



## Ivan Elbert Horton Jr.

June 15, 1933 - February 9, 2025

Ivan Elbert Horton Jr. (IE), born on June 15, 1933, in his family home in Fairview, Virginia, peacefully went to be with the Lord on February 9, 2025, at the same cherished family home. Surrounded by the love of his family, he found eternal peace as his earthly suffering came to an end.

A true steward of the land, IE's passion for farming was evident throughout his life. He dedicated countless hours to raising cattle and tobacco on his beloved family farm, where he could often be found tinkering with various projects, riding his tractor along the roads, or enjoying moments on his porch swing, waving to passersby and admiring the valley he cherished.

In addition to his farming endeavors, IE served as a devoted Scott County School Bus driver for many years, relishing the opportunity to connect with and bring joy to the children he transported.

A proud graduate of Fairview High School, IE accepted Christ as his Savior at the tender age of 13. His unwavering faith in Jesus was the cornerstone of his life, inspiring him to become an avid Bible scholar, studying daily and teaching Sunday school. He was a dedicated member of Purchase Ridge Community Church, attending faithfully until illness prevented his participation.

IE proudly fulfilled his duty to his country when drafted into the United States

Army, serving as a medic during his deployment to Korea. In his later years, he took great pride in serving his community as a member of the Board of Supervisors for twelve years.

His life journey was marked by love, compassion, and an unwavering faith in God. IE's passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. We encourage all to remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the remarkable way he lived and the lasting impact he made on those around him.

Those fortunate enough to know IE will remember his engaging storytelling, infectious laughter, and deep-rooted faith in Jesus. He was unwavering in his commitment to spreading love, kindness, and knowledge of Christ to everyone he encountered.

Although IE's physical presence is no longer with us, his spirit will continue to inspire and uplift us. May his memory be a blessing, and may we carry forth his legacy of love and faith in all that we do. His light will forever shine brightly in our hearts.

IE was preceded in death by his loving parents, Ivan Horton Sr. and Nora (Jennings) Horton; his brother, Elwood Horton; and sisters Maude, Vivian, Edna, Otis, Mildred, Carlene, and Edith.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 69 and a half years, Polly Evelyn (Rhoton) Horton; his sister, Naomi (Horton) Harris; and his children, Christopher Horton, Philip Horton (Carolyn), Larry Horton, and Mitchell Horton (Tammy). He leaves behind seven cherished grandchildren: Heather Estes (Michael), Matthew Horton (Jessica), Sarah Leftwich (Luther), Joshua Horton (Katie), Jacob Horton, Hope Hensley (Matt), and Cody Horton (Hailee). His loving memory will also be carried on by his great-grandchildren, Zachery

(Erin), Jordan, Alexzander, Aidan, Ian, Mattison, Ashton, Avery, Henleigh, Braxten, Kolten, Jase, Vivien, Sadie, Emmie, and Henry, along with many wonderful nieces, nephews, and special friends.

The family expresses heartfelt gratitude to his nurses, Rebecca Hall, Jody Hall, Christy Dockery, and the CARIS team for their unwavering support, kindness, and care.

Family and friends are welcome to visit at any time at the family home, with a formal gathering taking place at Robinette Funeral Home in Blackwater, Virginia, on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 1 PM at Purchase Ridge Community Church, officiated by Pastor Jackie Frazier and Brother Bill Tignor. Burial will follow at the Horton Family Cemetery in Fairview, Virginia.

Pallbearers will include Matthew Horton, Joshua Horton, Jacob Horton, Cody Horton, Michael Estes, Luther Leftwich, and Matt Hensley.

In honoring IE's memory, let us all strive to live with the same love and faith that he exemplified throughout his life.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, [www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com](http://www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com). Robinette Funeral Home of Blackwater is serving the Horton family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Blackwater)  
696 A.J.Osborne Hwy  
Blackwater, VA 24221  
(276) 346-2636

## Funeral Service

FEB **14.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Purchase Ridge Community Church  
960 State Route 638  
Duffield, VA 24244

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ I was saddened and sorry to hear of the passing of IE. I grew up around him and Polly as a child when I spent time with my Aunt Diana. I was a playmate to Heather for many years. My hugs to her in particular.

IE was a simple man that found joy in the simple things in life. His faith was evident. I haven't ever read an obituary that I enjoyed reading, but I sure smiled as I read this one. I hope we can all live a life so honored that our loved ones left behind can say such beautiful things about us.

I learned a few things about IE I didn't know that just summed him up in an even better light.

My prayers and love go out to each of his family and many friends he had.

Jennifer Lucas Kinsler

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Jennifer Lucas Kinsler - February 13, 2025 at 08:48 PM



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Robinette Funeral Homes - February 13, 2025 at 01:54 PM

LS

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of IE. We remember being in church with him many years ago. He truly loved the Lord and it showed in the life he lived. We will be praying for the family.

*The Snavelly family,  
Jay, Carolyn and Lisa*

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**Lisa A Snavelly** - February 12, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ivan Elbert Horton Jr..



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February 12, 2025 at 04:06 PM



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

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ivan Elbert Horton Jr..



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February 12, 2025 at 11:19 AM



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“ Larry, so sad to hear of your loss. May God comfort you and the family during this hard time. We do not grieve as those who have no hope in Christ but nevertheless, we miss them deeply as we are left here to continue on with our short lives. May your fond memories and deep love of God sustain you. Roger Holbrook

Roger Holbrook - February 12, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ I offer my sympathy and condolences to the Horton family. I'm deeply saddened to learn of I.E.'s passing. I've many memories of IE. All of the bus rides from Mabe to RCHS, the summer spent cutting pulp wood off the river in Kyle's Ford for RDA with IE & brother Elwood trying to ride herd on a bunch of 15 yr old boys and keep them safe - hopefully, even learn them something for later life. So many good memories of the Horton brothers. Thank you IE. Rest in peace.

Carter Stanley

Destin, Fla



Carter Stanley - February 11, 2025 at 05:39 PM

MC

“ I. E. Was my friend by buddy and a fellow farmer. We spent many hours together at Duffield school sitting on his bus talking with Jr. Hobbs waiting for school to dismiss for the day and start our bus runs,when I was young. We solved most of the worlds problems. Chris and me went to school together played basketball together and worked together at VDOT. Chris, you and your family had a great dad and husband. You all have been good friends for many years. Mary Lou and me will keep you all in our prayers. May God be with you at this time.

Michael A Carter - February 11, 2025 at 09:06 AM

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iealwayssaidthatiwashiskinpeople



juniorjennings - February 10, 2025 at 03:39 PM

SC

Sorry to hear of I. E. passing

Rick and Sue Collier

Sue Collier - February 12, 2025 at 12:18 AM

NL

Phillip and family,  
So sorry for your loss.

Nancy Porter Lane  
Scott County Farm Bureau

Nancy Lane - February 12, 2025 at 04:05 PM

LB

*Phillip and all of the family, so sorry to hear about your ,husband ,dad, & grand dad, he was a great person who I enjoyed talking too, the school kids loved him, he always made me laugh. He will be missed.*

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**Londa Bowen** - February 19, 2025 at 09:21 AM