



Rev. Harold R. Hendrickson

August 22, 1924 - September 13, 2009

Rev. Harold Richard Hendrickson, age 85 of Bolivar, passed away at 3:33 AM Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar.

He was born in Bolivar, MO on August 22, 1924 the son of Fred Hendrickson and Leola (Graham) Hendrickson.

Harold was a graduate of Bolivar High School and was a U. S. Army Veteran before the Korean Conflict. Harold was saved as a young man and was a life long member of Mt Gilead Methodist Church. In 2000, Harold received the Bolivar High School Hall Of Fame Award of which he was very proud.

Harold served as a United Methodist Church minister serving several area churches. Some of those included, Bethel, Brighton, Pleasant Hope, New Bethel, Weaubleau, Fairview and Mt. Gilead. His ministry covered a span of over 50 years. One thing that Harold never ran out of was a supply of his hugs. No matter where Harold met you, he had a smile and a hug to share. Often, the greeting included a nickname and a joke or story.

Harold and Ann lived on a farm southeast of Bolivar for 62 years. They milked cows for approximately 35 years. During part of this time they also raised beef cattle. In 1977, Harold built the new house and the family moved from the nearby original homestead. Three new grandchildren were born as the new

home was being built.

The pastime that Harold really enjoyed was boating and skiing. He was always willing to take someone to the lake to teach them to ski. When it came to teaching others to do what he enjoyed, Harold had the patience of Job. He wouldn't let his students give up until they were successful.

In Harold's years as a minister, he touched lives in numerous ways. Whether it was guidance to a new beginning, joining hands in marriage, encouragement through illness, or the comfort for all at the end of a loved one's life here on earth, Harold was there.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Clark Hendrickson and Virgil Hendrickson and a brother-in-law Arlie Bacon. Also a nephew, Ron Hendrickson.

Surviving is his wife Ann B. (Walker) Hendrickson of the couple's home, two daughters, Elizabeth Campbell and husband Gary of Bolivar; Jean E. Franklin of Bolivar; two sons, Robert Hendrickson and wife Alana of Harlingen, TX and Richard Hendrickson and wife Pat of Bolivar, MO; Also two sisters, Evelyn Bacon of Fair Grove, MO; and Dorothy Bennett and husband Glenn of Ojai, CA; also a sister-in-law, Frances Hendrickson of Bolivar; 11 Grandchildren, Tom Campbell and wife Jamie, David Campbell and wife Brenda, Matt Campbell, Laura Beth and husband Jeremy Montgomery, Leslie Franklin, Leah Franklin, Ashley Zolkowski, Shannon Hendrickson and wife Alexis, Erin Hendrickson, Jennifer Hendrickson and Jeremy Hendrickson. 8 Great Grandchildren, Madison, Megan and Blake Campbell, Daniel and Sarah Campbell, Mia Montgomery, and Evan and Novalee Hendrickson. Also many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of many friends.

A Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 5 PM to 7 PM

at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bolivar.

Memorial Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Clint Lambeth officiating. Musical soloist will be Allen Hines singing He Touched Me and How Great Thou Art with Darlene Geyer as the Pianist.

Burial will be in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery south of Bolivar at a later date.

Memorial contribution may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Kansas City Chapel, 6700 Troost, Suite 501 Kansas City, MO 64131-4403 or the American Cancer Society, 3322 S. Campbell, Suite P, Springfield, MO 65807.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Harold R. Hendrickson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Rev. Harold R. Hendrickson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ann and Family,*

I am so very sorry to hear of Harold's passing. I have many good memories of visiting you with mom and dad when I was growing up. May the memories you hold so dear, bring you comfort and help ease your sorrow.

Brenda (Wheeler) Potts - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann & Family, so sorry I didn't hear sooner. Harold is often thought of as an example of honesty, integrity, and caring. Harold exemplified a true Christ like heart and spirit in everything. May Gods peace be with you all.*

Justin & Kenya Lear - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Ann, My condolences to you and your family. I have my father's Five Year Diary, during the years at the farm, and you two are mentioned so often. What a wonderful friendship you had with Mom and Dad. Harold always made it a point to visit us when we would come back to Bolivar from FL. He, without a doubt, walked the walk with his faith. I know you will all miss him. Love, Janet

Janet Haralson Bale - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Harold was certainly a Special Man
He always called me one of the Fisher girls.
I will miss him.
Gary and I send our condolences.
Nancy(Fisher)Crowell

Nancy (Fisher) Crowell & Gary Cribbs - September 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Saddened at the news of Rev. Harold's passing. He was a good friend to the Haralson family during the illness and loss of our father (Jake) providing comfort. Years later at a happier time when our mother married again he presided over the ceremony making it a joyful occasion.

Sending our condolences to your family.

*Cathy A. Haralson Bleggi and
Anna L. Graham*

Cathy A Haralson Bleggi - September 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Wishing you and your family sincere sympathy and God's blessings of comfort and love during this difficult time.*

We look forward to seeing you at the Senior Center when you're ready to get out again.

Much Love

Kay

Kay Dixon - September 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Hello Jean, Elizabeth, and Gary,
I was so sorry to hear about your father. I hope all of you are finding some solace during this very trying time. I so remember your parents with fondness from when we were "kids" and having slumber parties and sleepovers. Your Dad always worked so hard and was so good to all of us kids.*

My love to all and may you have peace and consolation.

*Love,
Janice*

Janice Leslie - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *I will truly miss Harold's constant smile. He was an amazing man and a blessing to this world.*

Angel Eakins - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Our sympathy is with the family. We know you'll miss him, but the entire community will, as well. Blessings on all of you.

Hugh and Twila Smith - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I wanted to extend my sympathy to the family of Harold Hendrickson and to celebrate his life. I remember when the choir at Bolivar United Methodist would come to Mt. Gilead every year and sing. Harold always had a wonderful smile on his face and was so touched by God's spirit. He influenced many people to follow God's path for them on this earth. He's definitely dancing with the angels now.

Gaylene (Blankenship) Hammer - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Rev. Harold R. Hendrickson

Beverly Sikes-Matthews - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Harold was a very dear friend to everyone he met with a smile and a hug. I feel blessed that I had the chance to know him. He will be sadly missed.

Millie Prewitt - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to all the family.

TJ Robertson - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Our prayers our with you. Uncle Harold was the best and we will all miss him.*

Dennis and Tami Collins - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Ann and family,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Harold. He was such a great man and we will miss him dearly. I know I will miss my hugs from him. I never saw him that he didn't hug me and tell me how special I was. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. May God be with you all during this time.*

*All our love always,
Jeff and Terri Park
Corey, Daiwa, Brandon & Autumn*

Jeff & Terri (Painter) Park - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *I want to express my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. You can be assured that comfort and hope are found in the pages of the Bible. Revelations 21:4 speaks of a time when sorrow will be no more. This is a wonderful hope during our times of grief and pain. Please take care of yourselves.*

Sincerely Mrs. Watkins

Mrs. Sandi Watkins - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Your in our thoughts and prayers. Harold was truly a gentleman. He was a giving person and as a young person growing up next to his farm I will never forget the kindness he has shown our family through the years. God bless your family through this difficult time.

Linda Sitton-Steinshouer - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Ann, Elizabeth, Jeanie, Richard,Robert and families. How sad I was when Dorothy Isdel called to tell me of Harold's passing. There are so many happy memories of Harold, and all of you, that my heart is greatly touched. Remember that we are not only connected as friends but also, how ever far back, that we are cousins. How pleased I am to claim that kinship. May the Grace of God Comfort You and Bless You now and Forever. George

George Robertson - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Prayers and thoughts are with you each one as God as called your loved one to the next dimension of life. May the comfort that Harold gave to so many families in the past be yours this day and the days to come. Psalm 138:8 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever. God's promise to Harold and his family.

Sharon Whitman Easter - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Ann when I was growing up, you and Harold were my extra grandparents. I love you both. Thank you for everything and I will miss his hugs and story's. God Bless each of you.

