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Elizabethton lost one of its most beloved citizens Sunday in the death of Marshall Horton.

"Hort," as he was known to his many friends was 87 years old. He was sort of a 'fixture' around town, as he had worked for years at the Barnes-Boring Hardware. Hort had retired only months ago after the hardware's longtime owner, Harry Hathaway died, and the store was sold.

Probably, Marshall Horton was one of the best-known, if not

the humblest person in town. He was almost a celebrity. He was a gentle man, who always had a kind and friendly word for all.

He liked his work in town, as he made deliveries and did errands for the hardware store, and in later years became the hardware owner's righthand man. He was just like family to the Hathaways, whom he had worked with the most of his life.

Hort was a veteran, having served in World War I.

He was just one of those special people around town that everyone liked. He represented a generation that is quickly fading — the downhome image.

In his own way, Marshall Horton chiseled his name in this town's memory — simply by being a friendly, kind gentleman.