



## Harry Lee Slemp

August 16, 1936 - March 29, 2018

Big Stone Gap, Va.

Harry Lee Slemp, of the Seminary Community in Lee County, Va., went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

He was born August 16, 1936 in Seminary. He was a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University and a veteran educator with 29 years of teaching experience, 27 of those years were spent in the Scott County, Va. school system at Shoemaker Jr. High and Gate City Middle School. He was a lifelong farmer on the family home place in Lee County, Virginia. During his life he was a member of the Ketron Memorial United Methodist Church and most recently the Seminary United Methodist Church where he taught adult Sunday School.

He is preceded in death by his father Marion M Slemp, his mother Bess Taylor Slemp, his brother Clarence Slemp and sisters Loretta Slemp Hilleary and Lucille Slemp Grigsby.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Glenna Sue Cornett Slemp of Lee County, son Christopher Loren Slemp (Samantha) of Hurricane, W.Va., daughter Shelia Renee Slemp (Max) of Washington D.C., son Mark Anthony Slemp (Michelle) of Mooresville, N.C. and daughter Ashley Kay Slemp Held (Scott) of Jonesborough, Tn. He is also survived by a sister Claudia Slemp

Gunning of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Mr. Slemp was “Papaw” to six grandchildren, Travis, Hank, Olivia, Savannah, Quinlan and Juna and two great-grandchildren, Danny and Nevaeh.

Visitation services will be 5-8 pm at Holding Funeral Home Monday, April 2, 2018.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 pm Tuesday, April 3 at Seminary United Methodist Church.

Interment will follow the service at the Slemp Family Cemetery in the Seminary community.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is serving Mr. Slemp’s family.

# Cemetery Details

## Slemp Family Cemetery

Seminary Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 2.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
1-276-523-1470  
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net  
<http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**APR 3.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Seminary United Methodist Church  
1872 Seminary Church Loop  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Burial

APR 3 (ET)

Slemp Family Cemetery  
301 Slemp Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Lee Slemp*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Slemp and family,  
I want you to know that I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Slemp was was my Civics teacher while I was in eight grade (1986-87). It was an eight am class and for a teenager that's really isn't ideal but I loved Mr. Slemp's demeanor and his enthusiasm for everything that encompassed from being a good citizen to how the government is run. I still have my civics text book if you can believe that. It was teachers like Mr. Slemp who inspired me to become a teacher myself and I taught for fourteen years in an elementary school. My thoughts are with you and I wish you peace.  
Ashley Shelton*

Ashley Shelton - April 25, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Slemp's passing. I remember he was such a nice man from his time on the Lee County Hospital Board of Director's where I worked for almost thirty years, some of which were with Mark. My deepest condolences and prayers for the family.  
Lori Taylor Livesay*

Lori Taylor Livesay - April 13, 2018 at 12:02 PM

SC

“ Sue and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was so proud to have him as a cousin and to have taught with him at Gate City. He was such a kind man and good teacher. May God bless and comfort you all.

*Sharon Taylor Carriger*

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**Sharon Taylor Carriger** - April 03, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Slemp.



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April 02, 2018 at 09:15 AM

JK

“ We were very sorry to learn of Harry's passing. We have fond memories of Harry and his precious family. May God grant you peace at this time and in the days to come.



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**Jim&Jamie Kelly** - April 02, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Slemp.



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April 01, 2018 at 10:28 PM

PE

“ *My sincere concern to the family at the loss. I graduated Dryden High School with Harry Lee in 1953 and knew him as a friend*

*Paul England*

Paul g England - April 01, 2018 at 08:51 PM

 Lisa Akers

“ *Mr. Slemp was my first favorite teacher (8th grade). I remember him as one of the most humble and kind men I had ever met. So sorry for your loss.*

Lisa Akers - April 01, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Slemp.*



March 31, 2018 at 11:51 AM

DB

“ *Dan Buchtman  
I worked with Harry for 27 years. He was wonderful person, teacher, and coworker. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dan Buchtman - March 31, 2018 at 09:19 AM

CP

“ Mrs. Slemp and family, I had Mrs. Slemp in sixth grade and Mr. Slemp in eighth grade. He was a wonderful history teacher. From his first lesson on, I loved history. I'm so sorry for your loss. RIP Mr. Slemp.

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**Cathy Hartsock Price** - March 31, 2018 at 07:52 AM

 Kay Key

“ Sue and family,  
Jim and I send our sincerest condolences to all of you at this time of grief in your lives. I always recall what a close family unit you were. May you find solace in the hope of eternity where no parting comes again.  
Kay Key

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**Kay Key** - March 30, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Slemp.



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March 30, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Slemp.



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March 30, 2018 at 03:49 PM

PH

“ *Shelia*

*I know it has been some time that has passed and I am glad you could be there with him at the end. He was a strong and sure man. Secure in his faith in God and his wife and family. I saw that each time we had time with them. I know you loved him, as did your Mom and the rest of the family. I know, in his own way, he was and is proud of you. I believe that with The Lord he has a true and better understanding of humanity and true and unjudgemental love. P*

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**Patricia Harrelson** - March 30, 2018 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Dearest Shelia, I'm so sorry to learn of the loss of your father. It is such a hard time and seems that the world just should stop for our pain but I think God urged us gently to keep going and gave us the quiet we needed to fill our heart with all the memories that will last through our own lives. I found it's the little things that dads say or do that keep coming back to us in our daily lives. The things you all share will too will be there when your together. When I pass a plate of pork chops to company at the table I can't resist saying "take two they're small" which is what my own father used to say. It just rolls out and I can feel his smile. So this old lady is here to give you a big hug and to assure you that your heart full of memories will last you for your lifetime. Love, Kathleen*

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**Kathleen Old** - March 30, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Slem.*



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March 30, 2018 at 01:06 PM


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“ *My deepest sympathy to you, Sue, and the children, grandchildren, and other relatives. Mr. Slemp was such a wonderful person, an outstanding teacher, and a friend to all who knew him. Our loss is Heaven's gain.*



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**Mary Ruth Laster** - March 30, 2018 at 07:50 AM

 Susie Brooks

“ *When I think of Harry Lee I think of him coming up to my grandmother's house when I was a little girl to eat fried pies! He lived next door and he had a sixth sense when she was making pies that led him straight to our house as soon as they hit the pan. And I also remember a very kind man that loved us all well! My prayers and heart are with you Sue, Chris, Sheila, Mark and Ashley.*

*Love and blessings,  
Susie*

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**Susie Brooks** - March 30, 2018 at 01:00 AM

PB

“ *My sincerest sympathy Sue and family. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Pat Bowden** - March 29, 2018 at 10:51 PM