

Renwyck Donald Henderson

June 1, 1927 - February 14, 2025

Dartmouth, MA - With heavy hearts we announce the death of Renwyck Donald Henderson, 97, of Dartmouth, MA and formerly of Haverhill, Ma. He passed on February 14, 2025, after a brief illness.

He was born in Haverhill, MA on June 1, 1927. He married the love of his life, Sarah Bernice (Hefford) Henderson on February 16, 1957. They were married for sixty-five years until her passing in October 2022.

He was loved and cherished by his children, including his daughter Susan Lea Newman (Michael), Karen Ann Coakley (Richard), Steven Donald Henderson (Maureen), Nancy Jean Tetreault (Timothy) and Paul Andrew Henderson. His grandchildren, Daniel Henderson, Melanie Dunlap, Courtney Kinder, Marisa Defrancesco, Jonathan Kinder and Stephanie Burris. In more recent years he was blessed with great grandchildren, Selah Burris, Huxley Burris, Renwyck Henderson, Decker Burris, Isla Defrancesco and Vivien Henderson. He was honored when he learned his great grandson would carry his family name of Renwyck through the next generation. He thoroughly enjoyed every moment with each of them.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents Ola (MacLeod) and Renwyck W Henderson, his brothers, Richard A. Henderson, and Robert H. Henderson and his sister Linda Schena. He leaves his siblings June Fitzgerald, Alan

Henderson, and Jane Lesiczka.

He lived in Andover on the family farm and learned the business of farming from his beloved father. Following the unexpected passing of his father he went on to support the family, a responsibility he assumed with deep seriousness and commitment.

He attended Essex Agricultural High School and was the President of his graduating class. In 1954, he was drafted into the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. Upon discharge he was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Service Medal, commendation Ribbon with Pendant and the National Service Medal. He had immense pride in his service to the United States.

Following his marriage, Don and Bernice purchased a farm in Haverhill, MA. Together they built a successful business and ran the farm for over 50 years. The Henderson Farm was well known for the highest quality flowers and vegetables sold through the retail store. He also packaged vegetables for distribution through the New England Vegetable and Fruit Exchange in Chelsea, MA. With the success of the business, he always looked for ways to help others. He would quietly and without fanfare provide vegetables to anyone in need. He was never reluctant to help anyone who needed a helping hand or listening ear.

Upon his retirement, Donald pursued his lifelong dream of traveling with his wife and grandchildren. They were able to travel extensively throughout the United States and Canada. Most notably, their time with family in Newfoundland and a long-anticipated trip to Alaska. They developed lifelong friends along the way.

A private family service will be held, to celebrate his remarkable life of love

and service to his country and his family.

In appreciation of the long-term care by his physician, Dr. Lowell Schnipper, the family requests donations be made in Donald Henderson's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by clicking here (https://givenow.lls.org/give/342076/?ds_rl=1278572&gad_source=1&ds_rl=1278572&gclid=CjwKCAiA2cu9BhBhEiwAft6lxAHg04dfQOWwxl-QLibr2qjUBD30nPEFeSY8VUQnME4rCm3rHtjKRRoC9nQQA_vD_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds#!/donation/checkout).

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Renwyck Donald Henderson*.



February 20, 2025 at 04:15 PM

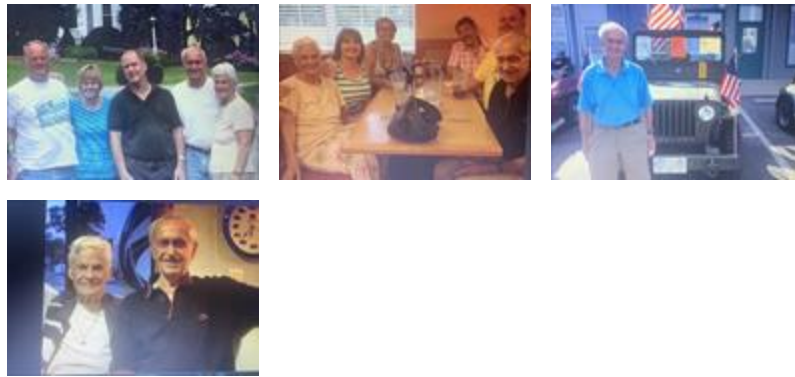


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Renwyck Donald Henderson*.

February 20, 2025 at 04:15 PM

GH

“ Steven , Moureen & Families. Didn't meet your parents till early 2000s after they retired from farming and came to Newfoundland. While here in Newfoundland, they visited conception Bay with the Peddles and Trinity Bay with the Heffords. They parked their unit at our home in Trinity Bay while they were here, reunited with the Hefford family and Don really enjoyed meeting us. Was a happy time for all who got to know Don ,Bernice, Paul and his grand children who came with them. Forever in our Hearts. Gordon and Audrey Hefford.



Gordon and Audrey Hefford - February 20, 2025 at 08:59 AM

NA

Thank you for the kind words and memories. My daughter Courtney was able to take that trip to Newfoundland and has such wonderful memories

Nancy - February 20, 2025 at 10:28 AM

EB

Steve and Maureen and family so sorry for your loss, so glad you had so many wonderful years to make so many beautiful memories. You are in our thoughts and prayers love Ellen and Pat

Ellen Baggett - February 23, 2025 at 11:15 AM

CM

“ *Such a beautiful tribute to your Dad. My heart goes out to you Nancy & family!! I always loved your Dad! Sending big hugs to you*
❤️🙏
Cindy (Helps) McGowan

Cindy McGowan - February 19, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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Thank you Cindy ❤️

Nancy - February 19, 2025 at 09:18 PM

CM

“ *Cynthia M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Renwyck Donald Henderson.*

Cynthia M. - February 19, 2025 at 05:54 PM

DF

“ *The best co-pilot I ever had. God be with you Mr. H. Someday we will all be together again.*



David Fletcher - February 19, 2025 at 03:14 PM

SH

One of the best days ever. My dad smiled all day.

steven henderson - February 19, 2025 at 09:04 PM

NA

He loved that day Dave! He talked about it so often

Nancy - February 19, 2025 at 09:20 PM

LM

Don and Bernie were the best neighbors ever. They worked so hard. I recall many mornings waking up to look out the window to see them side by side, bent over in the field picking the crop, just after sunrise. Every time I spoke to Don he had a mischievous twinkle in his eye. He always made me laugh. They don't make them like him any more. It was a privilege to know him. (Lisa Onyon and John McCutcheon)

Lisa Onyon and John McCutcheon - February 20, 2025 at 07:02 AM

TQ

Great man, served his country and then came home and served the greater community of Haverhill. RIP Mr. H.

Tom Quigley - February 20, 2025 at 01:51 PM

MP

“ My brother and I worked at Henderson’s farm in the late 60’s ! Picking bushels of fresh vegetables to the farm stand to sell a wonderful experience we will never forget ! Sending our condolences. Mark and Mike Prescott

Mark Prescott - February 19, 2025 at 09:59 AM

VH

“ We spent many years visiting with Don, Bernie and family. Verne was the first student from Essex Aggie to come to work at the farm in Haverhill. So sorry to hear of your loss. Verne and Sue Hardenbrook

Verne and Sue Hardenbrook - February 18, 2025 at 02:07 PM

SH

Thank you, my dad loved the Hardenbrook's.,Great memories.

steven henderson - February 19, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DF

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Henderson. I spent many of my younger years working on the farm and baling hay in my uncle's fields. Much of my time was spent keeping Steven out of trouble....and although his mother would disagree, Mr. H knew the real story. He was a great inspiration with admirable work ethics that he instilled in us all. My fondest memory would come years later, when I had the privilege of flying him and three generations of Henderson men to a WWII reenactment weekend in Reading, PA. He wore his Korean war garb with pride and when we arrived in style by private aircraft, he was treated like royalty, as it should be. You are a great man Mr. H, and although you are no longer here in body, you will live in spirit in my heart in infamy.



David Fletcher - February 18, 2025 at 11:20 AM

FF

“ Fletcher family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Renwyck Donald Henderson.



Fletcher family - February 18, 2025 at 10:14 AM

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SS

“ *Mr. Henderson was a positive guiding force for many young men who worked at the farm. I was one. The work was hard and fun. It brings a smile whenever I remember those days years ago. I will never forget him. Thank You Mr. Henderson. Rest in peace. Steve S.*

Steve Smith - February 18, 2025 at 08:38 AM

WH

So sorry to hear the passing of Don who was married to my First Cousin Bernice. Condolences to all Families and Friends. Sending Love and Hugs to all. God Bless. Love Winnie Higdon. Our Beautiful Mom was Myrtle Peddle. Forever In Our Hearts Never Forgotten. God Bless 🍷🙏

winnie Higdon - February 18, 2025 at 10:52 AM

BH

Sincere condolences to the families. This from the Hefford Family Of New Harbour, Trinity Bay Newfoundland

Bill Hefford - February 19, 2025 at 08:06 PM

SH

Thank you for your kind words. Hope to get back home soon.

steven henderson - February 19, 2025 at 09:06 PM

BR

“ Steve, Maureen and Family :So very sorry to hear of Dons passing we have lots of precious memories when they were home one of many comes to mind when we were walking the Mad Rock trail they were ahead of us and they were walking hand in hand I said Bill look at the two love birds at such a wonderful age, going on lots of trips in their moterhome and doing lots of sightseeing, strawberry picking and many more we had a very memorable time together he will be truly missed by many our thoughts are with you all God Bless Love Bill and Bernice XO

Bill and Bernice Russell - February 17, 2025 at 08:45 PM

SH

My mom and dad had so many memorable times with you both. They loved you all and enjoyed their trips back home too Newfoundland.

steven henderson - February 18, 2025 at 08:04 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathies to you Nancy and family. What a sweet man and I have so many fond memories of times on the farm and with the family. Love to all. 🙏❤️

Mary Comeau Mottram - February 17, 2025 at 08:02 PM

NA

Thank you Mary ❤️

Nancy - February 19, 2025 at 09:19 PM



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