



Royce Carson Holton

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Royce Carson Holton, 73, of Hortense died early Sunday morning at his residence after an extended illness.

He was a native of Jeff Davis County but had lived the past 20 years in Hortense. He was son of the late James Holton and Mattie Pope Holton and was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Louise Nix, three brothers, Ernest, James and Ike Holton. Royce was a retired carpenter and a member of New Hope Congregational Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Carol Sowell Holton of Hortense, five sons, Teddy Waters (Ella), Sweetwater, TN, Raymond Holton (Linda) of Yulee, FL, Roy Waters of Hoboken, Wade Holton (Omergene) and Roger Holton all of Hortense, two daughters, Janice Waters of Waycross and Lynn Brantley (Michael) of Hortense, a brother, Bill Holton of Jacksonville, FL, two sisters, Marcella Manalo and Joyce Reyes of Alma, also 12 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Crosby funeral home with Rev. Dennis Hickox officiating. Interment will follow in New Hope Church Cemetery in Bacon County. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home Monday between 6-9 p.m. and are meeting at the residence in Hortense.

Family members will serve as active pallbearers. Crosby Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.