



Henry L. "Skip" Gregory

December 15, 1940 - August 12, 2024

Henry L. "Skip" Gregory, 83, passed away peacefully on August 12.

Skip was a graduate of Coker County High School and ETSU where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the ROTC program. He served two years in the Army as a commissioned officer where he was stationed in South Korea. After his time in the military, he began his career in education. He taught one year in Knoxville and began the Administration Fellowship Program at the University of Tennessee where he received his Master's Degree. He came back home and taught at Newport Grammar School and then became the principal at Coker County High School. When Northwest Elementary School opened in 1975, he became the principal and stayed there until his retirement in 2000. Skip also served his county as a member of the CLB in District 6. After retirement he became a loving and devoted grandfather to his five grandchildren.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry and Verta Carver Gregory and brother, Gary Gregory.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Shirley Woody Gregory; sons, Darren and Mike (Rayanne) Gregory; grandchildren whom he loved and adored, Jacob (Ashley), Jackson, and Avery Gregory, Grayson and Graham Gregory; Brothers-in-law, Ross (Ruthie) Woody and Ronnie (Judy) Forrester; Nieces and Nephews, Kim (Tim) McCoig, Jacki Killion, Nikki Woody, JJ (Sherry) Woody, Jodi (Mark) Gibson, and Randy (Kim) Forrester; several great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family would like you to donate to the Cocke County Education Foundation, 305 Hedrick Drive, Newport, TN 37821 or West End Baptist Church, 116 West End Street, Newport, TN 37821.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2024 with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tom Mooty and Rev. Roscoe Woody officiating.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, August 16, 2024 in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

AUG **15**. 7:00 PM (est)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821
(423) 623-6952
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Burial

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall

RM

“ We are praying for your family! You have our sympathy!

Rob and Lisa Myers

Rob and Lisa Myers - August 22, 2024 at 04:03 PM

TL

“ We are sorry for your loss. We are praying for you.

Tommy and Carolyn Lillard - August 18, 2024 at 08:09 PM

BJ

“ Skip was certainly a wonderful person. He will be missed by of us who knew him. Our sincerest condolences to all the family and his loved ones.

Bettye & Carl Jay Carver, Jr.

Bettye & Carl Jay Carver, Jr. - August 17, 2024 at 08:27 PM

MT

“ Marilyn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Henry Gregory



Marilyn Thomas - August 17, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CJ

“ Mr. Gregory was my principal all through elementary school. I'm certain he enjoyed the high 5's as much as all us kids did. 😊 praying for the family.



Christy Johnson - August 16, 2024 at 05:36 PM

MA

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Gregory. He was an amazing man, a great educator, and a true inspiration to those fortunate enough to know him. He always took the extra step to show people he cared and my family and I adored him. He will truly be missed.

Mike Allen - August 16, 2024 at 12:02 PM

AH

“ Wonderful memories of Skip at Northwest. He was always very stoic. I always enjoyed getting him to crack a smile or grin at something we did or said.
Mike, I hope you see this message. I wasn't able to get to the funeral home but am thinking about you guys. Hope you are doing well. Would have been nice to get together and share some stories.
Take care
Adam / Natasha Hartsell

Adam R Hartsell - August 16, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TM

“ Skip has been a friend of mine forever; going all the way to elementary school (he even taught me how to spel school). We played in his great big front yard, along with the McMillian boys right there close. I played high school football with him, rode with him to games, served with him in church, and ate breakfast with him at Northwest School. He was more than a prince of a man, he was a KING of a man - who served THE KING OF KINGS; and I learned many things from just being around him and Shirley. Truly; heaven's gain, our loss!

Tom Mooty

Tom Mooty - August 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM

TW

“ Mrs. Gregory, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Gregory's passing. My mind is flooded with memories of my years at Northwest and what positive influences you and Mr. Gregory were on my life. In later years, when I would see Mr. Gregory about town, he was always so kind and interested in how my life was going. He was also proud of his family and would give me updates on your grandchildren with much joy. I pray God will bring you peace and comfort during this time.

*With love,
Tracey*

Tracey Wardroup - August 16, 2024 at 06:36 AM

SO

“ Shirley, Roscoe and all the family: I am saddened to hear that Skip has passed away. I have known this family all of my life. Skip was a wonderful man. He was my principal at CCHS. I respected him very much. He was fair to everyone in every situation.....and he was kind. He was gentleman for sure. I am praying that God will bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Rest in peace my friend. 💔 You will sure be missed.



Susie O'Dell - August 15, 2024 at 04:17 PM

DF

“ Shirley, Darrin and Mike, Sending heartfelt love and prayers. Skip was such a fine man and always the gentleman. He certainly had a positive impact on my career as an educator. I had the upmost respect for him. I have wonderful memories of my time teaching at Northwest. May God provide comfort and peace to all of you.

Debbie Fullington - August 15, 2024 at 04:10 PM

JF

“ James and Gail Frisbee lit a candle in memory of Henry Gregory



James and Gail Frisbee - August 15, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JF

“ Shirley, children and all the family, we are remembering you in our thoughts and prayers. We always thought a lot of Skip and you. He was a fine man. May God bless you always. James and Gail Frisbee

James and Gail Frisbee - August 15, 2024 at 02:29 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - August 15, 2024 at 12:32 PM

AG

“ We are so very sorry. He was such a wonderful man and he always had a smile to offer. Our prayers are with you.
Angie Hux Gentry and Bettye Hux

Angie Gentry - August 15, 2024 at 11:35 AM

KS

“ Mr. Gregory was my first principal. He was my encourager, supporter, and mentor. He made a green, 22 year old feel like a capable teacher. He was the perfect “boss” for me. He became my friend. I loved seeing him in the grocery store. He would “ catch me up” on Shirley, Darren, and Mike and Rayanne. Oh, how he loved his grands!!! There wasn’t a finer man. I was happy when he ran for CLB. Prayers continue for all the family. Cocke County lost a good man this week! I’m grateful for the influence he had on my life!

