



## Henry Childers

September 23, 1926 - June 18, 2013

Henry Lewis Childers passed away on June 18, 2013, and lived boldly until he was 86. Lew was born in Elba, Alabama, 15 miles outside Enterprise, Alabama--home of the boll weevil monument--on September 23, 1926, to the late James Daniel and Annie Lee (Childs) Childers of Mt. Dora, Florida. His younger brother, James Beuford Childers, predeceased him in 1994. His daughters, Linda Lee Sperry and Luanne Marie Raimondi predeceased him in 2005 and 2011, respectively, along with his great-granddaughter, Adrianna. Surviving Lew are his wife of 61 years, Barbara Ann (Springman) Childers and his four additional daughters, Cathleen Lois Henderson of Ocean City, New Jersey; Teresa Anne Paolini of Pennsauken, New Jersey; Nancy Sue Liss (David) of Exeter, Pennsylvania; and Laurie Jean Milliron (Charles) of Rocky Mount, Virginia and Cary, North Carolina. Missing their Pop-pop are Stacy Gordon and Nicole (Christian) Vitale, Katie Henderson, Samantha, Jessica and Paul "Babe" Paolini, Steven "Danny" and Lewis Natale, Stephanie Haring, Meghan Childers, and Lawrence and Anthony Raimondi along with his great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Anthony, Dominic, Kaia, Joseph, Kateri, Grace, and Santino. Also surviving him are his sisters, Margie Mamie Anderson and Barbara Anne Smith, of Mt. Dora, Florida, along with his sister-in-law, Dovie Voncille (Anderson) Childers of Apopka, Florida, and many nieces and nephews. During WWII, he joined the Merchant Marines and sailed all over the world supplying the troops with their needs and facing more danger than the military in most instances. Lew was a proud member of Local 401

Philadelphia Structural, Bridge and Ornamental Ironworkers since 1949-- building many of the Philadelphia skyscrapers and surrounding area buildings and bridges. In the early 60s, he helped build the King of Prussia Church of Christ and served as a deacon. When the Northeastern Junior Christian College was being built in Villanova, he traveled with the first President of the college, Dr. Elza Huffard, to solicit funds for its start. He enjoyed vegetable gardening and was well-respected for his lawn and flower gardens. His quirky and dry sense of humor, along with his selflessness and giving heart, could diffuse any situation and throw questions into any conversation. Although not given an extensive formal education, Lew was quite schooled in life--it's joys and challenges--and family and friends were gifted with his shared knowledge to move them through their own lives more successfully. His girls and extended family will greatly miss his counsel and guidance. The family deeply thanks the staff of Golden Living Center in Phoenixville and AseraCare Hospice of Exton for their dedicated and focused assistance. Services will be held at Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, on Friday, June 22, 2013. The viewing will be from 10-11:00 AM, followed by a short service at 11:00 AM, and immediately followed by his burial at Washington Memorial Chapel Cemetery located in Valley Forge National Historical Park at noon. Condolences may be offered online by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

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Coyle Funeral Home - August 01, 2013 at 12:10 PM

KV

“ Barbara and family,  
I was sorry to hear of Lew's death. He sounds like a person that enjoyed his life. We miss you as a neighbor and wish you health and good years.

Kathy Vasko - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

SG

“ I'm so sorry to hear Lew's passing. I give my condolences to the whole family. Shelby

Shelby Gordon - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

MF

“ My family couldn't have asked for a better or more caring roommate for my husband Fred as he was losing his courages fight at the Golden Living Center."Lew" or "Henry" was always watching over him and keeping us aware of how my husband spent his nights or even the hours when a family member could not be with him. May God Bless his family as we were Blessed to have known him.

Mabel Schutz & Family - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM

TL

“ Laurie and family - We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers and know God will be with you, as will the memories of your father to comfort you. God Bless!

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**Tammy & Brian Lahue** - July 19, 2013 at 08:33 AM