



Cecil C. Holt, Jr.

October 28, 1938 - February 5, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Cecil Holt. On Thursday, February 5, 2026, shortly after midnight, Cecil finally "officially retired" on this side of Heaven at the age of 87. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving wife of 66 years, Lucille, and his children. We are heartbroken, but we find peace knowing we will see him again.

Cecil C. Holt, Jr. was born on October 28, 1938, in Ambrose, Georgia, to the late Cecil Claude Holt and the late Lillie Bordeaux Holt. He married his sweetheart, Lucille Mancil on June 21, 1959, and through the course of their 66-year marriage they raised 4 children and poured love and devotion into a large and happy family.

Cecil founded Holt's Bakery, Inc. in 1965, pouring his heart and soul into a business that two generations later still carries his name. Many of you know his work ethic was unmatched, but some may not know that 30 years ago, he was given only a single-digit chance of survival after a major heart attack. The Lord mercifully spared him then, granting us three more decades of his wisdom and wit. He retired from the bakery shortly after his heart attack. Even in retirement, Cecil never stopped creating. Whether it was the Nut Wizard, the Corn Creamer, a Children's Book or his next big idea, he lived by a "never give up" code.

Cecil is survived by his loving wife Lucille Mancil Holt; one daughter, Lucinda Ann Holt Spivey and husband Paul of Douglas, Georgia; three sons: Dewayne Holt and wife Debbie of Douglas, Georgia, Lloyd Holt of Douglas, Georgia, and Howard Holt and wife Kathy of Ambrose Georgia; eleven grandchildren: Marshall and wife Jessi Spivey, Garrett and wife Kacey Spivey, Kyle and wife Noemi Holt, Melissa and John Ott, Heather and Kevin Carter, Robert Hypes, Stephen and Jennifer Sears, Justin Holt, Ryan Holt, Andrew and Charity Holt, Alex and Houston Holt; twenty-five great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren; along with several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Along with his parents, Cecil Claude and Lillie Bordeaux Holt, Cecil was preceded in death by five brothers: Dewey Holt, Johnny Holt, Orman Holt, Earlie Holt, and Allie Holt; along with four sisters: Wilamae, Hazel, Beatrice, and Linda.

Cecil's family will receive friends on Sunday evening, February 8, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Eastside Baptist Church. His funeral will be held on Monday morning, 11:00 AM at Eastside Baptist Church. Memorialization by cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Eastside Baptist Church in Cecil's honor.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be shared with Cecil's family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Cecil's final arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Eastside Baptist Church
1220 Bryan Street East
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-1225

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ricketson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cecil C. Holt, Jr.*



Ricketson Funeral Home - February 08 at 10:20 AM

JC

I always enjoyed when he came by the office to get something that would help him on one of his many projects. He was extremely creative and was a great example for all of us to follow. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family for the days ahead. May the void of his passing be filled with the spirit of our Heavenly Father.

JOEY CHANCEY - February 08 at 05:41 PM

DH

“ *Mama Margaret Harrell Hayes taught Cecil & his older Brother 5th or 6 grade Mama appreciated Cecil's kindness to her Cecil baked cupcakes & cakes to Amin & bragged on mama every day her memories of Holt brothers made her smile from ear to ear*



Dewey Hayes - February 09 at 08:43 PM

CW

“ Cecil and his family have been a tremendous Blessing to us. We became friends over time and the marvelous Holt's Nut Wizard tool. Thousands of people use tools he created to save time and back breaking work. I greatly admire him and his family for their Love and acknowledgment of God, their care and compassion for their community, their dedication and service to the USA, and the excellent products they created.

Charlotte L Waltz - February 09 at 07:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecil C. Holt, Jr..



February 09 at 05:08 PM

CF

“ Conrad Harper and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecil C. Holt, Jr..

Conrad Harper and Family. - February 09 at 05:08 PM

KC

“ Mr Holt was kind man he was very good to my husband worked for him for 16 years and my husband loved him very

Kathy Cortez - February 09 at 08:29 AM

MW

“ *Melinda Wicker lit a candle in memory of Cecil C. Holt, Jr.*



Melinda Wicker - February 08 at 02:38 PM



“ *Tammy Merritt lit a candle in memory of Cecil C. Holt, Jr.*



Tammy Merritt - February 08 at 10:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil C. Holt, Jr..*



February 07 at 09:44 AM

EB

“ *Elwood Harper, Edward & Michele Beverly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecil C. Holt, Jr..*

Elwood Harper, Edward & Michele Beverly - February 07 at 09:44 AM

JG

“ *A humble servant of God and to the people.*

Jean Gooden - February 06 at 03:25 PM

JB

I will miss my friend.

James J Brown - February 06 at 05:29 PM

JB

I will miss my friend

James J Brown - February 06 at 05:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil C. Holt, Jr..*



February 06 at 06:54 AM

KS

“ *Kyle and Jennifer Spivey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cecil Holt.*

Kyle and Jennifer Spivey - February 06 at 06:54 AM