



Wayne Henderson Gregory

August 30, 1938 - July 27, 2025

Wayne Henderson Gregory, age 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 27, 2025, in Tallahassee, FL. He was born to Thomas Monroe and Mary Henderson Gregory at home in Scotland, FL, on August 30, 1938.

Wayne grew up on the Gregory family farm in Havana and attended Havana High School. After earning his business administration degree at FSU, Wayne decided to go into the family business. He became a shade tobacco farmer, which was a significant cultural and economic industry of Gadsden County at the time. He also raised cattle and hogs and was a vegetable farmer. Once the tobacco industry started to decline, he and his siblings purchased The Planter's Exchange in 1980, which his father and uncles originally organized around 1928. Wayne later became the sole owner. The Planter's Exchange was a farm supply business that specialized in feed, seed, hardware, and specialty fertilizer mixes for farmers and locals. He continued to expand and operate The Planter's Exchange for over 40 years until 2022. In 1999, it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

Wayne is survived by his children, Lisa Carson (Leonard) of Tallahassee, FL, and Angie Brock (Monty) of Acworth, GA; seven grandchildren, Trevor, Mary Michaela (Jack), Frank, Kaitlyn, Andrew (Emily), Ben (Caroline), and Luke; one great-grandchild, Steele; two siblings, Phyllis Hatcher (Charles - deceased) and Ervin Gregory (Beverly); and several cousins, nieces, and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter Robin Teresa, his parents, and his brother Tim.

A private family graveside memorial will be held at Woodland Cemetery in Havana, FL, on August 30, 2025.

Memorial contributions can be made in Wayne's memory to the Alzheimer's Project in Tallahassee (<https://alzheimersproject.org>).

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Gregory family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Woodland Cemetery

West 4th St.
Havana, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ Wayne and I grew up together from diapers, the Havana school system, two years as college roommates, weddings, children, and life. I moved away from Havana many years ago and looked forward to visiting with Wayne and us getting together with some of old Havana High Class of '56 buddies on my returns to town. For years we shared a close friendship filled with good times and good memories.

One of my fondest memories of Wayne was of his love of the song Danny Boy. Many times, I heard him break out singing or humming it. We would be hunting deer or trying to catch the hounds in the river swamps, in our room at college studying, walking a few blocks to the What a Burger, or just hanging out around the corner store in Scotland, and he would start. He always seemed happy and at peace while singing. Now the pipes have called.

Soon to meet again,

Jim Henry Slappey

James Henry Slappey - August 30, 2025 at 08:53 AM

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“ RIP Wayne. I am honored to be your friend.

Garrett Miller - August 24, 2025 at 12:22 PM

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“ I was a classmate of wayne at Havana high school from 1st grade to graduation. He was always easy going and ready to help out in any situation. He was Planters Exchange and always glad to see his fellow classmates drop in for a visit. Our class is losing members way too often now. He will be missed.



Patsy Fischer Poppell - August 18, 2025 at 05:48 AM