



## Horace Norman Fortner

May 10, 1940 - October 4, 2025

Horace Norman Fortner, age 85, of Arab, Alabama passed away October 04, 2025 at Diversicare Nursing Home in Arab. Horace was born in Cullman County, Alabama to E.A. "Dock" and Burney Duvall Fortner. He was married to Bobbie Travis Fortner for 62 years. Horace and Bobbie spent the early years of their marriage living in the Big Cove community of Huntsville. After the birth of their two children, Philip and Angie, the family moved to Arab and built their family home in which Bobbie still resides.

In addition to his parents, Horace was preceded in death by his beloved son, Philip. Also preceding him in death were three brothers: Donald Fortner, Cary Fortner and Robert Fortner and three sisters: Gladys Byrom, Helen Stillwell and Sue Sadler.

Horace is survived by his wife, Bobbie, his daughter Angela Williss (Scott), grandson Andrew Fortner (Kelsey), granddaughter Lindsey Purviance (Steve), grandson Jackson Williss (Sara Beth), grandson Nick Williss (Cenzley), great-grandsons Knox Fortner, Pierce Fortner, and Judd Fortner, and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the wonderful staff at Diversicare Nursing Home and Compassus Hospice for their unwavering support and care shown to Horace and to the family.

The family will receive friends on Friday October 10th, from 10:30am-12:30pm at the Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. The graveside service will immediately follow at 1:00pm at Brooklyn Cemetery in Holly Pond, with Verlon Willmon and Andrew Fortner officiating.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Horace's memory, donations can be made online to Compassus

Hospice ([compassuslivingfoundation.org](http://compassuslivingfoundation.org)) or by mail to Bonds Chapel Holiness Church (C/O Bro. Verlon Willmon, 3480 Creek Circle, Guntersville, AL 35976).

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Brooklyn Cemetery

Cullman County  
Holly Pond, AL 35083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 10. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel  
1340 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-4100

## Graveside Service

OCT 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brooklyn Cemetery  
Cullman County  
Holly Pond, AL 35083

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Some of the best memories of Horace involved singing and listening to him and my dad talk about the many pranks they pulled as teenagers. He will be missed for sure.* ”



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**Cara Guffey** - October 09, 2025 at 09:33 PM

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“ *I was blessed to have helped in the care of Mr. Fortner while he was at Diversicare of Arab. He was such a precious man and I know his friends and family will miss him so much. Praying for all of you!* ”

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**Jessica Coby** - October 06, 2025 at 06:24 PM