Stephen Tillery - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Aunt Ann and family; You have all our sympathy for your loss. Uncle Harold was a special uncle who always told you like it was. He was there to always listen if you wanted to talk. Elizabeth, Jeannie, Richard and Robert, have that faith that your dad gave you to believe that he is now without pain and is watching over all of you. He will truly be missed. Love, Brad, Becky, Kyle, Erin, Chris and Jenna

Becky Scheidt - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Ann,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Harold was a special person and will be missed.

Jim, Jane & Jennifer Otradovec - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Hendrickson family. May God be with you all. Harold will always be remembered as a man devoted to our Lord and gave so much to others.

Wendell Whitman - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Ann and family,
I was so sorry to hear of my favorite persons passing. He always had a hug and kind word for me, whether it was when we were dealing with each other professionally or personally. I knew, then, that when I re-married nearly 5 yrs ago now that he was the only one I wanted to perform the ceremony.
He always stopped and hugged me when I would run into him later when I worked at CMH and I miss seeing him now that I work in Springfield. He was the only person to call me "Laurie" other than my childhood friends and that made him even more special to me. I will miss his smile and hugs and know that he is at rest.
Thank you all for sharing him with me, and I'm sure countless others.

Laura (Hoffer) Ritter - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ What a gentleman. They come no better.

Dave Berry - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Aunt Ann and family

We were very sorry to hear about Uncle Harold!! He was a great man who will definitely be missed!! We are all very glad we got to see him this summer at the reunion at Hammond Camp! Your in our thoughts and Prayers!!

RYAN & BECCA STRICKLER

Ryan Strickler - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Hendricksons,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Leslie, your grandpa was a wonderful and sweet man.

If anyone needs anything, please let me help.

I love you all so dearly and keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love Michelle

Michelle Baumgardner - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Dear Ann - I was terribly sorry when my parents and Jean Vincent, my cousin, told me that Harold had passed on. I always enjoyed knowing him, and you too, of course. At least, we all know he's not in pain any more. I wish I would be at visitation and the funeral, but I just cannot make the 8 hour drive this week. My best, Elizabeth Anne

Elizabeth A. Crosswhite - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Ann and family: You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many memories of growing up on the farm down the road from yours. We did so much growing up during those years, the hay rides, bond fires, church socials that included ice cream, pie-cake walks, chili, vacation bible school. The list goes on. I remember Harold having so much patience with us as he helped with our 4-H projects. I wasn't old enough to drive, or big enough, but he would put that old truck in low gear and I would stand and steer the truck down the hay field as the older boys put the bales on the back. It was a great time to grow up. Knowing Harold and your family through the years has been a blessing to many people. He will be missed, but those hugs will still be felt and that smile never forgotten.

Blessings to all of you.

Larry L. Carey

Larry L. Carey - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Ann & family,
We want you all to know that we have loved you all so very much through the years and count you as the dearest of friends. There are just too many memories to count, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We would try to come to the funeral but I have a doctor appointment that morning, and with advancing years no longer drive that far, and our son is out of the state on a work assignment, and his wife just had back surgery, so we will be unable to come.

Our Love, Don & Mary Alice

Don & Mary Alice Blaylock - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Ann & Family,
I was so sorry & saddend to hear yesterday morning when my mother, Loeta Friend called to tell me that Harold had passed away. My parent's had been keeping me updated each day on his condition. I had him and your family in my prayers. Harold was a very fine man. He preformed mine and my husbands wedding ceremony at the park on 8-8-98. I always loved receiving Harold's big hugs and a kiss on my check each time that I would see him. He was such a blessing to so many people in the Polk County Community and also to our family. He will be greatly missed. I will continue to pray for you, Ann and each one of your family members.
My Deepest Sympathies,*

Libby Friend Farrell

Libby Friend Farrell - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *I feel such sadness to hear of Rev. Harold's passing, he held the service for my mother, Genevieve Brown, and it was so wonderful...I saw him the last time at New Bethel in 2008, he gave me a hug and I enjoyed our conversation.*

Linda Austin - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM