



## John Richard Henderson

November 12, 1931 - August 24, 2018

John "Richard" Henderson, 86, of Covington, passed away Friday, August 24, 2018 at Piedmont Newton Hospital. He was born in Mansfield, GA to the late James and Agnes (Parker) Henderson. Richard was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a long time member and Deacon of Porterdale Baptist Church. He was known for his love of family and his sense of humor.

Richard is survived by his loving wife Imogene "Jean" Henderson; sons, Rick (Syble) Henderson, John (Missy) Henderson; daughter, Bonnie (Allen) Bagley; grandchildren, Rich and Don Henderson, Michael Moss, Keeli Wright, Sara Jo Green, Matt Henderson, Joey Henderson, Luke Bagley, Zack Bagley, Amber Bagley, Autumn Bagley; 17 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, August 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of Wheeler Funeral Home with Pastor David Wheeler officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Guests may sign the online register at <http://www.wheelerfuneralhome.com>.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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11405 Brown Bridge Rd., Covington, GA, US, 30016

**AUG** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A memory in tribute to my Dad I shared at his service

THE KITE by Rick Henderson

As the wind whips around today, it takes me back to a windy March day in Porterdale, Georgia in the 1950's. My mother was on the 2nd shift and my dad was on the 1st. Mother had gone to work and dad and I were home. It was during one of those times we were short on money but not on love. I was bugging him about buying me a kite. Finally he said that we could build one and he went about telling me how he built kites and flew them when he was a youngster. I then went about bugging him on let's build a kite and show me how. He picked me up and sat me in a chair at the kitchen table as he went about getting the materials. He got some old newspaper pages that he kept around to wrap the water pipes, it was the entertainment section as those pages were colored green. He went outside and cut some branches off a bush that had new spring growth. Next Dad made a paste out of flour and water. Well we went about making a kite! He laid the stick frame out over a couple of sheets of newspaper, while he did most of the work, he let me apply glue here and there, I was amazed as the kite took shape. Then he went to the rag box he kept for washing the car and checking the oil etc...and took out an old t-shirt and cut it in shreds and tied them end to end to make a tail for the kite and attached the tail at the bottom. Finally he went to the kitchen pantry and pulled out some red and green twine that was on a big spool that he got from the mill to use to tie this or that. He made small holes in the kite at the head the middle and bottom of the kite and tied one piece of string at the head and tail and then put the roll of twine end into the middle hole and tied it around the frame and tied the one piece of string to it. He called it the lead string that would help steady the kite, I pretended I knew what he was talking about and then we looked at the finished product. A beautiful green kite with red and green twine. He said, "Lets go fly it!" and out the door we went to the little park at the end of Hazel and Ivey street that was a hill that over looked the railroad track and the Yellow river. Dad took the kite and went into the wind and up it flew, then he had me come over and together we let the kite out on that spool of twine. A couple of times he had to take it from me when a gust of wind would send the kite spiraling down and he would get it back under control. We flew that kite for a long time and kept letting it get higher and higher. Soon other kids came out to watch and he would let each kid take a turn. Finally it was beginning to get dark and he said it was time to set the kite free. I asked what he meant by that. He took out a pen knife from his pant pocket and cut the twine. We all watched as the wind took that kite traveling away over the woods and up and up and finally at a great distance we saw it go down into the trees. I have tried to make kites over the years and been successful a couple of times, but I could never make one as good as that green kite with the red and green twine.



“ Tim Atkinson and the Wilsonart Sales Department purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Richard Henderson.



**Tim Atkinson and the Wilsonart Sales Department** - August 27, 2018 at 09:33 AM

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“ Ronald, Kay and Matt Maddox purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Richard Henderson.



**Ronald, Kay and Matt Maddox** - August 27, 2018 at 06:21 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Richard Henderson.



August 26, 2018 at 11:26 PM

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“ Years ago,back when mom(Syble) got together with Rick.As a newcomer to the grandkid assembly.Granddaddy never made me feel as if I was an outsider.He always greeted me with such warmth,and had a positive word of encouragement or advice.Amazingly..he once (conjured) a few warts off of my hand.Until this day,I have no idea how he did it.Such a wonderful man,full of knowledge,care,charisma..and a great sense of humour.We should take comfort that his suffering has subsided,and he is now in the hands of the Father.Until we meet again Granddaddy,perhaps we could try and race with Dale Earnhardt on that great track! (We shared a love of racing) Michael Moss

**Michael Moss** - August 26, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ Thank you Michael for such a touching and loving tribute to Dad and thank you for sharing it too...We love you Michael...

**Rick Henderson** - August 29, 2018 at 08:42 PM

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“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



**Rick Henderson** - August 26, 2018 at 07:16 AM

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“ Robin lit a candle in memory of John Richard Henderson



**Robin** - August 25, 2018 at 09:33 AM