



Essie Colleen Henry

September 15, 1962 - December 28, 2019

Essie Colleen Henry was born on September 15, 1962 in Richmond, Virginia. She was the fourth eldest child of Deacon William R. and Deaconess Annie E. Johnson. She passed from this life onto her eternal reward on Saturday, December 28, 2019.

Essie attended Richmond Public Schools, graduating from Jefferson-Huguenot-Wythe High School in 1980. Essie married her high school sweetheart, Richard Henry, moved to Newport News, VA and started their family. There she trained and worked as a Certified Nurse Assistant and attended Thomas Nelson Community College. Upon relocating to Richmond, she attended and graduated from Janards Beauty School. She also worked as a legal secretary and recently as an assisted living caregiver at Heritage Green Assisted Living. Her entrepreneurial wisdom and spirit gave birth to Elsie Home Health Care and Elise Catering, where she used all of her expertise and experience to give stellar service.

Essie was saved and baptized at 21st Street Church of God. She was a dedicated member and servant of the church. As a youth, she sang in the children's Sunbeam Choir and was very active in the youth department. As an adult, she served as Women's President, Youth President, President of the Pastor's Aide Committee and President of the Johnson Family Choir. She was also a member of the Women's, Youth and Combined Choir where she loved playing her tambourine and showing the youth that there is joy in serving the Lord. Aside from her children, Essie's crowning jewel was serving as

Coordinator for the Outreach Ministry. This ministry was special to her in part because of her grandmother, Essie P. Jones who initiated this ministry. She took great joy in knowing that it helped to fight hunger in the community, both physically and spiritually.

Essie was an avid music lover, with gospel music being her favorite. Her hobbies included singing, cooking, shopping, decorating, reading by the fireplace and spending time with her granddaughter and godchildren. Essie loved her family. You could always find her helping at the many and various special occasions of her family especially birthday parties, cookouts, and family reunions.

Essie leaves behind to cherish her most precious memories her children, Richard Paul II, Erica Louise and William Edward Henry; granddaughter, Chassidy A. Henry; beloved parents, William Sr. and Annie E. Johnson; brother, William Johnson, Jr. (Latisha); sisters, Crystal Atkins (Julius), Sherry Dowling (Dallas), Virginia Johnson Stephens, Gloria Ann Hanson and Barbara Ann Rogers; mother-in-law, Annette Henry; two sisters-in-law, Maurica Cathell (Hassan) and Maria Bishop; one brother-in-law, Edmond Henry (Tiffany); five aunts, Louise Stephenson (Hubert), Mae Gatling (Pendleton, N.C.), Tillie Riddick, Barbara Jean Johnson and Dr. Margaret Brown; two uncles, Rev. Dr. L. A. Johnson, Jr. and Dr. V. M. Johnson (Evelyn); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends & extended family including Richard P. Henry, and her goddaughters, Shannithia Evans, Shaquita Evans and Angela Grant (Ta'Quan).

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

21st Street Church of God
1601 N. 21st Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Essie Colleen Henry*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To The Family Of Essie Henry! To God Be The Glory! You have my deepest sympathy in the homegoing of your dear love one! Always remember the good times you shared together here on Earth! Love never dies she will remain in your hearts forever. With Love Nancy Broadie, Triumphant Baptist Church*



Nancy Broadie - January 04, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *Sending Prayers To My Family With LOVE During This Time Of Loss! Cousin, YOU Are Truly LOVE And MISSED!*

LOVE ALWAYS,

Timothy A. Person

Timothy A. Person - January 04, 2020 at 03:02 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear this news. I have been memorializing on some of our times together growing up and I can truly say that Colleen was a dedicate, caring and honest friend. To the family, may God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Cecelia Hargrove - January 03, 2020 at 03:01 PM

DW

“ *My dear Essie, rest in peace and to the family in this difficult time may peace and love surrounds you..Drucilla*

Drucilla Webb - January 03, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Essie Colleen Henry.*



January 03, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Frederick Green lit a candle in memory of Essie Colleen Henry*



Frederick Green - January 01, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *TO, OUR FRIEND,, WE WILL MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH,, JACKIE, & FREDERICK GREEN ALWAYS LOVED TO SEE YOUR LOVELY SMILE ,, ANYTIME WE TALKED....
REST IN PEACE.
LOVE YOU,, THE
GREEN. FAMILY.

Frederick Green - January 01, 2020 at 12:30 PM

LC

“ I Am Saddened To Hear Of The Sudden Loss Essie You Were A Friend To Me As Well As A Loving Mother. I Will Never Forget You And Allowing Me To Be A Part Of Your Family. Your Work On Earth Has Been Completed. I Love You Always Louise Cabble Cary

Louise Cabble - December 31, 2019 at 02:07 PM

PJ

“ I extend my sympathy wishes and condolences to you Erica and the family of your beloved mother. I am deeply saddened with the sudden loss and pray that God will give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.

God Bless and keep you.
Penny Jones

Penny Jones - December 31, 2019 at 11:07 AM



To my cousins on your loss of your mom I pray that God gives peace and comfort. your cuz charles futrell Jr love y'all

Charles Futrell - January 03, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Essie Colleen Henry.



December 31, 2019 at 01:51 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 30, 2019 at 04:38 PM