



## Henry Ford Townsend

October 1, 1923 - September 12, 2010

"View This Video Tribute" Henry Ford Townsend, age 86, of 181 Hopson Road, Johnson City, passed away at his residence on Sunday, September 12, 2010 following a brief battle with cancer. A native of Carter County, he was a son of the late Hobert Lee Townsend and Hattie Hodge Townsend. In addition to his parents, Ford was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Norma Fay Townsend, on November 17, 2007. Mr. Townsend was retired as a painter from the Veterans Administration, Mountain Home, TN. He served his country with the U.S. Navy during WWII from 1944-1946. Ford was an avid camper and enjoyed spending his winters in Frostproof, FL for several years following his retirement. He was of the Christian faith. Mr. Townsend is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Kathy Townsend, Oliver Springs, TN, John and Mitzi Townsend, and Steve and Patti Townsend, all of Johnson City; eight grandchildren, J.P. Townsend, Johnson City, Karen Townsend Majchrzak and husband, Steve, Nashville, TN, Brian Townsend of the U.S. Air Force currently stationed in Las Vegas, NV, Michael Townsend, Jonesborough, Amy Townsend Wandel and husband, Brandon, Johnson City, Becky Townsend, Johnson City, Jill Coggins and Chad Hatley, Elizabethton, and Joey Coggins and wife, Deanne, Duncan, SC; seven great-grandchildren, Hunter Townsend, Johnson City, Zack and Savannah Coggins, Elizabethton, Austin, Abby, and Josie Coggins, Duncan, SC, and Helaiyna Reyes, Elizabethton; and two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Glen and Margaret Townsend, Elizabethton, Bob and Betty Townsend, and Marcella Townsend, all of Johnson City. Several nieces and nephews also survive. The funeral service for Mr. Henry Ford Townsend will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 14, 2010 in the Sunset Chapel of Hathaway-Percy Funeral Home with Mr. Todd Wolfe, Minister, officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 P.M. prior to the service at the funeral home or at the residence other times. The graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in the Happy Valley Memorial Park. Active pallbearers will be selected from family and friends. Military honors will be provided by the American Legion Post #49 of Elizabethton.

# Comments

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“ We are sorry for your loss and are praying for you. Please let us know if we can serve you in anyway. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23-4

**Calvary Baptist Church** - September 13, 2010 at 08:45 AM

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“ John, Mitzi and family Sorry we cannot be with you during this time. Please know that we do love you and all of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

**Buddy & Flo Phillips** - September 13, 2010 at 08:45 AM

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“ We sincerely appreciate the confidence your family has placed in our funeral home and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Hathaway-Percy Funeral Home** - September 13, 2010 at 08:45 AM

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“ Come take my hand and let's go for a walk. Because I want to hear what you've got to say. Your papaw has died and you need to be heard, But they don't want to hear a single word. They tell you your papaw's "with God", so be strong. They say all the "right" things that somehow seem wrong. They're just hurting for you and trying to say, They'd give anything to help take your pain away. But they're struggling with feelings they can't understand So forgive them for not offering a helping hand. I'll walk in your shoes for more than a mile. I'll wait while you cry and be glad if you smile. I won't criticize you or judge you or scorn, I'll just stay and listen 'til your night turns to morn. Yes, the journey is hard and unbearably long, And I know that you think that you're not quite that strong. So just take my hand 'cause I've got time to spare, And I know how it hurts, friend, for I have been there. See, I owe a debt you can help me repay For not long ago, I was helped the same way. As I stumbled and fell thru a world so unreal, So believe when I say that I know how you feel. I'm so sorry for you loss, just letting you know that you are not alone..... "L"

**LESLIE BRICKEY** - September 13, 2010 at 08:45 AM

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“ Just wanted to let you know we are praying for you and your family during this time.

**H.B. and Marie-Anne Carney** - September 13, 2010 at 08:45 AM