



## Elwood Dennis Horton

October 4, 1950 - December 17, 2024

Elwood Dennis Horton, age 74, of Gate City, VA, passed away on December 17, 2024.

Dennis was born and raised in Fairview, VA, graduated high school from Rye Cove and held a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from East Tennessee State University. Following a community-focused four decade career with Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc., Dennis retired to serve at the Junction Center for Independent Living. Over his career he received numerous recognitions for his service to the elderly community in Southwest Virginia.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle, and friend. He dedicated his life to providing for and caring for his family. He was devoted to service to others and his community and sought to love others as Christ did. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him, but especially by his family.

He was a Master Mason at Catlett Lodge #35 in Gate City, Virginia and Past-Master at McPherson Lodge #99 in Blackwater, Virginia.

Dennis is predeceased by his son, Kevin Horton, father, Elwood Horton, his mother, Imogene Roller Horton, his brother, Donald Horton, and sister, Phyllis Hurd.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 50 years Debra Horton, his daughter, Amanda Flanary and her husband Mark, and his granddaughters Chelsa and Aubren; his brothers, Joe and wife Brenda and David and wife Charlotte; and numerous nieces and nephews. He especially loved and enjoyed his little dog Abby.

The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church in Weber City, VA on Friday December 20 from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm followed by a service at 3:00 pm.

Private graveside services will be held at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Emergency Fuel Fund at [meoc.org](http://meoc.org).

Flowers may be delivered to the church after 10:00 am Friday.

A tribute video has been created for the family at <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/3WXJXYKBB4ZDS46H>

An online guest registry is available for the family at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Friends

DEC 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Weber City  
155 Shady Elm Lane  
Weber City, VA 24290

## Service

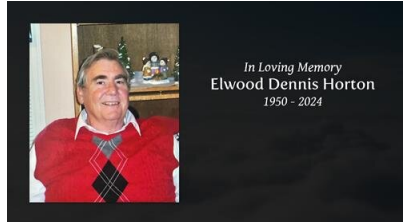
DEC 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Weber City  
155 Shady Elm Lane  
Weber City, VA 24290

# Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Elwood Dennis Horton*



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**Holding Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 19, 2024 at 03:36 PM

PR

*I've known Dennis since 2005 when I began working at MEOC and stayed in touch when he retired. Dennis always had a smile and a joke that would brighten your day. Dennis welcomed conversation, offered sincere advice, and cared for so many throughout his career. I will always admire Dennis' ability to always put others first, his sincere work ethic, and his strong character as a leader. Dennis will be missed dearly.  
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Patty Roberts** - December 20, 2024 at 11:38 AM

FP

“ *DEB, I HAD SO WANTED TO ATTEND THE SERVICE FOR DENNIS BUT THE "SICK BUG" ATTACKED ME LAST MONDAY NIGHT AND I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT OF THE HOUSE SINCE. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED ME AROUND. I HAVE BEEN REMEMBERING GOOD TIMES WITH YOU, DENNIS, VIRGIL AND CONNIE. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. SINCERELY, FRANCES*

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**FRANCES PERRY** - December 22, 2024 at 09:36 PM

RL

“ *Reba and I will truly miss Dennis. He was always so helpful to us. He was one of a kind that, in spite of great challenges, he was able to overcome. Our deepest condolences go out to the family.* ”

Rev. Glenn & Reba Lovell - December 20, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Elwood Dennis Horton.* ”



December 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elwood Dennis Horton.* ”

December 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM

KM

“ *I worked with Dennis for several years. He always had a joke or two or three to tell. He was a strong advocate for individuals with disabilities. I will miss him! Sending thoughts and prayers!* ”

Karen Michalski-Karney - December 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM

MD

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dennis. I pray for Jesus peace and strength for all of his family. God bless you all.* ”



Marsha Adinolfi Dockins - December 19, 2024 at 01:52 PM

FS

“ Faye Sloan lit a candle in memory of Elwood Dennis Horton



Faye Sloan - December 19, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Elwood Dennis Horton.



December 19, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elwood Dennis Horton.

December 19, 2024 at 09:19 AM

DS

“ Worked with Dennis for many years at Mountain Empire Older Citizens. He was a special person and a friend.....he will be greatly missed!

Debbie Sanders

Debbie Sanders - December 18, 2024 at 09:31 PM

SN

“ I had the privilege of meeting Deninis at The Junction while I was working at the bank. He was such a nice man, and always had a story or something funny to tell me. Prayers for your family during this time.

Sandy Newman

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**Sandra J Newman** - December 18, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DM

“ A wonderful human being who will be greatly missed.

Dianne Morris

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**Dianne Morris** - December 18, 2024 at 05:58 PM

CS

“ I extend my condolences and deepest sympathies to Dennis' family. All who knew Dennis are better for seeing his selfless service to his community. Rest in peace Dennis.

Carter Stanley

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**carter stanley** - December 18, 2024 at 05:49 PM