



Charles Carey Henderson, M.D.

February 17, 1921 - January 31, 2013

Charles Carey Henderson, M.D., the son of Sam and Lucy Lee Henderson, was born in Sulphur Springs, TX on February 17, 1921. He received his Bachelors Degree at Southern Methodist University and his MD from Southwestern Medical College of the University of Texas. He completed his Internship at the Naval Hospital in San Diego. His medical residency work in general surgery included two years at M.D. Anderson in Houston and four years at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. As a medical officer in the Navy, he served six years active duty, including World War II, and retired from the Naval Reserve after twenty years, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Dr. Henderson practiced medicine in San Mateo and Auburn, CA before moving to Henderson, TX where he was a general surgeon at Henderson Memorial Hospital for ten years. After he retired from medical practice, he moved to Chicago to become the medical Director for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois for five years before returning to Henderson. While in Henderson, he was an active participant in the Texas Forest Stewardship Program and was an avid supporter, owner, and breeder of pure-bred Devon Cattle. Charles Henderson had many accomplishments during his lifetime, among which are: Diplomate, American Board of Surgery, Fellow, American College of Surgeons, Director of the Credit Bureau of San Mateo, CA, Damon Runyon Fellowship, and Certificate of Commendation from the U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. Henderson is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Ruth Bybee Henderson, his son and daughter-in-law Robert C. and Sandra J. Henderson, daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth R. and Richard C. Day, daughter and son-in-law Margaret S. and Terry Jones, son-in-law, William C. Gibson, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Virginia A. Gibson. Funeral services will be held at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home on Monday, February 4, 2013 with Rev. Frank Lane officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. He accepted the gift of salvation when he was twelve years old and served in churches in a number of positions. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Comes By Hearing, 2421 Aztec Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-9987, (800) 545-6552. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Charles' death. What a wonderful thing for him to have lived a long life of 91 years and what a sad thing that he has passed away. I met him many years ago when I was 16 years old and, even as a teenager dating his only son, he welcomed me into the family. He was always cheerful, smiling, and enjoyed a good laugh. I shared many fun times with him and his family over the years in San Mateo, Lake of the Pines and in Henderson. Charles had a way of making you feel welcome anytime you were with him. He loved being with people and he loved to entertain them. And one other thing...he always showed his love of the farm and its cows, from Herk to Sweetie Pie and all those in between. My girls enjoyed their time with him roaming the farm and riding the tractor. It was a pleasure to have known Charles and may he rest in peace.

Patty McCarty - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our family this week as we mourn the loss of Charles. "Granddaddy" was a wonderful man, and I have many happy childhood memories on the farm with him: helping nurse a newborn calf, learning to drive on the tractor with his arm around me, acting out the Christmas story in the living room, etc. I'll never forget how he used to say "I'm just resting my eyes" as he fell asleep on the floor with the dog in front of the TV (every night!), nor how he used to get up in the middle of the night to make a snack of graham cracker and peanut butter sandwiches dunked in milk. I'd lie awake listening for him to get up, and then tip-toe into the kitchen to join him for some one-on-one Granddaddy time. This is still my favorite late-night snack, and is one small example of the many ways in which Charles' memory will live on in the lives of those he loved, and who loved him. May he rest in peace and rejoice in being with his Maker. With our love, -Sarah and Randy Smith

Sarah Day Smith - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ He was a lovely man who was always interested in talking with people and getting to know about them. Whenever I would come to Texas, he would spend hours telling us jokes and making us laugh until our sides hurt. He always made me Shirley Temples or virgin Mai Tais (always made with extra cherries) so that I could feel included in adult cocktail hour. From his stories and from the people who knew him, I can tell he lived an amazing life full of love and happiness. He will be missed by everyone who met him.

Staci Amburgey - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today, and throughout this difficult time, as you say goodbye to Grandpapa. My memories of him are from long ago but are still so clear in my mind. I remember him cracking pecans with his super nut-cracking contraption. :) I remember him riding his tractor, sitting in his favorite chair and the smell of his pipe. I remember him making bonfires by the lake so that my sister and I could roast marshmallows. I remember the cows, the farm, and being afraid of the cattle guards. And I remember when he would delight us by lifting us onto the head of his big bull, Herk, who would annoyingly pitch us off his head back into the waiting arms of our grandfather. Rest in Peace, Grandpapa. You will be missed. All our love-Kelly, Todd, Kate & Macy

Kelly Gilmore - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am saddened to hear the news but I remember the brave front with which he embraced his destiny when he knew his end was near. He shall be remembered for the long life of service to his community and commitment to his loving family. He deserved the best. Pray God may his soul rest in peace. Makam

Raghavendra Makam - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM