



Dr. Henry Hurd Pope Jr

December 16, 1934 - December 24, 2024

Dr. Henry Hurd Pope, our beloved husband, father, Pawpaw, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, at the grand age of 90 years. Hurd was born on December 16, 1934 in Jackson, MS.

He is survived by his lovely wife, Pat; his daughter, Crys (Greg); his son, Vic (Mindy); his daughter-in-law, Gina (Lindsay); his son-in-law, Doug (Angela), and a host of grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Hurd was an Army Reservist, a musician, an educator, an administrator in the Mobile County Public Schools, and a successful business and property owner who along with Pat loved and served each other, their family, the church, their Mobile community, and this great country. He is known and loved by so many as a strong leader with a wonderful sense of humor and compassion that softened an otherwise tough exterior. Hurd loved his family. He loved his friends, and above all loved the Lord Jesus, and is now Home with Him and his late beloved daughter, Patty.

The family wishes to express many thanks and much love for the many that wish to express their love and condolence to Pat and the family. That said, in honor of the life that Hurd lived, and in celebration of his going Home, a private gathering is to be held. It is requested that as opposed to flowers and gifts for the family, gifts be sent only in the form of donations in Hurd's honor and memory to Christ Anglican Church or to respective churches or charities of one's choosing.

Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Pat, Fred and I are so sad to hear of Hurd's passing. Although we did not know him that well, he always had a smile and it was evident he loved his family. Our prayers are with you as you learn to navigate in this life without him.
Fred and Barbara Rettig

Barbara Rettig - December 27, 2024 at 10:27 PM

BG

“ My family has known the Pope's for many decades. Hurd & Pat were very dear friends of my parents. There are so many ties between our families that I could fill pages. My husband, children & I have seen his life up close. He has been an inspiration. Although brilliant and successful he had a way of making people feel good about themselves by being with him. The character , strength & tender love that drives Hurd & the faith that he has walked in were a shining example. I can't even begin to estimate the good that's been done because he has demonstrated how to deal with whatever he faces, to prevail & to triumph.
You really can't separate the life of Hurd from Pat. They are husband & wife, lovers, partners, friends, a team, ... they are one. God has already brought peace in his passing & He'll continue to strengthen, cheer, and show Pat the way.
Much love to Pat, Crys, Vic (and all of your precious family!) 🙏🕊️
Bonnie Greene

Bonnie Greene - December 27, 2024 at 07:25 PM

GR

“ PAPPY ❤️

The history with Pappy as I called him, brings much laughter, smiles and happy tears. Those precious memories replay in my mind covering more than 40 years

. He continued to call me Boomer or Boom-boom from way back in the day. The intense love held in my heart for him, I cannot adequately convey.

For he welcomed me early into his heart, calling me “little girl” unto the end; the conversations we enjoyed on topics untold were filled with wisdom only a father’s love can lend.

Pappy chose carefully in this life and was sure to make his affections known, I will withdraw daily from deposits He lovingly made by simply calling me his own.

An admirable man to be remembered for his expertise in subjects too many to name, but in my heart Master Teacher of the Word and of Life he will forever remain!

Pappy, I’ll hold it in the road until I see you again in Glory!! XOXO

Gina Reed - December 27, 2024 at 06:02 PM

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Gina Reed - December 27, 2024 at 05:53 PM

DB

“ I first met Hurd when he was Superintendent of Mobile County Schools and I was with Coca-Cola. We discussed ways in which Coke could aid the School’s Athletic programs. When Hurd retired, he purchased a Sporting Goods store and we continued our warm and friendly relationship. I remember Dr Popes as a Gentleman’s Gentleman, very kind and open minded.Heaven received a Godly Man. I miss our visits.....
Don Barron

Don Barron - December 27, 2024 at 05:18 PM

DJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Doug Johnson - December 27, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BR

“ We love the Pope family and join in your grief. Pat and Hurd have been a constant example of Christian love and parenting our 40 years of marriage as we have attended church together and matured alongside your kids. Much love to you all, Jeff and Beth Reinert

Beth Reinert - December 27, 2024 at 04:16 PM

CH

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Crys Hatcher - December 27, 2024 at 03:53 PM

TL

“ So long my friend. Will really miss you.

Thomas Lees - December 27, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home - December 27, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DJ

“Hurd Pope, my other dad, just an ordinary man turned by love for family into a hero, adventurer, and extraordinary story-teller. Beyond that tough exterior, a soft, compassionate heart that loved deeply; a belly laugh that could get the whole room giggling; and so many unique “Hurd-isms” that are fond memories for me. He loved, protected, guided, led, exemplified what is encompassed in the word “Father.” But, that’s what fathers are and do. I certainly will miss this man. There are parts of me molded and shaped over the 40 plus years I have known him that I will cherish and remember until I see him again. Thanks Dad!

Doug Johnson - December 27, 2024 at 02:41 PM

“ My Heart About My Daddy

As I have pondered how I might pay tribute to and describe how I feel about my daddy, Henry Hurd Pope, the word patriarch comes to mind. This word, which originated in the Old Testament of the Bible, is the name given to the head of a family or tribe. A patriarch's role as the male leader includes assistance in making important decisions for both the immediate and extended families, mentorship and guidance for family members, and empowering family members with the resources and training to live their lives effectively.

My daddy – the patriarch of our family – was a God-fearing man's man, faithful husband, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; a man of principle, integrity, honor, and courage; a seeker of Truth; a leader, protector, and wise counselor.

For me personally, so many things about him reminded me of my heavenly Father. His love wrapped me up in a way I cannot fully explain. From the time I was little, I found comfort in knowing he was always there. He protected me, taught me, guided me, and poured his wisdom into my life over and over again.

Daddy's heart's desire was always to provide a covering of protection over our family. This man stood by me through every joy and trial of my life. He was always touched by what touched me. He cried with me, laughed with me, accepted my faults, and loved me through my mistakes. His encouragement and affirming words meant more to me than any other person's words on this earth.

I have a feeling that every member of our family can relate to feeling covered with a patriarchal, protective love through this man's life.

Our entire family had a glimpse of the love of the Father because of him. This daughter loved and cherished him deeply.

DM

“ *David Mathers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Hurd Pope Jr*



David Mathers - December 27, 2024 at 01:09 PM

SC

Dr. Pope was a very Christian and wise man and most honorable ,very much loved

Steve and Diane Cooper - December 27, 2024 at 03:39 PM