Karen Smith - August 14, 2024 at 10:32 PM

RW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and touched many, many lives.

Rhonda Williams - August 14, 2024 at 07:01 PM

AH

“ Shirley our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I had a conversation with Chrissy and Kerri once about safety and they both said in unison “Mom, Mr. Gregory would never let anything happen to us” They trusted, loved and respected him He made them feel loved, safe and protected at school. As a parent this was a priceless gift for my children it was a blessing. Thank you Skip, Thank you Mr. Gregory

Anna Hance - August 14, 2024 at 07:00 PM

SW

“ Sylvia Waters purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Henry L. "Skip" Gregory.



Sylvia Waters - August 14, 2024 at 05:38 PM

CI

“ So sorry for your families great loss. The family will be in my prayers.

With deepest condolences
Cindy Wise

cindy - August 14, 2024 at 04:37 PM

BS

“ Shirley and family, we’re so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bryce and Sherry Strange

Bryce and Sherry Strange - August 14, 2024 at 02:49 PM

LD

“ Our Sincere Sympathy to the family and loved ones of Skip. Our love and prayers will be with you during this difficult time, and in the days ahead. May God bless you with comfort and peace.



Matthew 5:4

Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson

Linda Dawson - August 14, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss to Shirley and family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Skip was a wonderful principal and friend.

Sherrie Dillard - August 14, 2024 at 01:31 PM

LS

“ Great principal at Northwest. Sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.

Lisa Black Strange - August 14, 2024 at 12:17 PM

AO

“ I am so sorry to hear about Skip passing. He made a big impact on a lot of children lives.



audrey owenby - August 14, 2024 at 10:04 AM

DG

“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family 🙏🙏🙏 He was a Good Man ❤️ 🙏
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Debbie Gann - August 14, 2024 at 09:42 AM

CS

“ Sorry for your loss!! Charlie & Patti Seehorn

charlie sehorn - August 14, 2024 at 08:11 AM

RL

“ For the family:
My mother and father, Kay and Eula Lamb, loved Mr. Gregory and counted him one of the great blessings of their life. I know he was a kind and patient Principal and friend and supported mother wonderfully at Northwest. Cocke County was a better place for him and a lot of little boys' and girls' lives were improved. My deepest sympathy.
Russell Lamb

Russell lamb - August 14, 2024 at 07:02 AM

JC

Wonderful , sweet , and treated everyone with respect and kindness. Rest awaits those who served God, and all those who are blessed to be able to say he was a major influence in my life.

Jan Austin Covington - August 14, 2024 at 11:37 PM

BS

“ *What a great man Mr. Gregory was! Sure taught me alot back in grade school including helping with my behavior issues and stayed on me to excel in my school academics which in part helped me win a couple of spelling bees. R.I.P. my friend! Thanks for everything!*



Bryan Smith - August 14, 2024 at 01:42 AM

JJ

He sure was I had 8 years under him as my principal he could make us k8ds mind ..only if he could have paddle a few this day and time prayers for the family ..rest in peace mr.Gregory

Jeannie James - August 15, 2024 at 02:01 AM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear this he was a great principal for me*

Bobby Barnes - August 13, 2024 at 08:05 PM

BE

“ *So sorry for your loss. I'm praying for you all.*

Becky Sexton Ellison - August 13, 2024 at 08:01 PM

DO

“ Our deepest sympathy to all in the loss of Skip. He will be remembered for many positive things, especially his service to public education and in his thankless job as a CLB member. He certainly left the world a better place.

Duay, Kay, Amber, and Connor O’Neil - August 13, 2024 at 06:08 PM

SS

“ Mr Gregory was such a fine man. He gave me my first job teaching at northwest school. He was an excellent mentor and a wonderful kind man.
May he rest in peace .

steve shaver - August 13, 2024 at 06:05 PM

ME

“ Megan,Brian,and Ellie Edkin purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Henry L. "Skip" Gregory.



Megan,Brian,and Ellie Edkin - August 13, 2024 at 05:12 PM

ME

“ Megan,Brian,and Ellie Edkin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry L. "Skip" Gregory.

Megan,Brian,and Ellie Edkin - August 13, 2024 at 05:12 PM

DP

“ Praying for your family during this time of grief.
Mickey and Deidre Phillips

Deidre Phillips - August 13, 2024 at 04:52 PM

CB

“ *Our prayers & Condolences to all the family. Skip was an amazing man & will dearly be missed*

Connie & Marsha Ball - August 13, 2024 at 04:43 PM

BC

“ *Brenda cook lit a candle in memory of Henry Gregory*



Brenda cook - August 13, 2024 at 02:23 PM

KD

“ *My heart and soul goes out the the family of the best man I have ever known. He touched my life from the time I was a little girl, being a student at Northwest, and being the best principal I ever taught under. It is because of him that I became the teacher I am today. He was fair and knowledgeable. Most of all, he had the best sense of humor. He put up with my "shenanigans" while at Northwest with a smile, a chuckle and all out laughter. I wish there was room here to reminisce about all of our times of laughter. He was the best mentor any young teacher could ever have. I pray I've made no grammar mistakes, for he would surely call me out on them. My deepest sympathy and lots of loves goes out to his family. Mr. G. You'll always be remembered.*



Kim Gentry Derrick - August 13, 2024 at 02:08 PM

CW

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of Skip. I'm sorry for your loss
Mikey, Rayann and all other family members.*

Clyde Williamson - August 13, 2024 at 12:35 PM