

## Harold Vontress

January 17, 1921 - March 24, 2022

### His Life & Legacy

Harold Vontress was born on, January 17, 1921, to the union of Donnie Elizabeth Brown Vontress and Bennie "Bud" Lucien Vontress in Alvaton, Kentucky. Harold's dad needed his help with the family farm, so he was unable to complete his formal education. But Harold did learn good work ethics, shaping and molding him into the man that we all knew and love. Harold, affectionately nicknamed "Slim," worked at Riley's' Bakery for over 30 years. After retiring from the bakery, Harold did lawn care, even to the age of 90, until he broke his hip.

Harold and the late Myrtle Ruth Lillard were united in marriage in, Alvaton, Kentucky, on December 4, 1948. Harold professed a hope in Christ at an early age with Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and trustee for many years, and later in his life became a member of Eleventh Street Baptist Church, where he also served as a deacon. He deeply loved his church family.

Harold's hobbies included fishing and gardening, he enjoyed sharing his vegetables with neighbors and friends. You would often find him talking with people and sharing his life stories, making them laugh or smile the next time they would meet. Harold always looked forward to participating in the annual

family baskets dinners in Alvaton.

Harold would never meet a stranger, his neighbors thought greatly of him. He would often share doughnuts, cakes, and pies from Riley's Bakery. He was famous for his treats. He shared his wisdom, which turned into so many acts of kindness throughout the community. He never lost sight of his faith and his love of God. That too, Harold shared.

Harold received the first 100 Club plaque from the Eleventh Street Baptist Church, he received a written declaration from the Mayor of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and an award from Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. All of which to place when he reached age 100 in January of 2021. An outstanding man, citizen, and servant of the Lord.

Folks would ask Harold if there was a secret to his longevity and he would reply, there isn't any secret. I accepted Jesus Christ and made a commitment to a clean living in my early 60's. I feel as if God showed me favor in order to serve my fellow man. Help my neighbors and share advice if they ask.

Harold passed peacefully in his sleep and went home to be with the Lord, on March 24, 2022, at the age of 101 years, 2 months, and 7 days.

Harold "Slim" Vontress leaves to cherish his memory: his nieces, nephews, cousins, and great friends. Harold was preceded in death by his siblings: Arthur Venerable, James Bill, John Lucien, Eugene, Clemmont Evind, Benjamin Ted, George (died at birth) Vontress, Lillie M. Vontress Manuel, June Vontress Edison, Liza Morrow, and Irene Gilbert.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery

125 Sandstone Way  
Alvaton, KY 42122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eleventh Street Baptist Church  
1035 Kenton Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

## \*Services To Be Live-Streamed Via Eleventh Street Baptist Church Facebook Page\*

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Eleventh Street Baptist Church  
1035 Kenton Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

## Funeral Service

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Eleventh Street Baptist Church  
1035 Kenton Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101



# Tribute Wall



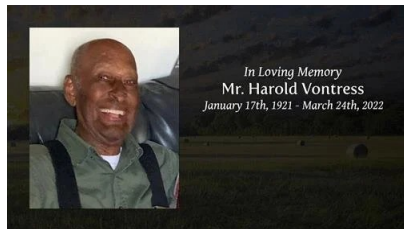
“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a <https://www.facebook.com/eleventhstreetbc/> in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - April 01, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - March 31, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Dr. And Mrs. LaMark Carver lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Dr. and Mrs. LaMark Carver** - April 02, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**William Walker** - April 01, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ *Vonda Yocum lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**vonda yocum** - April 01, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ *Gerald and Barbara Cosby Whitney*



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**Barbara Cosby Whitney** - April 01, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family.*



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**Barbara Cosby Whitney** - April 01, 2022 at 01:49 PM

GW

“ *Our prayers are with the family.*



**Gerald Barbara Cosby Whitney** - April 01, 2022 at 01:47 PM

BN

“ *Bryan R. Ellis and Family, great nephew purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harold Vontress.*



**Bryan R. Ellis and Family, great nephew** - April 01, 2022 at 10:38 AM

GB

“ *Gladys Beason lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Gladys Beason** - March 31, 2022 at 09:21 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Barbara Page** - March 31, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



LIVELY-CLARK - March 31, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Rest in Heavenly peace, Uncle Harold.*



Sharon Haynie - March 30, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *I love you ❤️ You will be forever missed.....*

*With all my love,  
Your favorite niece 💖*



Asti Offutt - March 30, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Kendra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Kendra Lewis - March 30, 2022 at 09:58 AM

RP

“ Raymond & Robbie Potter sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress



Raymond & Robbie Potter - March 30, 2022 at 12:01 AM

AB

“ Alice Boards lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Alice Boards - March 29, 2022 at 11:15 PM

DA

“ DONNA ANTHONY lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



DONNA ANTHONY - March 29, 2022 at 09:51 PM

DB

“ DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family - March 29, 2022 at 09:34 PM

LW

“ Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Loretha Withrow - March 29, 2022 at 08:07 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Lisa - March 29, 2022 at 05:30 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Lisa - March 29, 2022 at 05:29 PM

SF

“ It Truly has been a Blessing being his stepdaughter every since he's been at Eleventh Street Baptist Church. I'll Miss You StepDaddy, R.I.P & Heaven 🕊️🕊️🕊️ I Love You ❤️🌹🌹🌹🌹



Shell &The Entire Heater Family - March 29, 2022 at 03:19 PM

MT

“ *Mareika Tisdale lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Mareika Tisdale - March 29, 2022 at 02:06 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Whitney lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Peggy Whitney - March 29, 2022 at 12:02 PM

