



## Mr. William Hadley Horner Jr.

August 30, 1934 - December 12, 2015

William Hadley Horner, Jr., 81, of West Jefferson NC passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

He was born 8-30-1934 in Burlington NC to the late W. Hadley Horner and Irene Boone Neville. Mr. Horner attended Walter Williams HS in Burlington NC; received a BS in Business from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1956; a Diploma from the US Naval War College in 1971; an MS in International Affairs from George Washington University in 1971; and an MA in Industrial Education from Appalachian State University in 1984.

After serving his country for 20 years in the USMC he moved his family to a farm in Boone NC and became a General Contractor. He was active in the Home Builders Association, The Kiwanis Club and Habitat for Humanity and was an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church. In 2005 he moved to West Jefferson where he joined the United Methodist Church and enjoyed membership in MOAA and Ashe County Habitat for Humanity.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Joan Townsend Horner, and six daughters: Susan Stuber (John) of Deep Gap NC, Nancy Campbell (Scott) of West Jefferson NC, Linda Trexler (Donald) of Bethel NC, Barbara Safrit (Steven) of Salisbury NC, Mary Ellen Haggard (Stephen) of Leavenworth WA and Christine Smith (Douglas) of Bozeman MT. Ten Grandchildren and one

grandson, Gerald Trexler, was preceded in death. One half-brother Daniel Neville (Mary Anne) of Huntington NY. One half-brother, Charles Neville was preceded in death. Two half-sisters: Elizabeth Crosby of Greensboro NC and Patricia Pyrtle of Whitsett NC, and two granddaughters-in-law.

Service Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at West Jefferson United Methodist Church, 107 West 2nd Street West Jefferson NC 28694. Family will receive friends and relatives immediately following service in Hensley Hall.

His ashes will be laid to rest at the Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury NC.

Memorials – in lieu of flowers please give to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are made by Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury NC.  
Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Jefferson United Methodist Church  
107 West 2nd St.  
West jefferson, NC

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Joan,  
Our thoughts are with you and yours during this difficult period. I regret I missed opportunities to see more of you and Bill and recall our time at UNC as well as the Marine Corps. Please call on us if there's anything we can do for you.  
Lee and Lou Holmes

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**Lee and Lou Holmes** - December 18, 2015 at 10:34 AM

BO

“ We are so blessed to have had Bill in our lives for the past several years. His love of life, family, friends and faith were an inspiration to many. His memory will always be with us... as will his stories, talents, and selfless service to others. Our deepest condolences to Joan and family. Cindy and Bruce

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**Bortz** - December 16, 2015 at 05:18 PM

WJ

“ Joan,  
  
When Diane and I think of Bill and you, the phrase, "a life well lived" comes to mind. From what we've observed and heard over these past five years that it has been our privilege to know you, both of you have presented as faithful Christians, wonderful Patriots, great parents, loving partners and loyal friends. Bill is in God's loving arms, now, and we wish you comfort and peace as the memories of your lives together bring smiles, laughs and many "Oh, my, I remember that so well" moments. We love you.

Wayne & Diane Johnson

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**Wayne Johnson** - December 16, 2015 at 04:57 PM

TN

“ Terrell & Nancy purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Hadley  
Horner Jr..



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**Terrell & Nancy** - December 15, 2015 at 11:18 AM

PP

“ Pat Pyrtle lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
William Hadley Horner Jr.



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**Pat Pyrtle** - December 15, 2015 at 06:44 AM

LV

“ Joan, my sincere condolences to you and your family on Bill's  
passing. We miss your visits to Jekyll.

*Liz vinassac*

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**Liz Vinassac** - December 14, 2015 at 10:18 AM

JJ

“ Jim Judson lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
William Hadley Horner Jr.



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**Jim Judson** - December 13, 2015 at 05:07 PM

GB

“ *Gene Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hadley Horner Jr.*



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**Gene Brewer** - December 13, 2015 at 02:05 PM

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**Gene Brewer** - December 13, 2015 at 01:56 PM

SS

“ *Joan, it was a gift to have had an opportunity to meet Bill and enjoy his company. I know you will sorely miss his company for now, but the wonderful blessing you have had in the time you did share with him hopefully will bring you comfort. Among your many friends who are thinking of you, please know that I am one. Stay well, and may the love of your family help give you strength. Bill is in good hands.*

*Skip*

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**Skip Schwenn** - December 12, 2015 at 11:23 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hadley Horner Jr..*



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December 12, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ *Judy and my hearts go out to Joan and the family. Bill will be sorely missed.He was a fine Marine, a great boss, and an even better friend to me over the last 40 plus years. Rest in peace my friend.*  
*Paul Ashe*

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**Paul T Ashe** - December 12, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ *Joan and the Horner Family,*

*On behalf of Marine Corps Communicators, please accept our heartfelt condolences for the loss of Bill. He was a fine Marine officer, a friend, and we are sad to learn he has received his final Permanent Change of Duty assignment. We pray that God will comfort you in your time of sorrow and that Bill will Rest In Peace.*

*Sincerely,*

*Walker M. Lazar  
Colonel, USMC, Retired*

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**Marty Lazar** - December 12, 2015 at 06:00 PM

DC

“ *Bill, You kept the faith, ran the race, and now you have won the reward secured for all who trust in Jesus our Redeemer and Lord.*  
*Don Cox*

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**Don Cox** - December 12, 2015 at 02:07 PM

BW

“ *Bev & Jules Wolf lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hadley Horner Jr.*



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**Bev & Jules Wolf** - December 12, 2015 at 12:39 PM