



## John Dean Henson

March 20, 1925 - March 20, 2010

John Dean Henson, 85, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, died Saturday, March 20, 2010.

He was born on February 5, 1925, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to Matthew Wynn Henson and Ivah Sanders Henson.

He served in the occupation forces in Japan during World War II.

He graduated from Cumberland University School of Law in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1952 and was admitted to the Missouri Bar the same year.

He and Billie Tedder met in Lebanon and were married on July 20, 1952.

He practiced law in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, for 25 years, as a member of the Henson and Henson law firm and as prosecuting attorney and magistrate judge.

He was appointed Administrative Law Judge for the Department of Labor in 1976 and served in San Francisco, California, and New Orleans, Louisiana. He later became an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Knoxville, Tennessee, a position from which he had recently retired.

He was a loving husband and father with a wonderful sense of humor. He enjoyed family gatherings, gourmet cooking, traveling, walking, recounting family stories, and listening to bluegrass music.

Survived by wife, Billie Tedder Henson of Sweetwater; children Robert Sanders Henson and wife, Shelly, of Coker Creek, Tennessee; Becky Henson Pollard and husband, Rick, of Sweetwater; Stephen Tedder Henson and wife, Priscilla, of Sweetwater; Elizabeth Henson Knuckles and husband, Mike, of Sweetwater; grandchildren Sarah Ann Henson, Haley Elizabeth Knuckles, Dylan Jaymes Henson, John-Michael Knuckles, Rebecca Starr Henson, and Anna Marie Henson; sisters-in-law Myra Lee Henson, June Austin, and Genie Shepherd; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by parents, Matthew Wynn Henson and Ivah Sanders Henson, brother Rex Allen Henson, sister Bernita Henson Bryan, brother-in-law Lee Bryan, and grandson Benjamin Michael Knuckles.

Visitation will be from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Sweetwater Memory Chapel. A private family funeral and graveside service will follow.

Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, Tennessee, is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you take comfort in your happy memories.*

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**Frank and JoAnne Wylie** - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Billie and family, I don't have to tell you my feelings for John, nor Deb's who knew him longer than me. He was a pleasure and My dear friend. I well miss him terribly, and can't imagine the void in your lives. May you find comfort in his sweet memory.*  
*Tom and Debbie Givens*

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**Tom Givens** - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Billie and family,*  
*Ellen & I are so sorry to hear of John's passing. I always admired his humble attitude and his interest in helping those who had fallen on hard times. His laugh and sense of humor were heart warming. Please accept our sincere sympathy for your tragic loss and may God bless you and comfort you and the family.*  
*Jack & Ellen Williams*

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**Jack Williams** - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM