



## Harold T. Pritt

July 24, 1928 - August 20, 2022

Harold was the youngest of three children born to Andrew Jackson and Ethel Ruth Pritt. He was born in Crichton, WV on July 24, 1928. His parents, brother William, sister Magdalene and wife of 52 years, Phyllis Jarrett Pritt and his grandson Christopher Dent all preceded him in death.

He was a lover of the Lord, an ordained minister of the gospel, a lifelong member of the Independent Baptists, and a member of First Baptist Church in Hurricane, WV, where he taught adult Sunday School classes. In his early years he pastored Bethany Baptist Church in Charleston, WV. He was a soul winner, a lover and student of the Bible and enjoyed sharing the Word with all who would listen.

Harold was well-known and respected in his field of chemical engineering at Union Carbide in South Charleston where he worked for over 40 years. He started as an operator in 1951 and went from lab technician to Senior Engineer, Coating and Lining Specialist before retiring in the early 1990's and becoming a consultant to Union Carbide and others. He was active in the National Association of Corrosion Engineers and chaired the NACE Task group that wrote the first national standard for hopper car linings and also chaired the task group for exterior coatings on rail cars. He finally retired at age 75, a well liked and respected figure in the industry. In his retirement years, he was involved in church work and was an avid West Virginia sports

fan.

Harold is survived by his children: Cindy and John Erickson, Lynn and Dr. Randy Spencer, Susan and Edward Dent, Hope and Ric Rieffer, Nathan and Kim Pritt; Debbie and Jeff Allen, Sarah Beth and Larry Hartwell, 11 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and his first wife Patricia Hardy Pritt McCaslin. Also surviving Harold and Phyllis is their beloved Andy, a beautiful Ragdoll kitty.

Funeral Service for Harold will be 11:00am Thursday, August 25, at Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, with Pastor Jeff Davenport and Rev. Dr. Jeff Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

Friends may visit an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Harold's honor to the First Baptist Church of Hurricane at 2635 Main Street, Hurricane WV 25526.

Anyone wishing to leave an online condolence or memory may do so by visiting Harold's tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com)

Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane WV is honored to serve the Pritt family once again.

# Cemetery Details

## Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens

5233 Rocky Fork Road  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold T. Pritt*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I was about 21 and away at college when Dad came to visit me one day. He took me to lunch at a fancier restaurant than I'd ever been in before. The waiter brought a basket of crackers and two small dishes, one with an ice cream scoop of butter and the other with a scoop of cheese spread. I dug into one of the scoops with a spoon and started eating it - I thought it was ice cream! Dad got a good laugh at that.*

**Nathan PRITT** - August 25, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Harold T. Pritt.*



August 24, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Harold's family. I met and got to know Harold while a member at Mt. Vernon Baptist church for 16 years. Harold and his wife were a pleasure to know. His love of the Lord was so evident. Now he is in His very presence.*

*Melissa Crawford*

**Melissa Crawford** - August 24, 2022 at 11:33 AM

DB

*I only knew Mr. Pritt a short time, I work at the facility where he spent the last few months of his life. I quickly learned he was a child of God. We would occasionally talk about Gods miracles. He reminded me of my father by how humble and fragile he was. It was my pleasure to help him in any way I could. He no longer suffers from any earthly pain. Like I said to him many times, the good Lord has him in the palm of His hands. He will be missed, and my prayers go out to his family for comfort and peace. 🙏🙏✝️✝️*

**Diana Bruton** - August 24, 2022 at 02:00 PM

HR

“ *Hope Rieffer lit a candle in memory of Harold T. Pritt*



**Hope Rieffer** - August 23, 2022 at 09:46 PM

HR

“ *One of my earliest memories of my dad was our Saturday grocery shopping trips to Kroger's. Saturday was chore day around our house and I'd always pick grocery shopping. It was the only time I'd get one-on-one time with him as a child competing with 3 other sisters. We had a great time at the store. Recently my dad brought up how he enjoyed those trips as well. He remembered them too.*

**Hope Rieffer** - August 23, 2022 at 09:41 PM

NP

“ One memory I have is coming home after church on Sundays and laying in the floor with the Sunday comics. Dad would put my favorite song on the record player, ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic’. A more recent memory is of the great generosity he showed to Amy Dent, his grandson Chris Dent’s widow. He paid to have her house rewired and other repairs needed to make it safe for her and her children after Chris died.

