



Downing Wood Hitt

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Downing Wood Hitt, age 85, of Castleton, VA, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at home and is now resting peacefully with our lord and savior. Born September 17, 1929 in Rappahannock, to the late William Ludwell and Delsie Florence Hitt, Downing was a lifelong resident of Rappahannock.

In early years Downing etched out a living working as auto mechanic for Chevrolet in Culpeper VA, and for 17 years drove a school bus for Rappahannock County Public Schools. Between bus hours, Downing also took on employment as auto mechanic for Merrill Motors in Washington, VA. Later Downing would become sole proprietor of Hitt's Garage in Amissville, Va. and most recently, during his retirement years, worked hauling cattle for local farmers.

Heading a quote from his father, "You need to have something growing while you sleep to make it" Downing always had a garden to tend and animals to raise. He enjoyed the work of seeing things grow and cultivated that same love in granddaughters Kayla and Jenna. He cherished each moment spent with them, always present in their lives, never missing any of their events no matter how far away the travel might be.

Downing is preceded in death by 16 brothers and sisters, Herbert Hitt, Grace Green, Horace Hitt, Arthur Hitt, Lena Shifflet, Annie Weakley, Jesse Weakley, Erma Jenkins, Turner Hitt, Eva Kackley, Robert Hitt, Taylor Hitt and two stillborn siblings.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 39 years, Betty Jean Hitt of Castleton, VA, loving daughter Janet Carleen Hitt-Robey and husband Terry of Castleton Va., sons Downing L. Hitt and wife Martha Lou of Woodville VA, Wayne E. Hitt and wife Terry of Warrenton VA, sister Lucy Dellinger Kube and husband Robert Kube of Broad Run, VA, grandchildren Cassandra Hatcher and husband Adron of Fredericksburg Va., Paul Hitt and wife Angelena of Culpeper, VA, Denna Hitt of Culpeper, VA, Kayla and Jenna Robey both of Castleton, VA, great grandchildren



Deje' Hitt, Jazmine Hitt, Jada Hitt, Devin Mosley, Adron Hatcher, Lauryn Hitt, Paul Hitt Jr., and multiple generations of nieces ,nephews, cousins and friends whom he held dear.

Special thanks to Rena Mae Jenkins, Courtney Atkins and Hospice of the Piedmont for their donation of time and care for Downing, it meant so much to us.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 6 PM to 8PM at Found & Sons Funeral Chapel, 800 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA. A graveside service will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 11 AM at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 4160 Rixeyville Rd., Jeffersonton, VA. Reverend Carl Menefee will officiate.

Pallbearers are Bobby Bailey, Clyde Bennett, Henry Jenkins, Richard Faulkner, Joshua Robey, Charlie Taylor, Bobby Timbers and Rick Wood.

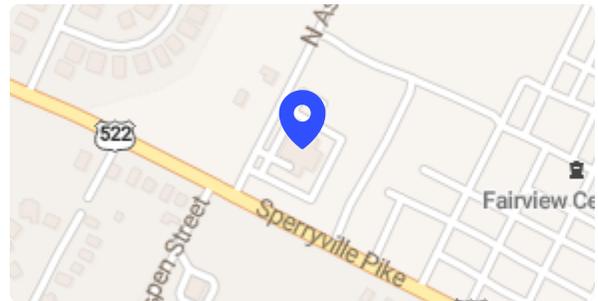
Memorial contributions may be made in Downing's memory to Hospice of Piedmont, c/o Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, S-300, Charlottesville, VA 22911 or Castleton Community Volunteer Fire Department, CCVFD, 593 Castleton View Rd., Castleton, VA 22716.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



