



Rev. Harold Eugene Henry, Sr.

February 10, 1931 - June 11, 2019

His Life Journey

Rev. Harold Eugene Henry, Sr. was born February 10, 1931 to the late Mrs. Addie Henry in Westfield, New Jersey, he was one of nine children. On Tuesday, June 11, 2019, he was called home to receive his wings as one of the newest soldiers standing guard at the pearly gates for His Heavenly Father. He was preceded in death by his son, Harold E. Henry, Jr. whom he loved dearly; seven siblings, William Henry "Peco," Calvin Henry "Tab," Preece Henry, Leonard Henry, Edward Henry, Anne Gatling and Lois Henry.

Upon graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served during his youth and after over 20 years of service he retired. He served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and later returned to the states where he was one of the first soldiers in the United States integrated army in California. He finished his military career in Germany. His favorite word he brought back from Germany was "Danke Schon" (thank you) which he loved teaching to those he met.

His career didn't end with the military, he soon began working for the United Parcel Services (UPS) which he served delightfully for 25 years before working with the State Capital Police before retiring to enjoy the fruits of his bearing.

Rev. Henry was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church for many years. He confessed his love for Christ at an early age and loved God, his family and his church family. His love for music and praying for the sick, led him to create a traveling choir called the "Praying Band". He was a joyous light to all who knew him, for it was a unique ability to make everyone feel special. His spirit was full of hope, joy, love and kindness despite his illness.

Rev. Harold Henry leaves to cherish and honor his memory through: his wife, Joyce Ann Henry of 25 years; devoted bonus daughter, Iva Dance-Gilchrist (Troy); devoted brother Melvin Armstead (Barbara); sisters-in-laws; Marian Henry, Betty Robinson, Bertha Louise Allen, and Wanda Reynolds; devoted granddaughters: Danielle Cosby, Chelsi Dance, Andris Murray, and Monica King; devoted niece, Diane Henry-Jordan (Thomas); along with an abundance of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

viewing

JUN 17. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
4800 Francistown Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Harold Eugene Henry, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mr. Henry*

Darnell and I will forever be grateful for you becoming our daughter's PAPA and loving her unconditionally and was genuinely proud of her. You had the brightest and sweetest spirit and we would only feel joy being in your presence. You will truly be missed by all and i will never forget your birthday since it's two days after mine and I will cherish the memories of the times we celebrated together. I know you are Resting In Peace

Darnell & Vernell Cosby

Vernell Cosby - June 20, 2019 at 11:45 AM

DA

“ *My Sweet, Sweet Papa,
There’s not enough words to explain what you meant to me! My heart breaks just knowing I’ll never get to run into your arms and hug you again or listen to you tell the same stories about me over and over! I got the pleasure of being your first grand baby and as I kid I wanted for nothing because of you. Thank you for being one of my biggest supporters in my life! You were always so proud of me with everything I did! I’m going to miss your bright smile, your sweet spirit, and your loving heart! Although we are greatly saddened here from your absence, you’re no longer suffering! Heaven has gained an angel and I know you’re going to be watching over me everyday! You’ll forever be in my heart and I will forever cherish every moment and every memory with you! I love you so much Papa!!*
-Danielle

Danielle - June 20, 2019 at 10:38 AM

AN

“ Dear Papa,

You have always loved me and treated me as his own, so much that I don't remember a time that he was wasn't in my life. We had a very special connection. I loved listening to his countless stories about the war, his travels, and his childhood growing up, so much that I'd listen to him tell the same ones two or three times over. And he knew I loved to read, so he made sure I got every single issue of National Geographic that he received in the mail and would make me come back and tell him about them. As a child, I was quite sensitive, so not only did he teach me to stand up for myself, but he encouraged me and nurtured a potential I had not yet recognized in myself. He had the capacity to bring out the best in all of us, and that is why we all loved him. He met you where you were and found a way to connect with you. In his presence, we were all his family. For that, he will always hold a special place in my heart. Our papa ran a good course and left a foundation and legacy that will not be forgotten.

Andris-

Andris - June 19, 2019 at 08:34 PM

SW

“ *Uncle Hank, I'm sad to see you go. You will definitely be missed! I'm grateful for the pleasure of getting to know you and being accepted into the family. After losing my grandfather in 2015, I looked forward to visiting you and Aunt Joyce and listening to you tell stories about your life. Your personality brightened my day and you never failed to make me laugh. May you sleep in peace! Love you always.*

Shanelle Williams - June 19, 2019 at 04:09 PM

MO

“ Dear Papa, I am so grateful to be called your granddaughter.

From the first day we met until the day you took your last breath, you have always made me feel as one of your own. Papa you have always been a gentle soul, compassionate and loving. You have never found any faults in me. You have always been supportive from attending important events or just being there when I needed you the most. Over the years, we have shared many memories which I will never forget. Every time we visit you whether it was in rehab or in the hospital, you always were in good spirits unless I made you eat something because you didn't like the food they were trying to serve you. Over the last few months I watched you as you went from building up your strength by walking and talking to barely being able to walk or really communicate.

It was difficult to watch as you have always been independent, strong-willed and determined to do whatever your mind was set on. The last time we actually talked was the Friday night before you passed, you called me in the room grabbed my hand and kissed it and told me that you love me. I honestly believed that you knew your time here on Earth was coming to a close but of course you didn't tell me. No one would ever be able to replace you; honestly you were one of a kind. It was a blessing to know and love such a sweet person like you. As I am heartbroken that I will never be able to hug or laugh with you again I know that God is treating you amazing in Heaven. There are so many amazing things I could say about you, but I will close by saying I love you and deeply will miss you things will never be the same without you. Love you papa forever!

Monica -

Monica - June 19, 2019 at 03:46 PM

IV

“ Dear Papa Hank, you will be surely missed. Your smile and laugh was contagious. As I typed this message my heart is filled with joy because you have touched so many lives in a positive way. Papa Hank I thank you for being a man with so much love for all who you met. I also thank you Papa for being a grandfather to my daughter, for showing her how a man should treat his lady. Thank you Jesus for allowing him to be in my life for 25 plus years. My heart hurt to see you go but my spirit rejoices because I know our Father God loved you the most. Rest in Peace My bonus Dad!!!!
Iva Dance-Gilchrist

Iva - June 19, 2019 at 02:17 PM

CH

“ Papa, the beat in my chest will always remind me that you're in my heart. You're my joy during the storm, and my laughter when I'm weak. I will forever be your little girl, so with every breathe I take I will remember you.
During the times I'll miss you I will remember your contagious smile, your hearty laugh, and the hilarious when you jumped out your skin while being tickled. These are just some of the small things I will never forget.
Not being able to feel your gentle forehead kisses is sad, but today we honor your virtuous life, so I would like to give you a special thank you for being the best male role model in my life, and most importantly I want to thank you for showing me what true love feels like.
I💎💎💎ll love you to the pearly gates and back.
From your heart,
Chelsi, good-bye Papa

Chelsi - June 19, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ 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 - June 12, 2019 at 02:55 PM