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**Nathan Pritt** - August 23, 2022 at 09:36 PM

LS

“ Dad was very serious and earnest in everything he did. He was 100% all in for his job at Carbide and his church. He loved us all very much and his way of showing his love was making sure we all knew Jesus as our Savior and Lord. He made sure we got to Church Camp every summer which we loved very much, it was the highlight of our year, going to Camp Beckwith near Beckley every summer. Most of our memories revolve around church events. We had lots of friends and everyone loved dad

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**Lynn Spencer** - August 23, 2022 at 09:21 PM

SD

“ I am Susan, one of Harold's twins. A memory I would like to share is as follows: I began a career with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in 1993. In 1995, I became a Railroad Safety Inspector trainee, going through four years of training before qualifying as an inspector. As most of you know, Dad was in the chemical engineering field and wrote specifications and safety standards for lining railroad cars and tankers. He was extremely well known among the FRA Hazardous Materials Railroad Safety Inspectors in the Rail Industry. I was unaware of this. While I was doing my hazardous materials training in California, one of the inspectors asked me if I was related to Harold Pritt. Surprised, I said "yes, he's my dad." She was blown away. She said he was a legend in the industry and went on and on about how great he was. She had met him at a Hazmat Conference where he was a keynote speaker. Later, a friend of mine in Baltimore who is also a Hazmat Inspector with the FRA found out Harold was my father. She told me he was "like a god"! In the industry. Quite impressed, I relayed this information to him, which he found amusing. As I continued in my career, he told me many times how proud he was of me. We enjoyed many interesting conversations about the railroad industry and hazmat issues. I enjoyed running into him occasionally at airports where he was getting off a plane and I was getting on. We both traveled extensively in the late 1990's, well into 2000's...

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Susan Dent, Harold's daughter - August 23, 2022 at 08:44 PM

CH

“ *The family reunion in the summer of 2021 was the first time any of us had all been together in over 50 years. This was an event that Dad was so much looking forward to and he thoroughly enjoyed himself. I remember him saying that now he could go to Heaven in peace. During his later years, he was generous, kind and caring. It was fun getting his texts with all the different emoji's he liked to use. I'll miss you Dad and love you. It gives me great peace knowing you are in Heaven, the place you wanted to be for a long time. Rest In Peace.*

*Your first born daughter, Cindy*❤️

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**Cindy Henderson** - August 23, 2022 at 04:47 PM

SD

So sweet❤️

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**Susan Dent, Harold's daughter** - August 24, 2022 at 12:07 PM

NH

*I am Nancy Huff, Harold's niece. One of my fondest memories of Uncle Harold is that when I was 12 years old he asked if I wanted to go to church camp with his church. The church I attended at the time did not offer this opportunity. I saved my money from doing chores and babysitting my brother that summer so I could go. The cost was \$12.00. The camp was Camp Beckwith at Beckley. This was in the 50's. A far cry from what it costs for kids to go to church camp today. This may not seem like much to some but it was a great experience for me. I was saved when I was 8 years old and it was wonderful to be among Christians who loved the Lord and learn from them and make new friends. I will never forget it. Uncle Harold was a wonderful Christian man. He loved the Lord with all his heart and was a great witness for our Lord.*

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**Nancy Huff** - August 24, 2022 at 07:55 PM

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*My sincere condolences to the family. I was one of the nurses that took care of him. I will miss him. May he rest in peace. Fran Young*

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**Frances Young** - August 24, 2022 at 09:04 PM

BS

*I have been a neighbor of Harold's for over 20 yrs. He was a very smart and intelligent man he and my husband Joe shared a lot of information about our subdivision. When my MIL passed away he was one of our only neighbors that came to visit at the funeral home we will forever remember that. A few years ago I made him a real pumpkin pie I cooked the pumpkin myself and Joe delivered it to him. He was so appreciative of it he called me on the phone and thanked me for it said he shared it with the girls and he had never had a real pie like that. He was a special man and I had a lot of respect for him we in Hodges place will miss him. He was a very special person who loved the Lord with all his heart.*

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**Betty and Joe Shade** - August 25, 2022 at 09:15 AM