



## Ray Horton

April 21, 2018

Candler Ray Horton of Salem, Missouri passed away on April 21, 2018 in West Plains, Missouri at the age of 95 years, 5 months and 14 days.

Candler Ray Horton was born November 6, 1922 to Allen D. Candler Horton and Annie Ree (Salmon) Horton in Horton's Bend in Floyd County, Georgia in a log cabin. Ray graduated from Northwest Georgia Business College with a degree in Accounting. This led to his own grocery store, "Rays Food Store", Matthew's Supermarket, and eventually management. Ray served his country in the United States Army. As a WWII Veteran he served in the South Pacific, earning an Asiatic-Pacific Service Metal with 2 bronze stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 bronze star, and a Good Conduct Medal. He entered into active service on Feb. 9, 1943 and was discharged honorably on Nov. 1, 1945 at Ft. McPherson, GA. After receiving Engineering Basic Training, Ray served as Supply Clerk with Base Engineers at an Army Air Force Base in New Guinea and as Supply Clerk with the District Engineer in the Philippines. He handled all company supplies and base tools, all requisitions, inventories, property books, and other necessary records. While in the Philippines he handled all necessary engineering supplies available in Manila. For 3 months he was Chief Supply Clerk of the supply section for the area engineer until the end of the war: 5208th Engineer Service Group. He later served in the Marine Reserves in Rome, Georgia. He was also a member of the Toastmasters International since 1939, and currently was a member of the Ozark Orators

Club #1056 in Rolla, Missouri.

Candler Ray Horton is survived by his wife Elizabeth Jane Horton of Salem, Missouri; 6 children, Annette (Horton) Herrington, Burl Thomas Horton and wife Susan, Stephen Ray Horton, Joel Barnes Horton and wife Marjorie, Michael Candler Horton and wife Amanda, Christopher Allen Horton and wife Amanda; 12 grandchildren, Robin Herrington and wife Kim, Roman Herrington and wife Angela, Ashley Weaver and husband Phillip, Candler Horton and wife Marlene, Michaela Grace Horton, Ben Horton and wife Katie, Gabi Horton, Brenna Faye Horton, Lauren Horton, Noah Horton, Kaylee Horton, Carter Horton; 11 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by an infant brother; grandchildren, Bradley Thomas Horton, Caeyln Horton, Candler Preston Horton and Jensen Ray Horton.

A celebration of life service for Candler Ray Horton will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Salem, Missouri. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to services at 10:00 AM. Interment will be held in the North Lawn Cemetery in Salem, Missouri with Full Military Honors. For online condolences please visit [www.jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
dcjames@fidnet.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
Salem, MO 65560

## Celebration of Life

APR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
Salem, MO 65560

## Military Honors

APR 24. 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Horton*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Ray Horton*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I met Ray at Ozark Orators club in 2015. It was my first Toastmasters meeting ever. He was so friendly and loved his country. He enjoyed learning about other cultures, but was an extremely proud American. His warmth, confidence and patriotism made a significant impact on me from the very first moment. He made you want to stand taller and sit up straight. I am still active in Toastmasters, now in North Carolina. I think of the example Ray set often. I loved the table topics questions he would ask. Often they were tailored directly to the individual he was asking.*

*Thank you Ray for your service to our country and the impact you have had on so many lives.*

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**Roland** - April 25, 2018 at 12:36 PM

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“ I will never forget Ray! He was a very friendly man and we became good friends over the 6 or so years I have known him. He and Jane even had us over to their house for supper once. It was a good time! The last time I spoke with him, he was telling me stories from when he owned his grocery store. His mind was still sharp as a tack at 95 even though his health was failing him. I'm so glad I had the pleasure of knowing him. We are praying for you, Jane, and the entire family. Love you all! Radene Callicutt

Radene Callicutt - April 23, 2018 at 11:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ray Horton.



April 23, 2018 at 07:33 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Ray Horton.



April 23, 2018 at 06:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray Horton.



April 22, 2018 at 08:55 PM