

John Henry Rakes

November 23, 1933 - September 8, 2017

John Henry Rakes, 83, of 805 8th Street, Altavista died Friday, September 8, 2017 at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Betty Ferguson Rakes for fifty-six years.

He was born November 23, 1933 in Stuart, a son of the late Taft Rakes, Lottie Mae Castle Rakes and step mother Gracie May Dalton Rakes. He was a retired truck driver, US Navy veteran, that loved woodworking, fishing and NASCAR.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Joseph Harbour Rakes and his wife Pamela of Vinton; three daughters, Juanita Hudson and her husband Buddy of Altavista, Lorraine Simmons and her husband Terry of Moneta and Rebecca Deeds of Vinton; two brothers, Clyde Rakes and his wife Phoebe of Kernersville, NC and Garry Rakes of Strasburg; two sisters, Betty Dalton and her husband Elmer of Gibsonville, NC and Virginia Gunter of Stuart Chatham; eight grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Anthony Rakes; a sister, Lucille Craig; and a brother, Thomas "Tommy" Rakes, Jr.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12,

2017 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Adam McDaniel with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Campbell County Humane Society P.O. Box 659 Rustburg, VA 24588.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12.** 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Memorial Service

SEP **12.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of John Henry Rakes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 11, 2017 at 10:44 AM

LS

Beautiful ❤️

Lorraine Simmons - September 11, 2017 at 03:08 PM

JH

Will miss you for the rest of my life ... R.I.P DADDY...From your little girl!!!

Juanita Hudson - September 11, 2017 at 04:10 PM

TW

Simply beautiful! Love you, Uncle Henry!!

Teresa Woods - September 11, 2017 at 09:22 PM

BA

Beautiful, thinking of you Juanita my prayers are with you during this difficult time

Billie Ayers - September 12, 2017 at 06:40 PM



Tina Puckett - September 12, 2017 at 06:57 PM

QU

*Juanita, and family - so sorry for your loss. My heart is heavy for you.
Love you guys! Quincey, and family*

Quincey - September 13, 2017 at 07:33 AM

JT

*To the father that I never met,RIP HENRY,YOUR SON,JAMES
MICHAEL TERRY.STUART VA.*

JAMES MICHAEL TERRY - October 16, 2017 at 12:51 PM

JT

*To The Father I Never Met,Now I know where I got my love for Wood
Working & Fishing Your Son,JAMES MICHAEL TERRY,STUART VA.*

JAMES MICHAEL TERRY - October 16, 2017 at 12:55 PM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of John Henry
Rakes*



Marian - February 24, 2018 at 11:42 AM

JT

“ *RIP DAD ,YOUR SON JAMES MICHAEL
TERRY,STUART VA.*



JAMES MICHAEL TERRY - October 16, 2017 at 01:04 PM

SJ

“ We will miss seeing your smiling face at the YMCA. You always had a kind word for everyone. Many thanks for helping us keep the YMCA grounds in good shape.

Steve Jester, Executive Director Altavista Area YMCA

Steve Jester - September 12, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Henry Rakes .



September 12, 2017 at 03:45 AM

TW

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my sweet Uncle Henry! I could go on and on. He was a sweetheart! I always loved his visits and he would have us laughing our heads off. He and Aunt Betty will always hold a special place in my heart. I want Aunt Betty, Juanita and Joey as well as the rest of the family to know that I will hold all of them close in my heart as long as I walk this earth. My heart breaks for all of you, all of us really. He was a big impact on all of our lives and he will live on in our hearts and in our memories. He is the just the cutest and so sweet. What a blessing it has been to have him in my life. My heart just won't let go. Go rest high on that mountain, Uncle Henry. I love you!



Teresa Rakes Woods

Teresa Woods - September 11, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 11, 2017 at 02:25 PM

LR

“ *Rest in Peace, John Henry. Thank you for mowing our lawn when we couldn't get to it and helping us when we needed you. Your talent with woodworking will live on and your family has such beautiful furniture treasures they can enjoy forever so you will always be in their hearts. Praying for your family as they will miss you dearly.*

Linda Rodriguez - September 11, 2017 at 12:22 PM

SF

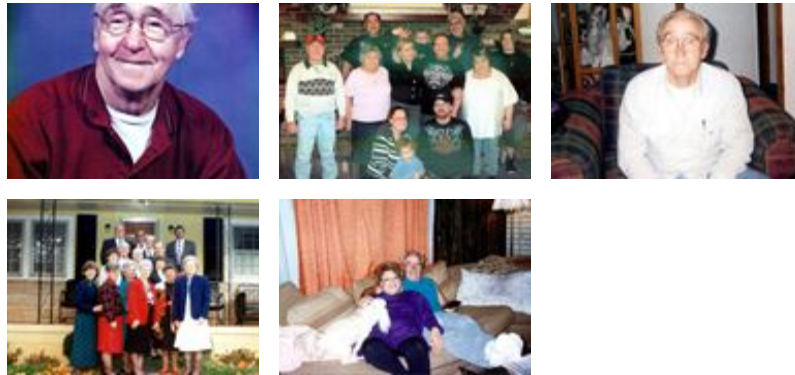
“ *Prayers for the family.*



Shirley Forloines - September 11, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 11, 2017 at 09:23 AM

KH

“ *Kenneth And Brenda Hudson lit a candle in memory of John Henry Rakes*



kenneth and brenda hudson - September 10, 2017 at 05:21 PM

RP

“ *Rhonda Rakes Patrick lit a candle in memory of John Henry Rakes*



Rhonda Rakes Patrick - September 10, 2017 at 01:06 PM