



## James "Red" Halsey Obituary

September 9, 1927 - February 22, 2014

James W. Halsey, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, entered the Church Triumphant Saturday. After battling bravely and persistently for several years, "Red" died of his relentless disease early on February 22, 2014. A native of Wytheville, Virginia, born in 1927, James and his late wife, Peggy moved to Oak Ridge in 1954. He worked for 34 years at Y-12, retiring in 1988.

As a youth in Wytheville, Red played football at Wytheville High School. He married Lula Maglin "Peggy" Pannell before heading to the Army. He was stationed stateside during WW II.

James loved bowling, fishing and golfing. He was a pitcher in the slow-pitch leagues in Oak Ridge. His sports career highlights include a hole-in-one in 1983 and a 296 bowling score. He was inducted into the Wythe County sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

Red, a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was a devoted family man. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Bill Halsey (wife Helene) and Judy Carson (husband Tom), and proudly claim seven grandchildren Heather Halsey, Amy Teague, Maglin Halsey, Lillie Halsey, William Halsey, John Carson (wife Shirley), and Joe Carson; and 9 great grandchildren, Olivia, Sophia, and Gabrielle Fletcher; Kaylen Teague; Austin, Kyler, Briley, and Ashley Carson; and Ryan Hernandez. Bill and wife Helene Halsey live in Knoxville. Judy and husband Tom Carson reside in Chattanooga.

Red was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Florence Halsey, a brother, Cecil Halsey, a sister, Helen Gordon; and his wife, Peggy. He is survived by sister Gladys (husband Frank) Alvis, his children, grandchildren and many other relatives and a multitude of friends, who are loved like his natural family.

Red would have wanted to thank and recognize his family, friends, neighbors, and nurses who cared for him in his several years of health struggles. Without you, he "would have been gone long ago."

Funeral Service will be 2:00pm Saturday March 01, 2014 at Grace Lutheran Church 131 W. Gettysburg Ave. Oak Ridge, Tn. with Pastor Stephen Damos officiating with interment following at Oak Ridge Memorial Park

Visitation will be Friday February 28, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home and Saturday March 01, 2014 at Grace Lutheran Church from 1:00 until time of service.

The family requests contributions in lieu of flowers to the Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge, your local Food Bank or the Wounded Warrior Project. Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home is serving the Halsey family. Online messages to the family may be left at [www. martinfuneralhomeoakridge.com](http://www.martinfuneralhomeoakridge.com)

# Comments

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“ We are sad to hear of Red's passing. He has been such a sweet neighbor for the 19 yrs we have lived in his neighborhood. He has been greatly missed since his illness, his friendly wave & kind words years ago when we would wait for our daughter at the bus stop by his house. We will always miss seeing him. Our prayers go out to his family & friends.

**Richard & Doranne Bunch - Clinton, TN - Neighbor** - March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ashley and I are so happy we got to visit with Uncle James this past summer. It was wonderful seeing him again after such a long time. What a sweet, sweet man he was. He will be sorely missed.

**Sibyl Freund - Niece** - February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will miss my friend...I can say it has truly been a pleasure to have known Red..I was there in his home to assist in taking care of him, but hes the one who brightened my day each time I got to be there..Our loss of such a great man is heaven's gain..

**Nikkole Sexton - Oneida, TN - Friend and home nurse** - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences go out to all of the Halseys. Our prayers are with you and Bill's father.

**Bob and Julia Zeller - Knoxville, TN - friend** - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bill, Helene and family -

We have you in our thoughts and prayers.

Eva, Gary, Gretchen and Natalie

**Eva Kratts - Knoxville, TN - Friend of the Bill Halsey Family** - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ So many memories of growing up together at Grace Lutheran, youth group activities, school experiences, and leaving home to attend Newberry College in South Carolina in 1967...

Bill and family,

Joe and I mourn with you in the loss of your dad. It is the passing of an age to lose your parent. You will each be in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap you in His loving arms during this difficult time.

Joe and Dianne Jorgensen Pitts

**Dianne Jorgensen Pitts - Chappells, SC - family friend** - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM