

HENLEY, JAMES, MELBOURNE, "TY," 89, passed away January 31, 2009, at his home on Signal Mountain, TN after a valiant fight against cancer. He was born December 25, 1919, in Tracy City, TN, son of James Campbell Henley and Blanche Payne Henley. As a left-handed pitcher on the local baseball team, he acquired the nickname of "Ty" after the renowned Ty Cobb. During World War II, he honorably served his country 39 months in the Air Force Pacific Theatre. He retired from Crane Company with 30 years service as a machinist. He was a member of Signal Crest Methodist Church, Signal Mountain, TN, and served as treasurer of his Parks Fellowship Sunday School class. He was an avid and skilled gardener, especially known for his tomatoes, sharing his abundant crop with friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Robert, Edwin, and Earl Henley. He is survived by brother Kenneth Henley, Blackshear, GA; two sisters, Eleanor H. Hubbard and Dorothy H. Nation, both of Signal Mountain; and several nieces and nephews. Ty was truly a kind and gentle man. He took great joy in all his nieces and nephews and treated them as if they were his own children. Graveside services were held Sunday, February 1 at the family plot in Tracy City, TN cemetery, with his pastor, Rev. Mark Gooden, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Signal Crest Methodist Church, 1005 Ridgeway Avenue, Signal Mountain, TN 37377; Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416; or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Foster and Lay Funeral Home, Tracy City, TN.