SF

“ *Shell &The Entire Heater Family lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Shell &The Entire Heater Family - March 29, 2022 at 02:55 AM

BD

“ *Brenda Dunn lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Brenda Dunn - March 29, 2022 at 01:29 AM

NM

“ *Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Nathaniel Bernadine Martin** - March 28, 2022 at 08:25 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jewell sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Debra jewell** - March 28, 2022 at 05:53 PM

RW

“ *Rev.-Sis. J. L. Williams lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Rev.-Sis. J. L. Williams** - March 28, 2022 at 08:36 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**kenetha bryant** - March 28, 2022 at 08:25 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**kenetha bryant** - March 28, 2022 at 08:24 AM

RA

“ *Rev. Thomas & Patricia Anthony lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Rev. Thomas & Patricia Anthony** - March 27, 2022 at 11:40 PM

LC

“ *Laura Johnson Carver lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Laura Johnson Carver** - March 27, 2022 at 06:07 PM

ES

“ *Edwin & Jakki Snowden lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Edwin & Jakki Snowden** - March 27, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *Darlene Collins lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Darlene Collins** - March 27, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ *Rest in peace Uncle Harold.*



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**Linda Marshall Jones** - March 27, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Nell Ruth Hill & Family lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Nell Ruth Hill & Family** - March 27, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Henry & Mirt Shelton lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Henry & Mirt Shelton** - March 27, 2022 at 10:58 AM

BA

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Barbee's - March 27, 2022 at 08:31 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Brenda Williams - March 26, 2022 at 07:15 PM

CR

“ *Charletta Ray lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Charletta Ray - March 26, 2022 at 06:44 PM

SH

“ *Suzanne Howard lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



Suzanne Howard - March 26, 2022 at 01:38 PM

WP

“ *Wintress Parker lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Wintress Parker** - March 26, 2022 at 12:41 PM

SW

“ *Sheena Withrow lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Sheena Withrow** - March 26, 2022 at 11:18 AM

NL

“ *Nathaniel & DeAnna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Nathaniel & DeAnna Lewis** - March 26, 2022 at 11:17 AM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Wanda Anthony** - March 26, 2022 at 01:20 AM

MW

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Vontress passing. He was such a Christian gentleman and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He has been a solid citizen in Warren County for 101 years; that's a blessing! My prayers and thoughts are with you, Vontress Family.



Mamie Wardlow - March 26, 2022 at 12:20 AM

EB

“ Edward And Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Edward and Deborah Bufford - March 25, 2022 at 09:39 PM

CO

“ Chantay Offutt & Asti Offutt lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Chantay Offutt & Asti Offutt - March 25, 2022 at 07:11 PM

LM

“ Lolita Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress



Lolita Martin - March 25, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *To the Vondress Family: WOW!! 101 years old!!!! Any death creates a void in a family, but when someone of this vintage passes on, The whole world loses something and what a WONDERFUL/FAITHFUL life Deacon Vontress lived in it. He was a good man. One who brought cheer and hope wherever he went. You see, It was GOD who blessed Deacon Vontress with that long long life because he knew WE really needed him down here a long long time so we could actually see what REAL FAITH and REAL STRENGTH actually looks like. Finally Family, I join with so many others who knew Deacon Vontress in offering my prayers and deepest sympathy.*



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**Yvonne Williams** - March 25, 2022 at 05:49 PM

SB

“ *Shelia Beck lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Shelia Beck** - March 25, 2022 at 05:19 PM

WB

“ *Many prayers and condolences to the family of the late Harold Vontress...*



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**Willa Blewett** - March 25, 2022 at 04:53 PM

DO

“ *Doraconyers@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**doraconyers@gmail.com** - March 25, 2022 at 04:49 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jewell lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Debra jewell** - March 25, 2022 at 04:16 PM

ME

“ *Mary Eason lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**Mary Eason** - March 25, 2022 at 03:53 PM

DB

“ *DeWanda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



**DeWanda Byrd** - March 25, 2022 at 02:02 PM

LM

“ Lolita Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress



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**Lolita Martin** - March 25, 2022 at 01:56 PM

LM

“ Lolita Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress



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**Lolita Martin** - March 25, 2022 at 01:56 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



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**cheryl hewitt** - March 25, 2022 at 01:17 PM

WF

“ William Walker Fuzzydee6ww@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



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**William walker fuzzydee6ww@gmail.com** - March 25, 2022 at 01:00 PM

DE

“ *Deborah lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Deborah** - March 25, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Berona Massey** - March 25, 2022 at 12:19 PM

RP

“ *Rodney Parrish lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Rodney Parrish** - March 25, 2022 at 12:06 PM

GW

“ *Gwen lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Gwen** - March 25, 2022 at 11:48 AM

SF

“ Sue Sweatt And Family lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Sue Sweatt and family - March 25, 2022 at 10:09 AM

RM

“ Ruth Morrow lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Ruth Morrow - March 25, 2022 at 09:59 AM

WB

“ Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of Harold Vontress



Wathetta Buford - March 25, 2022 at 09:30 AM

MC

“ Mary Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress



Mary Cole - March 25, 2022 at 07:24 AM

MC

“ *Mr. Harold lived a long and wonderful life. My sympathy to his family, I know you have lots of wonderful memories that will sustain you through this difficult time. Rest on Mr. Harold you have earned it.*



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**Mary Cole** - March 25, 2022 at 07:23 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Vontress*



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**Mary Cole** - March 25, 2022 at 07:19 AM



“ *Dear Vontress Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - March 25, 2022 at 06:35 AM