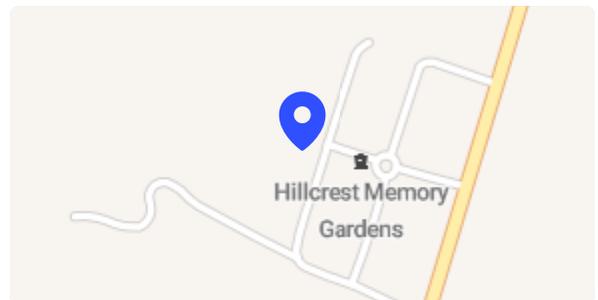
Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, April 15, 2015
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



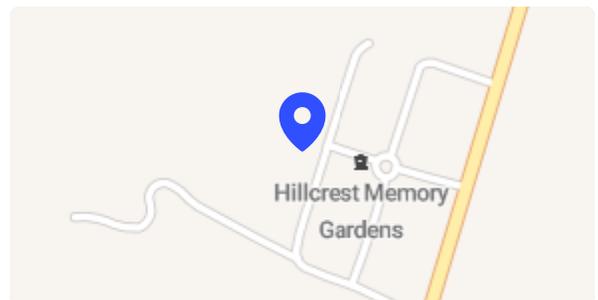
Graveside

-  **Thursday**, April 16, 2015
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **Hillcrest Memory Gardens**
4160 Rixeyville Road, Jeffersonton VA 22724



Cemetery Details

-  **Hillcrest Memory Gardens**
4160 Rixeyville Road, Jeffersonton VA 22724





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Will Horton posted:

My heart felt condolences to all the Hitt family & friends. Downing was more than just a friend to me, he was also a mentor to me in many things. Horses & dogs were the main things we had in common, but there was no end of things we could talk about. my respect & love of him will keep him alive in my heart. R.I.P My Dear old Friend. W.J. Horton

July 4 at 7:13 PM



Jennifer Powers posted:

Betty I'am so sorry for your lost ,I remember when u were falling in love with Downing ,u guys were meant to be ,your dreams came true ,never forget how u light up when u talked about going to the Moose lodge with Downing ,know u miss him ,a long ago friend Janet

April 20 at 7:26 PM



Diane lit a candle in honor of Downing.

Just want to say that I pray for peace and comfort for the family and friends of Mr. Hitt. God be with each one. Diane

April 16 at 2:35 PM



Suzette Turner posted:

Our Condolences to the family. From Ruby (Compton) Turner and family....Suzette, Bo, & Sylvana

April 16 at 8:33 AM



The Corders lit a candle in honor of Downing.

God's Peace & comfort be with you now & Forever more. Love in Christ, Bud & Ginny

April 15 at 5:02 PM



Misty Compton sent a virtual gift in honor of Downing.

April 15 at 2:45 PM





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DC

David Compton Jr sent a virtual gift in honor of Downing.

April 15 at 2:43 PM



AN

Angelcompton lit a candle in honor of Downing.

April 15 at 2:39 PM



AJ

Angie Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Downing.

Sending prayers to the family. May God be with you during this difficult time and comfort you! So sorry for your loss! Downing was a good man, he will surely be missed by many!! Love, Angie Jenkins

April 15 at 1:12 PM



CK

Christy Keys lit a candle in honor of Downing.

Downing will be greatly missed but never forgotten!!! Prayers and thoughts to the family during this time!!! Downing was always smiling and always had nice words to give. He was a positive influence on all he met!!!

April 15 at 1:06 PM



CP

Carl And Brenda Payne sent a virtual gift in honor of Downing.

April 15 at 4:16 AM



Sherry Brown lit a candle in honor of Downing.

April 14 at 3:52 PM





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Sherry Brown posted:

My prayers, love, and thoughts are with the family during this time may God comfort each and everyone

April 14 at 3:52 PM



Sherry King Brown lit a candle in honor of Downing.



April 14 at 3:47 PM



Larry And Kay Nolan posted:

Downing has been a blessing to us over the years, left us many fond memories and I'm sure we are not alone in saying he will be missed.

April 14 at 1:01 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Downing by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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