



# Henry Jennings Rou II

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**H**enry Jennings Rou II passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2022 after an extended illness. Jennings was born in Leesburg, Florida, the son of Henry Jennings Rou Sr. and Martha Albright Rou.

Jennings attended school in Tavares, Florida. After graduation he attended the University of Florida before enlisting in the US Air Force in his Freshman year. He served for over two years in England with the Strategic Air Command. Upon his return, he attended Florida Southern College and graduated with a Degree in Business and a Minor in Citrus. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and active in the Citrus Club, which would later become his life's work. He has been involved with Florida Southern College for many years and was chosen to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013.

In 1962, Jennings began his 50 plus year career in the Citrus Industry. He formed his company, H. Jennings Rou, Inc. in 1966, a full-service citrus business. He was well known for his quality fresh fruit, and his famous Rainbow brand topped the New York Auction for several years.

Jennings was a leader in the Citrus Industry, serving for 20 years as Director of Florida Orange Marketers, which was the grower arm of Minute Maid. He served as Chairman of the Board and Chairman Emeritus. During his tenure the organization expanded statewide.

Jennings was a Director of Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association for 27 years, serving as President of The Florida East Coast Travel Association, a subsidiary of FFVA.

He was a Director of Florida Citrus Packers and of the Seald Sweet Sales Cooperative, and was a member and President of Lake Orange Extension Advisory Committee. He held a seat on The Citrus Associates of the NY Cotton Exchange.

Although Jennings made many contributions to the Citrus Industry, his optimism, experience and leadership during the devastating freezes of the 1980s made a large impact on the industry.



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Jennings joined the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis in 1960 and served as an Elder, Deacon and a member of the Chancel Choir for many years.

An avid golfer, he was an early patron of the Florida Citrus Open Golf Tournament and was President of Pine Meadows Country Club in Eustis.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ann Huffstetler Rou; his daughter Jennifer (Mark) Woodbury, son Henry Jennings (Diane) Rou III, daughter Alison (Liz Tigelaar) Rou; his grandchildren, Abigail (Stewart) Roulston, Grace Woodbury, William Matthew Rou, and Wilder Henry Tigelaar-Rou; great grandson, Theodore Henry Roulston and his sister-in-law Linda Rou. He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Albright Rou, Sr. He has a large extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family is so thankful for his wonderful loving caregivers throughout his illness.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis, 117 South Center Street, Eustis, Florida on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00am.

Memorial gifts can be made to The First Presbyterian Church of Eustis, 117 South Center Street, Eustis, Florida 32726 or to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared on the tribute wall.




# Events


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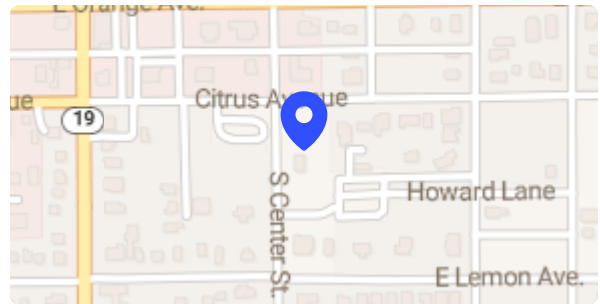
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## Funeral Ceremony


 **Saturday**, December 17, 2022

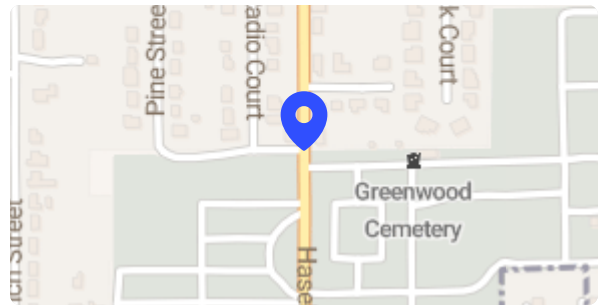
 11:00 AM ET

 **First Presbyterian Church of Eustis**  
117 S Center St, Eustis FL 32726



## Cemetery Details

 **Greenwood Cemetery**  
220 Haselton Street, Eustis FL 32726





## Tribute Wall

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PB

**Peggy Berutich** posted:

Ann, we are so sorry for your loss. God bless you and stand by you side. Tom and Peggy Berutich

December 16 at 4:52 AM

KT

**Keith Townsley** posted:

Jennings was a good man and a friend in our church choir for years. He will be missed.

December 15 at 1:40 PM

AS

**Anita Simpson** posted:

What a blessing for being able to share each other's love for 62 years. Jennings was such a kind and gentle man. My prayers go out to you and your family. Love, Anita Simpson

December 15 at 5:18 AM

SB

**Skip And Ginger Babb** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rou/Huffstetler family. We have been blessed to know them our entire lives and applaud the influence and contributions that Jennings made to our community. God Bless.

December 14 at 3:16 PM

SS

**Susan Salazar** posted:

Ann, I am so sorry for your dear loss of a wonderful man and husband. If there is anything that I can do, please let me know. I will miss our conversations at Lisa's.

December 13 at 3:48 AM

LM

**Lynn Miles** posted:

Ann, thinking of you and the family. I know it is a sad time. Lynn Miles

December 11 at 12:45 PM



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LM

**Loretta Maimone** posted:

When I met Jennings many years ago, I remember being so impressed with his calm demeanor and willingness to help. You have contributed so much to our Eustis community and will always be remembered with a smile and joy in our hearts for being a friend and helping so many along the way. May you rest in peace and watch over Ann and the family from above. Loretta Maimone

December 11 at 9:34 AM

JC

**Judy Carter** December 14 at 1:30 PM

What a great loss this is to Ann and their families and the community! I met Jennings at Ann's when they were dating. Such a wonderful husband, father and community leader. Rest In Peace, Jennings. My prayers for Ann and the family. Judy Carter

MR

**Marilyn Royals** posted:

Our deepest condolences to Ann and family in the loss of Jennings. He was a pillar in our community and a friend to so many. May God comfort you and give you peace in the days ahead. Blessings, Homer & Marilyn

December 11 at 8:08 AM

HR

**Henry Jennings Rou Iii** posted:

From a very young age, Dad's Christian faith was central to his life. He provided spiritual leadership to our family, faithfully pointing us to Christ. He was a quiet yet beautiful testimony of his faith in how he lived his life and modeled these values through his character. He was gifted with a beautiful voice that shined in his many years in the church choir. We cherish the memories of our time together and will carry them in our hearts forever. While his earthly life is completed, we are grateful for the assurance of his eternity in heaven with a much deserved greeting from Jesus - "well done, My good and faithful servant!" You will be missed, Dad, but we look forward to the certainty of our future heavenly reunion. We love you so much, Jennings, Diane, & Matthew

December 11 at 5:26 AM

DM

**Donna F. Miller** December 15 at 1:53 AM

My condolences to Ann and the rest of the Rou family. Donna F. Miller

BD

**Barbee Dyer** December 12 at 7:52 AM

What a wonderful tribute to a kind and loving man, and a testament to a life well-lived in service to his Savior!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Henry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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