



## Henry Hoover Hesson

September 10, 1928 - August 18, 2023

Henry H. Hesson, 94, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on Friday, August 18, 2023. Henry was born in Lesage, WV, on September 10, 1928, the son of John and Ruth Ann (Mobley) Hesson.

Henry attended the West Virginia school system, most notably promoted from second grade to fourth grade and skipping the third grade. He married Bessie Louise Pack on January 25, 1957, in Huntington, WV, and she survives. Henry served in the US Army overseas in Europe and Germany. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God. Henry was a factory worker at the former Northway Products for over thirty years. He spent several years of his “retirement” working as a greeter at Walmart.

Henry survived two battles with cancer and a heart attack. He was a storyteller to anyone who would listen. He had the gift of gab. He was a picker of the beloved banjo loaned to him by his nephew, Ricky. Anyone near him has heard his version of 9 mile and his childhood shenanigans. He was a bowman and a charter member of the Iroquois Archery Club. He was a wallpaper hanger using vintage tools of the trade. He was a house painter finishing many rooms for family and friends. He was a grandpa to thirteen kids, great grandpa to thirty-two kids, and great-great grandpa to five kids and one on the way, all of whom experienced the knee ride of “oon dacka doon, oon dacka doon”. He was the father of one son and three daughters, of which

one greeted him above with open arms. He rode his 1940s bicycle around the hood to visit family and friends and to make new ones. He was the mayor of Hollywood and Vine for over sixty years. He loved his siblings, children, grandchildren, and wife with a full heart and gave thanks to his savior, the good lord above, for his many blessings. We've had ninety plus years of life lessons from this man while he walked this earth. He is now storytelling with his loving angels, daughter Sherri, grandson Jeff, great grandsons Austin, Braylen, and James, Jeff, and his sisters and brothers. May he forever be in our hearts and not forgotten. We love you so much.

Henry is survived by his wife, Bessie; children Tammy Bottoms of SC, Mary (Bill Webb) Alberts of Rensselaer, Jeffrey Hesson of Rensselaer; brother, John P. Hesson; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; son-in-law, Terry Gilbert.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruth; beloved daughter, Sherri Geesa; four sisters; four brothers; five grandchildren.

Friends may call on the family on Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023, at 10:30 AM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel with Bishop Rick Helton officiating. Interment at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer.

Memorials may be made in Henry's name to the Iroquois Archery Club.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
info@jacksonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 24.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 25.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson

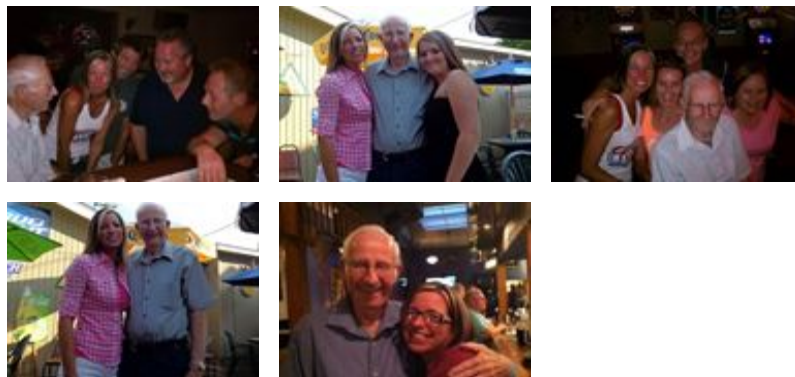


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Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 23, 2023 at 10:53 AM



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Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 23, 2023 at 10:39 AM



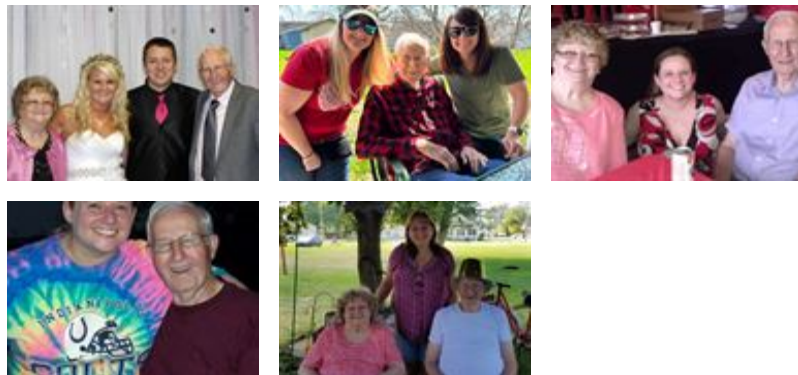
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Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 22, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 22, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Henry Hoover Hesson.



August 21, 2023 at 07:35 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



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**Judy Burvan** - August 21, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Hoover Hesson.

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August 21, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Hoover Hesson.*



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August 21, 2023 at 02:59 PM

SL

“ *Stan And Hedy Larson lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



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**Stan and Hedy Larson** - August 20, 2023 at 07:04 PM

DA

“ *DannyBaker lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



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**DannyBaker** - August 19, 2023 at 06:51 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



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**Gloria Baier** - August 19, 2023 at 05:54 PM

DW

“ *Dave And Becky (Ulm) Walter lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



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**Dave and Becky (Ulm) Walter** - August 19, 2023 at 05:36 PM

JS

“ *Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



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**Judy Siegrist** - August 19, 2023 at 04:03 PM

MK

“ *Missy Tiede & Kevin Klemme lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



Missy Tiede & Kevin Klemme - August 19, 2023 at 03:56 PM

JA

“ *Oh Grandpa....our memories will always remain close to my heart and I hope your dancing in the sky with Aunt Sherri! This isn't goodbye but I'll see you later! I love you and what I wouldn't give to hear you tell one of those WV stories! I'll forever love and miss you gramps!! Until we meet again Rest Easy! Love always,  
Your CottonTop & Girl in the Big Red Truck*

Jenna Perez Arellano - August 19, 2023 at 03:31 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



Cindy Sheffer - August 19, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Henry Hoover Hesson*



Jerry Miller - August 19, 2023 at 12:18 PM