



## Harry Ralph Geist, Sr.

August 17, 2008

Seneca, SC—Harry Ralph Geist, Sr., 85, husband of Betty Elaine Sliker Geist, of 508 Hartwell Drive, Seneca, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2008.

Originally from Califon, NJ, Mr. Geist was the son of the late Harry Gunther and Helen Haggerty Geist. Mr. Geist joined the US Army during WWII serving as a medic in campaigns in North Africa, Italy, Southern France and Germany. He then returned home to the family farm supply business before pursuing a lifetime career in education as a teacher and school administrator in NJ. He “retired” to Seneca in 1985 but continued to teach at Walhalla Elementary School. Throughout his life, Mr. Geist was an enthusiastic golfer, making his first hole-in-one at the age of 80. He was a member of Woodhaven Golf Club. He enjoyed active roles in Seneca Presbyterian Church during his twenty-three years as a member.

Mr. Geist led quietly and by example. Those who knew him will remember his dry sense of humor and incredibly strong faith.

In addition to his wife of fifty-seven years, Mr. Geist is survived by sons, Harry R. Geist, Jr. of Clemson and Douglas Alan Geist of Seneca; daughters, Lynn C. Belding of Woodbridge, NJ and Amy G. Franklin of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Alma Cap of Cummings, GA and Carol Dunn of Califon, NJ; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 10:00-11:30 a.m., Thursday, August 21, 2008 at Davenport Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Thursday at Seneca Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Seneca Presbyterian Church, 115 W. S. 1st Street, Seneca, SC 29678.

The family is at the residence.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Ralph Geist, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Betty and Family: My Uncle, Peter Sliker of Rutherford, New Jersey, My Dad, Joseph Orahoske of Helena, Montana and I, all send our sincere sympathy to you and your family at this most difficult time. We were so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing and wanted you to know how sad we all are. Peter certainly shared many happy memories with you all and so enjoyed spending time with Ralph on his trips south. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers no matter how far away we all are.##imported-begin##Ellen Weg##imported-end##*

August 27, 2008 at 01:32 PM



“ *I have fond memories of my 8th grade teacher. He was a kind and gentle man and we were lucky to have him for a teacher. Ralph Geist Jr. - I hope all is well with you. Why don't you plan on coming for the 40 year NHRHS reunion! Diana##imported-begin##Diana Wodder-Silverstein##imported-end##*

August 26, 2008 at 02:11 PM



“ *my deepppest sympathy to the family he was a stong me and a great teacher,his time as a science teacher at old union township school, will be remembered always. rest in peace.##imported-begin##fran deemer wise##imported-end##*

August 26, 2008 at 07:51 AM



“ To all of the Geist family,

*I just learned of "Mr. Ralph's" passing and was stunned. While I was at Clemson, I thought of him as my serrogate dad. I never saw him without a smile on his face and his heart was always filled with joy and love of life. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

*Best regards,*

*Rebecca##imported-begin##Rebecca Bull Reed##imported-end##*

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August 23, 2008 at 07:35 PM



“ Amy,

*I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Please accept my sincere condolences. May you and your family find comfort in each other, your friends, and your faith at this time.*

*Tim Tully##imported-begin##Timothy Tully##imported-end##*

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August 23, 2008 at 02:52 AM



“ Amy, our prayers are with you and your family.

*Kenneth & family & the TBCTA##imported-begin##Kenneth Alexander##imported-end##*

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August 21, 2008 at 09:28 PM



“ *Mr. Geist may be gone but he will never be forgotten by those who he taught at Union Township School in the 60s & 70s. His expectations of his student were demanding but, nonetheless, Mr. Geist was a very popular teacher.*

*I have many memories of Mr. Geist but one that stands out the most was the chapter he taught in science class on human reproduction. Of course, in those days, even the intimation of sex was not discussed in schools. I can't recall any of the discussion during class but he told some of us afterward that the principal was concerned about how he would teach the subject. He had such a way about him that I am sure he did it with integrity as well as that sense of humor everyone loved.*

*Well, I have two children, so perhaps Mr. Geist did a good job!*

*In closing, I am very sorry for your loss. Mr. Geist will be missed by many.*

*Regards,*

*Cindy Cozze Williamson##imported-begin##Cindy Cozze  
Williamson##imported-end##*

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August 21, 2008 at 07:06 PM



“ To the Geist Family,

*Our Thoughts and Sympathy are with you at this sad time. We will always remember Ralph when he worked at the Feed Mill with his Dad.*

*Regards,*

*Marion Freeland (classmate with his niece Marilyn)*

*& Richard G Hoernlen##imported-begin##Marion (Hoernlen)  
Freeland##imported-end##*

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August 21, 2008 at 01:52 PM



“ Amy,

*I am certain that your father's death came as a great shock and that you and all of your family are filled with grief. I am so sorry. Even when death is expected, it isn't easily accepted. Your father seemed to be a great man based on the obituary. Please know that Ron and my prayers are with you, as are the Thermal Belt Community Tennis Association's.*

*Sherri##imported-begin##Sherri Wingo##imported-end##*

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August 21, 2008 at 11:21 AM



“ Dear Amy,

*I am so sorry to hear of your father's death. Try to focus on the wonderful memories the two of you have made over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Fondly,*

*Darlene G. McFarland*

*Thermal Belt Community Tennis Association, Tryon, NC##imported-  
begin##Darlene G. McFarland##imported-end##*

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August 21, 2008 at 10:52 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ralphys passing. We grew up next door to each other in Califon.  
may God bless you at this sad time.  
Ron Hoppaugh##imported-begin##Ron Hoppaugh##imported-end##

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August 21, 2008 at 10:34 AM



“ Skip our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Tom Minor & Melissa##imported-end##

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August 21, 2008 at 10:28 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. It seemed he was always there being a substitute teacher when I was in school. I enjoyed hearing all the stories he would tell us about his travels around the world. He was a great teacher and a great person. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Jennifer##imported-end##

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August 20, 2008 at 10:56 PM



“ your family remains in my thoughts and prayers. he was always one of my favorite substitute teachers.##imported-begin##Bonnie Galloway##imported-end##

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August 20, 2008 at 04:31 PM