



## BMC Henry Lee Singleton

September 26, 1954 - January 1, 2024

### Legacy of Love

Henry Lee Singleton was born on September 26, 1954, in Deland, Florida to the late Ernestine and Samuel Singleton, Sr.

Henry was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 1, 2024, as he slept peacefully. Henry acknowledged Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at an early age and re-dedicated his life at the First African Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia where he became a member. He served on the Usher Board and sung in the Men's Choir. Henry always displayed respect for his elders and taught the younger generation to lead by example. Henry was also known for his firmness and take-charge attitude.

He earned a high school diploma from Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, Florida in 1972. Henry was in the local band and an exceptional athlete. Henry joined the United States Coast Guard in 1973 and served for 30 years of dedicated service. He was a natural born leader earning many awards which included 10 Good Conduct Awards, 3 Humanitarian Medals and 3 National Defense Medals. While in the military, Henry met the love of his life, Regina Johnson. They were married May 6, 2000, and remained united until the Lord called him home. Henry was a determined man and very thankful for the life he and Regina built together in Virginia.

In 2005, Henry earned his Associates degree from Hawaii Pacific University in Supervision Management. He furthered his education and earned a Bachelors degree at the University of Phoenix, majoring in Human Services Management. In 2008, he completed a successful internship at the Social Security Administration.

Henry was a member of numerous associations which included Retired Coast Guards Chief Association, Disability Veterans, American Legion Post 144, USA Softball National Association, Softball Nation and West End Little League Association. In the last 10 years of his life, he became a referee and umpire. Henry enjoyed teaching young coaches about the job which included softball, baseball, football, volleyball and basketball.

Henry had a passion for golfing and bowling. He also enjoyed fishing, football (Go Eagles, #1 Fan), traveling, reading his bible, landscaping his yard into tip-top shape and spending quality time with his grandchildren.

Henry was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Mildred Williams, two sisters, Josephine Qualls and Marie Singleton and one brother Samuel Singleton, Jr.

Henry leaves behind to treasure his memory: a loving wife, Regina Singleton that was dedicated, devoted, and faithful; four children, Stacy Platt Duncan (Terry), Haryn J. Singleton, Hendra M. Ray (Ramie) and Hana M. Singleton; grandchildren, Saraica Platt, Staisha Powell-Sosa, Elon Singleton, Ethan Singleton-Ray, Ellis Ray, Xaria Taylor and Audriana Singleton; great-grandchildren Marlayna Jean-Baptiste, Malaysia Platt, Maryam Platt, Martha Platt; sisters, Mary Singleton and Betty Williams; brothers, Coleman Williams and Jessie Frank Williams; sister-in-law, Linda Johnson, brothers-in-law Herbert Qualls, Richard Johnson (Davina), Darnell Johnson and Dana

Johnson (Terri); devoted cousins, Horace and Felicia Haynes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Henry, you will be cherished, missed, and never forgotten. We all love you so much!

The Family

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 9. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

### Family Hour

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

### Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

First African Baptist Church  
2700 Hanes Ave  
Richmond, VA 23222

*To view livestream of service please use the following link: <https://www.firstafricanbaptist.org/watch>*

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Henry and I were stationed together at Sta Ft Myers Bch in the mid 79's. He was a good shipmate and coxswain. We were together on several of his Search and Rescue missions. I remember how fond he was of his blue Chevy Nova. When on duty waiting for a call, Henry could be seen washing and waxing his car. Rest in peace shipmate.

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**Alexander Alenitsch** - July 29, 2024 at 08:31 PM

JW

“ I have known Henry for the last several years through our association with the DeCA Bowling League at Fort Gregg-Adams. I also worked for several years with his wife Regina at DeCA HQ. Henry was a sweet, dear man. I never heard him speak ill of anyone. He lived out his faith by his Christ-like example. We often discussed football and other sports. He loved a good joke and had a wonderful sense of humor! Henry was always a joy to be around and we will miss him terribly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Regina, Haryn and the rest of the family. Rest in peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ my dear friend. This world is a better place for you having been here.

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**John Williams** - January 28, 2024 at 09:57 PM

KR

“ I knew Henry through his wife, Regina, and his son, Gary. He was such a great host when we visited their lovely you. Just through his conversation you could tell this man had lived a magnificent, full life. The love he showed his family was inspiring. Rest in Paradise, Henry. May God bless and comfort the family.

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**Kevin Lamar Robinson** - January 10, 2024 at 11:37 AM

KR

*Please forgive the auto correct. It should read "son, Haryn." Not Gary.*

**Kevin Lamar Robinson** - January 10, 2024 at 11:39 AM

EF

“ *Henry is the epitome of a kind man. Always smiling and enjoying life. He will truly be missed. We extended our heartfelt prayers and love to his family.*

*With Love,  
Ellison and Ruffin Family*

**Ellison and Ruffin Family** - January 10, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.*



January 10, 2024 at 08:29 AM

QU

“ *Qualls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.*

**Qualls** - January 10, 2024 at 08:29 AM

EJ

“ *Sending love and prayers*



**Evelyn Jones** - January 09, 2024 at 06:53 PM

TC

“ I met you through Regina but soon found out that you were a genuine and very straightforward man. League bowling, at the Ft Lee Commissary, out and about on the town...no matter where I ran into you, you always had a kind word and a smile. You were a good and decent man and will be missed by many. Rest in Power, Henry Singleton!!!

Tanya Cooksey - January 09, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MD

Rest well my friend . May your family find comfort with God's grace. Michael Duncan and family .

Michael Duncan - January 09, 2024 at 11:08 PM

FJ

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Henry the past several years. We became good friends as we worked together officiating softball and basketball. What I remember most is that Henry was a man of his word. When he committed to doing something he did it. As the assigner for Softball Nation whenever I got into a jam needing some help Henry would ALWAYS help me. I am truly grateful to have known him! One of the finest people I have come in contact with in my entire life. RIP MY FRIEND!!

Fletcher Johnson - January 09, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.



January 09, 2024 at 10:58 AM

MA

“ Marlys A. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.



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**Marlys A.** - January 08, 2024 at 05:54 PM

MA

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**Marlys A.** - January 08, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Henry when he became a USA Softball umpire several years ago. He was a good friend and colleague. He always had a smile on his face and his passion and commitment to the sport were evident in every game he officiated. Coaches, umpires and tournament staff always enjoyed spending time with Henry. He would work as many games as needed and always was willing to do more. When his granddaughter arrived at a tournament one day, Henry's face lit up and he was so excited and proud to introduce her to everybody.

USA Softball of Virginia extends our deepest condolences to Henry's family.

-Joe DeFranco



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**Joe DeFranco** - January 08, 2024 at 04:26 PM

MM

“ Mary, Stephanie, Ronnie Jr.& Michelle purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.



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**Mary, Stephanie, Ronnie Jr.& Michelle** - January 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM

FA

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to Regina and the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. Peace and blessings during your time of mourning.

*Francene Anderson*

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**Francene Anderson** - January 08, 2024 at 12:43 PM

WD

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Singleton family on the passing of my comrade. I was station with Henry in Baltimore MD at the USCG Yard. Rest in peace shipmate and semper paratus!!

*Willie Dimuel  
Abingdon MD*

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**Willie Dimuel** - January 07, 2024 at 01:50 PM

LD

“ I have known Henry over 42 years. We served together in the U.S. Coast Guard for over 22 years. He was a dear friend, in fact, I was his best man in his and Regina's wedding. He will always be remembered for his humor and love for family and friends. Rest eternally in peace my brother 🙏

*Lee Daniels*

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**Lee Daniels** - January 07, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.*



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January 07, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ *I met Mr. & Mrs. Singleton at the Fort Lee Bowling Alley. They both were a very nice couple. Mr. Singleton was a very friendly n kind person. Our connection was about the Military n SSA. Every Tuesday he would say to me, “did you start on your Veterans benefits?” He offered advice n guidance all the time. He also shared his experience when he worked at SSA. One thing we all know he Loved his family. And when the Granddaughter arrived, OMG, his focus was on her! I admired Mr. singleton for his, love of people n he cared about everyone happiness. I will miss seeing him in the Bowling encouraging me to take my time bowling n if I was messing up, he would walk to the back wall n I knew he had something to say! Great Man, He will be Missed. To Mr. Singleton family Hold on to the memories you all built and know from his character he would want you live happily n Stress free! Love S. Johnson*

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**Shelia Johnson** - January 07, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *I was very fond of Henry. He always had smile whether golfing with him or saying hello at the bowling alley. I'll miss his smile and positive outlook.*

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**Debbie Mahoney** - January 06, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.*



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January 06, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of BMC Henry Lee Singleton.*



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January 06, 2024 at 09:16 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 05, 2024 at 10:58 AM