



# Darrell G. Hensley

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**D**arrell Gene Hensley, of Heath, Ohio, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 30, 2021. Darrell was born in Dyersburg, TN on May 8, 1935.

He is survived by his “first” (and only) wife of 65 years, Elaine (Croy) Hensley.

Darrell cherished his family. He enjoyed singing gospel music. He was a fun-loving individual who made friends wherever he went. He had a strong work ethic and wanted everything done yesterday.

Darrell spent most of his working life driving a truck (B&L, Allied Van Lines, OK Trucking, and TNT Holland) and farming. After retiring, Darrell’s love of horses became evident. He enjoyed riding and offered wagon rides to many with his draft horses. His love of horses, and his love for the outdoors, provided a perfect segue for working for the Licking County Park District. Darrell became an advocate for the Park, spending nearly 10 years there, first as a volunteer, then as an employee. He was known for his saying “Keep the parks in our hearts.” In 2012, Infirmity Mound Park honored Darrell’s service by naming one of the horse trails after him.

In addition to his loving wife, Darrell is survived by his children, Christie (Jeff) Kasson, Barry Hensley; grandchildren, Kristofer (Megan) Kasson, and Jennifer Kasson; great-grandchildren, Logan and James Kasson; sister-in-law, Sally Croy; and Gary Zigan, farmhand, over many years, who became a member of the Hensley family.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents Frances and Boyd Hensley; grandparents, Rosetta and Spurgeon Ray; sister Gladys (Bill) Winters; and brother Johnny (Margie) Hensley.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Darrell’s life at 2 p.m. January 8, 2022 at the Heath Church of Christ, 1331 Chapel Way, Heath with Dave Mason officiating. The family requests that masks be worn, and social distancing be observed.



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The family would like to acknowledge and thank Hospice of Central Ohio for the excellent care they provided Darrell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Licking County Park District; Heath Church of Christ; or Hospice of Central Ohio.

The Newark Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.



## Tribute Wall

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CW

**Carol Whitaker** posted:

Elaine, Christie and Barry we are so sorry for your loss. We have been praying for your family during this time. Darrell was such a wonderful man. He had a heart of gold and a great sense of humor. May you feel God's peace and presence as you go through this difficult time. God Bless, Jeff and Carol Whitaker

January 9 at 8:57 AM

DL

**Diana Loewendick** posted:

Dear Elaine and Family, So sorry to hear about the loss of Darrell. Glad you and your family have lots of good memories to hold close. God Bless, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you .Gus&Jane Lombardo, and Families

January 8 at 12:35 PM

VZ

**Vickie & Steve Zigan** posted:

Elaine and family, Steve and I are so very for the loss of Darrell. Know that he is with his lord and savior. Prayers for your family.

January 8 at 6:07 AM

SD

**Sherry Devault** posted:

Elaine, Chris & Barry, so sorry to hear of Darrell's passing but know that he is with Jesus right now He and John can spend time talking over old times at Union Station Church while up there. John has been gone 5 years as of 2/14/22 and I miss him still. I know what your are going through now and in the future. If you need someone to talk to, just call. Darrell was a fun guy to be around and will be missed by all who knew him. Just keep looking up and you will see him again some day. Because of the pandemic, I have been staying home to be safe. So I will not be attending the celebration with you but I will be thinking of you. Love and prayers, Sherry DeVault

January 6 at 1:27 PM

LD

**Lyle And Donna Dudgeon** posted:

Elaine and family....We are very sorry to hear this news. He was a good man. We are not in the states right now, so cannot attend celebration but know that our prayers are with you. Hugs

January 6 at 7:03 AM



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DW

**David & Sharon Wills** posted:

Dear Elaine: We are so sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. It is a great loss to everyone. Our families have been friends with Darrell and his family for over seventy years. We are in Florida for a couple of weeks before the rush or we would be at the celebration of Darrell's life. Let me know if I can help in any way, or you have any questions going forward. Our prayers are with you. Dave & Sharon Wills

January 6 at 7:00 AM

BA

**Bill & Shirley Anderson** posted:

We often think and are thankful of our good old days but life goes on here on earth. Remember the hereafter is a better place Darrell is enjoying. God's peace! Bill & Shirley

January 5 at 7:25 AM

IS

**Ian Sudol** posted:

Elaine and Family, Lisa and I are profoundly sorry for your loss. Daryl was a miraculous man, he bettered everyone's life who knew him. He will be sorely missed. Love and prayers to you all.

January 5 at 4:54 AM

JB

**John Black** posted:

Darrell hired me to take his corn crop one year. That's how I got to know him. He was a good guy. I especially enjoyed working with his brother John at Owens Corning for several years and who died way too early. My condolences to Darrell's family.

January 5 at 3:24 AM

JF

**Joyce Fromm** posted:

What an awesome man! I know he's in a better place, no more pain and suffering. Wish I could be there. I'm sure him and daddy are having a grand old time. Love, peace and prayers.

January 4 at 4:36 PM



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