are sorry for your loss. He was a good man. I cannot make the visitation or service but wanted you to know I am praying for you all. Sincerely, Robert and Dee Gee Farrell*

Dee Gee Farrell - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM

CG

“ *We remember shared lunches & Sunday school class - He will be missed*

Cleon & Fleeta Gentry - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM

JJ

“ Dear Earline and family,

I am saddened to learn of your loss of Pat. I remember him as a kind, gentle, and handsome man! You and Pat were my first employers as babysitter for the girls.

You and your extended family are in my heart and prayers.

Jerre Rainwater Jouett

Jerre Rainwater Jouett - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM

BS

“ *My deepest sympathy is offered to Earlene and family. Pat was truly a great man and a wonderful and faithful servant of Christ. Both the kingdom and First United Methodist Church will miss his leadership and presence. In Christian love. Britt Skarda*

Britt Skarda - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM

MC

“ *Condolences on the loss of a great man, Pat was a wonderful example to all who knew him. It was my pleasure to know him. I will always remember the fun evening (approx. 15 years ago) the FUMC singles group spent partying and playing volleyball at the cookout that Earlene and Pat hosted for us at their home. Earlene if I can help you in any way please call on me (479-445-3492).*

Michael Coleman - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM

JF

“ *Pat Henry*

Judy (Tucker) Fullington - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Tom and Lynn Reed

May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM