



Michael J. Henson

May 11, 1961 - April 15, 2017

On Saturday, April 15, 2017 as harps sounded and white doves flew, our Heavenly Father spoke to his son, Michael James Henson and decided it was time to give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Michael James Henson, affectionately known as Mike, Uncle Mike, Granddaddy Mike, and Otis, to his close friends and family, was born on May 11, 1961 to Yvonne D. Henson and Wesley B. Henson, Sr. in Baltimore, MD. He attended Edmondson High School where he met his high school sweetheart, Gail Price and was later blessed with twin girls, Tiffany and Terell Henson. He graduated from Edmondson High School in 1980. Following his graduation, he joined the Air Force where he served his country as a Medical Lab Specialist. In March of 1983, he was united in holy matrimony to Gail. Once he finished his term in the Air Force, he began his career with the State of Maryland as a security guard. For the last seven years, Michael was a loyal employee of UMBC, a job he cherished and valued dearly.

Michael was a devoted son, father, brother and uncle. He was the life of the party, always dancing and joking. There wasn't a room in this world he couldn't brighten. He was very friendly and outgoing, walking anywhere with this man was like walking with a celebrity. He treasured all five of his daughters and loved to brag about them to everyone. He could take any story and make it funny. Michael touched the hearts of so many.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory: his companion, Gloria Robinson; five daughters, Tiffany R. Henson, Terell L. Henson, Joy Robinson, Melissa D. Johnson, and Cachete Y. Henson; three granddaughters, Aijae Brooks, Malaun Murray, and Morgan Thomas; four grandsons: Jamal Tucker, Daelen Brooks, Siya Williams, and Zi'yae Jackson; his mother, Yvonne D. Henson; his father, Wesley B. Henson Sr.; two sisters, Jacqueline D. Walker and Michelle L. McPhail; one brother, Wesley B. Henson Jr.; his favorite aunt, Brenda; eight nieces, Stacie, Ebonie, Shakirah, Shantay, Bianca, Crystal, Chasity, and Christina; two nephews, Keith and Brandon; and a host of other relatives and friends. Michael was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ruth Matthews and his loving sister, Jean Wright.

Michael's legacy will forever live in the hearts of his family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 28. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

APR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Wake

APR 29. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Henson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences.
I grew up with Mike, we went to Harlem Park together - Elementary and Junior High. We shared laughs, got into trouble together, and generally had a good time. We couldn't have been more different; him- big Afro, me- non-existent Afro, him-popular with the girls, me- not so much, but we always had each other's back, and I was proud to call him my friend. He will be missed.....a lot.*

Eric Middleton

Eric Middleton - October 10, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Michael's passing. He was such a kindred spirit at UMBC and within the Athletic Department. We'll miss his smile and shared blessings. My condolences to his family and may Mr. Henson rest in peace. -Mike D'Archangelo*

Mike D'Archangelo - May 04, 2017 at 08:18 AM



“ *The UMBC Community will miss Michael.
Thank you for sharing him with us.*



Maggie Kennedy - April 27, 2017 at 01:16 PM

BJ

“ It is difficult to realize that Michael will no longer be stopping at my door, checking in and wishing me a blessed day. I can't think of too many other people who take the time to individually connect with others the way that Michael did -- he never seemed to have a down day - but was always spreading greetings and good cheer to everyone he met during his days on campus. And since it is Thursday, happy Friday eve Michael. You will be so missed.
Beth Jones

Beth Jones - April 27, 2017 at 08:45 AM

JP

“ *Jacqueline Powe Joyce Aka Poopie lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Henson*



Jacqueline Powe Joyce aka Poopie - April 27, 2017 at 06:25 AM

RG

“ *Mr. Henson smile and warm spirit will be missed around campus. My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends. Graduate from UMBC. Rochelle G.*

Rochelle Gregory - April 27, 2017 at 04:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael J. Henson.*



April 26, 2017 at 04:16 PM

RS

“ *Robin Schmidbauer lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Henson*



Robin Schmidbauer - April 26, 2017 at 02:13 PM

RS

You were a ray of sunshine and we will miss your smiling face. May you rest in peace. Our sincere sympathy and condolences to your family.

Robin Schmidbauer - April 26, 2017 at 02:18 PM

CN

Such a beautiful human being! He always had time for other people! May he rest in peace!!

Cedric Nkolla - April 28, 2017 at 02:46 PM

TH

Michael Henson will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. You are in our prayers.

Elder Travis Henson

Travis Wheeler Henson - April 29, 2017 at 08:06 AM

CH

I met Michael when I worked at Keswick and he always greeted me with a kind word and a warm smile. May loving memories ease your loss and bring you comfort.

Chanell J. Henson - April 29, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ I cant even begin to pick a memory to share...There is just too many...Love you and will miss you and will talk about our good times forever...Thanks for the memories. David"Caine"Williams

David Williams - April 26, 2017 at 02:08 PM



“ Michael was very much loved by his UMBC HR family and the UMBC campus community! He is greatly missed! On behalf of the UMBC HR Department, we extend our deepest sympathies to Michael's family.

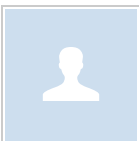
Michele Kimery - April 26, 2017 at 07:06 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael J. Henson.



April 25, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael J. Henson.



April 25, 2017 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ Michael was a joy to know. He lifted my spirit every time I saw him here at UMBC. His quick smile, sense of humor and genuine thoughtfulness brightened my day to the point that I started missing him if I hadn't seen him in a while.
My heartfelt condolences for the rest of his friends and family. He will be missed.
Jack Malone
UMBC

Jack Malone - April 25, 2017 at 10:02 AM

DE

“ Deena lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Henson



Deena - April 25, 2017 at 09:59 AM

RM

“ Rodney Matthews lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Henson



Rodney Matthews - April 25, 2017 at 09:57 AM

RM

“ Mike's generous smile and sense of humor will be sorely missed around UMBC. May he rest in peace.

Rodney Matthews - April 25, 2017 at 09:57 AM

DK

“ My sincere condolences to Mike's friends and family. I enjoyed chatting with him and will miss his kindness in always checking in and especially before the holidays to wish everyone a great holiday.

Dusti Kottke

UMBC, Student Affairs Business Service Office

Dusti Kottke - April 25, 2017 at 09:39 AM

CA

“ Just wanted to offer my condolences to Mike's family and friends!

Candace Dodson-Reed, UMBC

Candace - April 24, 2017 at 07:58 PM

PA

“ Mike was a bright spot every day. Now when I hear keys jingle in the hallway or the radio crackle I still get that happy expectation that I will see him coming around the corner smiling. He is missed every day. My condolences to his family and many friends. La Atwater
UMBC

Priscilla Atwater - April 24, 2017 at 04:39 PM

LB

“ It makes us terribly sad that we will not be visiting with Mike as he does his rounds anymore. He used to stop by and take the time to really check in with people. He always had the best perspective on things, what matters, what doesn't, and how to make sense of the struggles we all face. I loves sharing music with him. We will miss you Mike!! The community will not be the same with out you.

Lee Boot - April 24, 2017 at 04:24 PM

WN

“Mike, so sad to see you go. Although your time was short your memories will live forever. You embraced life with cheer and thanksgiving just as “He” would have wanted. You lived a rich life. You were kind, thoughtful and considerate. I will remember our short conversations about life, family, and friends. Our conversation would end with you saying “Have a Bless Day” or “Happy Friday-Eve.” May your family find comfort and peace in the good memories they have of you. So long my UMBC friend!

wanda soares nottingham - April 24, 2017 at 03:32 PM

CU

“Mike had the ability to warm a room just by his presence and smile. Never letting anything get him down, he was always about adding to the lives of others. His UMBC family will miss him and all the joy he brought as he walked into our offices and lives each day. Condolences to his family and loved ones who he talked about so frequently and was proud of. Where there is deep grief, there was great love. Christopher Tkacik, UMBC Office of the General Counsel

Christopher Tkacik - UMBC - April 24, 2017 at 12:47 PM

EO

“Mike was one of those rare gems who cared about people and followed up just to provide reassurance when needed. I will miss our football talks about the Ravens and Steelers and the banter back and forth about the teams. The football season just won't be the same without his quick wit and wisdom!

Our world is a little less bright without him. Rest in peace, Mike.

Eileen O'Brien - April 24, 2017 at 12:26 PM

AL

“ Michael Henson was the first smiling face I saw every morning at UMBC. Once when I gave him a ride home he share with me his great love for his family and especially his children. We will miss him here at the Visual Arts department at UMBC

Andrea Lorick

Andrea Lorick - April 24, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ I was tremendously saddened to learn of Mike's passing. Like the rest of the UMBC community, I will miss Mike, his smile, his positive attitude and of course, his "Happy Friday Eve (s)". He was such a kind person and a good soul. Bless his family at this time and always. Elaine O'Heir, UMBC Psychology



Elaine O'Heir - April 24, 2017 at 11:45 AM

SH

“ Sending prayers and condolences to Mike's family. He always had a smile on his face and took time to greet everyone he saw. His cheerful personality will definitely be missed.

Sharon Maul, Office of Institutional Advancement

Sharon - April 24, 2017 at 09:12 AM

SH

“ I will miss you Mike. Miss you stopping by my office and telling me some story in a serious tone and of a serious nature and then after I am all concerned you reveal to me you are joking. You got me with that many times! From all these posts it shows that you were and will always be well loved. Rest easy my friend.

Steve Harris - April 22, 2017 at 09:50 PM

LJ

“ Dear Mike's Family and Friends,

The Department of Emergency Health Services would like to express our condolences. We much enjoyed Mike's presence and frequent smile. He often patrolled our halls and stopped by the say hello, for which we were always grateful. We will miss him.

J Lee Jenkins, Emergency Health Services

Lee Jenkins - April 22, 2017 at 09:07 AM

CB

“ To Mike's Family & Friends:

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) sends our sincere condolences to Mike's family and friends. We considered him our friend from the first day he came to UMBC and introduced himself to us. We felt safer knowing he was patrolling the halls, If we had an office or student celebration, it seems he was always a part of it.

I will always remember the last time I saw him. I looked up from my desk to see just a head turned around the office doorway. I jumped up before I heard his voice wishing me a good weekend. That made him laugh, which made me laugh, too.

Cassie Bichy

Cassie Bichy - April 21, 2017 at 04:05 PM

MK

“ *Michael Henson was a very bright light at UMBC. He always spoke politely and greeted everyone as he patrolled our floor in the Grad School. Our last conversation was about the fact that he had been given a clean bill of health. We were so excited as we both agreed that "God was good, all the time!" We will sorely miss his presence on the UMBC campus. I pray for comfort and peace for his family and friends! See you on the other side Michael! And yes, God is still good!*

Melody T. Knox, Graduate School, UMBC

Melody T. Knox - April 21, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael J. Henson.*



April 21, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Michael was the smiling sunshine that made UMBC a brighter place for his presence. He knew and always had a kind word for everyone. One time, he took care of a developmentally disabled man who had wandered away from a structured work environment - the man was deaf and was disoriented and his behavior frightened others who were in the RAC when he wandered in. But Officer Henson knew to call our office and my former colleague, Denise Perdue and one of our ASL interpreters were able to help the man get back to his work group. I am sure that Michael did things like this all the time because that is how he was. I miss him already.*

Cassie Kilroy Thompson - April 21, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ *Mike was one of the nicest people anyone could meet. He always greeted everyone and always with a smile. His presence will be sorely missed.*

The entire Financial Services department appreciated his presence greatly! Wishing sincere condolences to his entire family. May he rest in peace.

Ben Lowenthal, UMBC

Ben Lowenthal - April 21, 2017 at 10:21 AM

NK

“ Mike Henson was such a sweet and personable member of the UMBC community. He always made sure to speak and was beyond helpful. He often stopped by just to say hello and would always give me the directions on the quickest way to get somewhere on campus. He was a wonderful person who will be missed. The entire American Studies community at UMBC send our sincere condolences to Mike's family.

Nicole King, UMBC

Nicole King - April 21, 2017 at 10:10 AM

CI

“ Michael always brought a pleasant smile and uplifting words as he moved around campus. My prayers are sent to his family.

*Carla Ison
Dept. of History*

Carla Ison - April 21, 2017 at 09:03 AM

JM

“ Michael was always cheerful every time I saw him, he would flash a smile and say "Happy Friday eve." Made my day every time he passed by my door. I will truly miss him. Rest in peace with the angels, Michael.

Joyce Mburu, UMBC

Joyce Mburu - April 21, 2017 at 07:56 AM

DP

“ I had worked at UMBC for several years and had never noticed security personnel patrolling my building. Then for several days in a row an officer walked passed my opened office door - I stopped him to ask if something was wrong. Michael introduced himself, said there was nothing to be alarmed about and that he was simply on patrol. From then on I looked forward to his presence, his smile and, of course, conversation! When new security personnel were hired he would bring them by our offices for an introduction. Michael even recognized my car and would wave, bow or salute as I entered campus - he probably did that for everyone but I like to think it was just for me...

Michael, you were a devoted fan of UMBC, students and staff. You will be missed and never forgotten.

~Denise Perdue

Denise Perdue - April 21, 2017 at 07:41 AM

MM

“ *Mary P. Murphy lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Henson*



Mary P. Murphy - April 21, 2017 at 06:47 AM

DC

“ *I will forever miss hearing Mike's happy voice saying "Happy Friday Eve and if I don't see you tomorrow have a blessed weekend". You were a bright light on campus, and I am sure going to miss you.*

Dennise Cardona, UMBC

Dennise Cardona - April 21, 2017 at 06:46 AM

ML

“ *It's still hard to believe Mike's gone. I expect to hear him chatting across the hall or shouting a merry "Good morning, Dr. Mike!" to me from across the quad. Michael was famously good-natured. My favorite greeting of his was "Happy Friday eve!" on Thursday.*

I saw Mike last Friday, and, though I was meeting with a student, we greeted each other through the open door of my office. I thought nothing special of it, as it too often the case when you expect life simply to go on.

I offer my condolences to his family, as well as any support I can lend. As many of you may know, Mike lost a sister last year, and is father until lately was in an assisted living center, though he reportedly is doing well living at home again.

R.i.p. Mr. Mike.

Michael Lane - April 20, 2017 at 07:23 PM

MC

“ As many of us saw Mike on Friday, we ran into each other in another building on campus. He gave me a big hug, and while rocking side to side, saying "It's Friday, It's Friday". On his way to the shuttle, he walked past my office and said, "Have a blessed weekend and Happy Easter. Tell Hunter and my girl Maddy to have a Happy Easter". My son is a sophomore on campus, and he would give Hunter a hard time anytime he saw him, and Hunter said all they did was laugh. Even Maddy (who's just 11) would say, "Hey Mr. Mike" when she was at work with me. When I told my son that Mike had passed, it was one of the few times I saw my 19-year-old shed tears.

He was such a wonderful and remarkable man. We were truly blessed to have been his friend and coworker and he will be missed by many.

Oh, and...Happy Friday Eve!

Melody Creswell - April 20, 2017 at 03:29 PM

HM

“ To Michael's family & friends - I extend my deepest condolences and prayers to you all. Mike's friendliness and kindness touched so many in the UMBC community. His impact here was profound. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to know him. I will especially miss him saying "It's Friday Eve" and "Have a Blessed Weekend". Mike's genuine and caring spirit will live on in our hearts. I wish you all strength, peace and comfort.

Heather Moore - April 20, 2017 at 02:36 PM

CM

“ We will miss Michael stopping by with "have a blessed day". Such a nice man and we looked forward to seeing him everyday.

When I saw him across campus he would have a high wave in the air to me. Such a loss for our campus community! Condolences from the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration and Policy. Rest in peace.

Cathy McDonnell

Cathy McDonnell - April 20, 2017 at 02:35 PM



GK

“ Mike always had a smile on his face, a good morning smile that everyone is going to miss dearly. The memories we have of Mike will keep him alive in our hearts. Rest in Peace Mike!

Ginny Kellman - April 20, 2017 at 02:29 PM



PR

“ Mike was a true treasure here at UMBC. Since the news of his passing my phones and my office have been busy with co-workers. Everyone so sad and in disbelief over the news. Most of them had just spoken with him on that Friday. But, one thing for sure each and everyone of them had a wonderful story to tell about Mike. What great conversations they would have with him. How they joked around and how he made them laugh. On Thursdays how he would always say "Happy Friday Eve." His smile and laughter were infectious. He always enter the room with Joy and if you were not having a good day by the time he left your spirits were lifted.

I remember when he first got that Segway.....I said "Man you are going to run somebody over with that thing!" He said "They had better get out of my way then!"

Mike you will be missed.....Continue to Rest in Paradise!!!!

To the family we are praying for your strength. May the Peace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all during your time of Bereavement.

Pamela Raley

Pamela Raley - April 20, 2017 at 02:24 PM

DM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Debbie Michaels - April 20, 2017 at 02:22 PM

CL

“ *The UMBC EHS Department will greatly miss him!!*

The Ravens fans in the Dept will greatly miss talking game day's with him....and the 'not so much' Ravens fans will miss his kind joking.

We are grateful to have known him and to have been a part of his work life.

Our thoughts are with his family and those on our police/security department that had the great pleasure of seeing him and working alongside him daily.



Crista Lenk - April 20, 2017 at 01:48 PM

TL

“ *A true gentleman, and a true gentle man.*

All I can do is echo all of the others who have left comments: Michael was greatly loved and respected, and will be greatly missed.

Rest in Peace.

Tim Lynch - April 20, 2017 at 01:20 PM

ME

“ *My condolences to Mike's family. We have had many a chat over the years, countless "Happy Friday Eve" dances, and the blessing of true friendship. I will miss Mike and his smile lighting up my doorway. My thoughts and prayers go out to his parents, for whom I know he cared so very much, and his extended family.*

Melody

Melody - April 20, 2017 at 01:10 PM

JN

“ Friday eves will not be the same. You will be missed. RIP and prayers go out to your family.

Jim N - April 20, 2017 at 01:03 PM

RE

“ Mike was one of those people you looked forward to greeting every day. He always had a smile to share if yours was missing. I will truly miss his "Happy Friday Eve" greeting. I am glad I got to enjoy that one last time before his passing. The world will be a darker place without Mike's light in it, but my heart is lighter for having known him. Be at peace my friend.



Renee - April 20, 2017 at 01:02 PM

DM

“ Brother Mike was an active member of our union, AFSCME Local 1459. He served as an Executive Board Member and on our Bargaining Team for contract negotiations. He was a true advocate for workers' rights and a caring man who always wanted to help. You have served your union brothers and sisters well. Peace and Solidarity to you.

Debbie Michaels - April 20, 2017 at 12:40 PM

DK

“ I sure am going to miss Mike, goofing off with him. We had a lot of laughs. Will miss you Mike, may you RIP... Not going to be the same without you patrolling UMBC.

Denise Kedzierski - April 20, 2017 at 12:37 PM

NI

“ Mike always had such an upbeat, happy approach to work and life, and he could make a gloomy day shine very brightly. He did not come by yesterday to say hello and remind us that it was hump day, nor will he stop by tomorrow to wish us a blessed weekend, but I will always think of him on these days and fondly remember his kind words. We were all blessed to have known him. May he rest in peace.

- Nicole Mooney

Nicole - April 20, 2017 at 12:25 PM

JP

“ I will really miss Michael. I would see him constantly on campus walking and I will always remember his smile. Rest In Peace Michael!

Josie Penn - April 20, 2017 at 12:17 PM

BS

“ I remember meeting Michael on his first day at UMBC. From his first day to his last, he was a constant caring colleague that I always looked forward to seeing. Mike would always stop by to check on the staff in OUE and on his way out pick up a snack and leave his blessings. Oh what a blessing he was. My condolences to his family.

Barbara Smith

Barbara Smith - April 20, 2017 at 12:06 PM

JR

“ Michael was an ever present smiling face on UMBC's campus! No matter where I was on campus, I would often see Michael patrolling. He looked out for and truly cared about everyone, and knowing that he was here gave me a stronger sense of security. Michael will be missed by everyone that knew him. Rest in peace my friend -- UMBC won't be the same without you!

Julie Rosenthal - April 20, 2017 at 11:59 AM

CB

“ I was so sorry to learn of Michael's passing. What a sweet, kind man! All of us at The Shriver Center looked forward to seeing him when he visited. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone he encountered.

We will miss him!

Sincere sympathy to all his family and friends.

May God Bless all of you in your time of loss.

Cathy Bowen

Cathy Bowen - April 20, 2017 at 11:51 AM

SH

“ Michael would come by almost every day to talk with the UMBC English Department staff. He was always happy and upbeat and brought a little sunshine to our days. He certainly will be missed. My heartfelt sympathy to Mike's family and friends.

Susan Harrell - April 20, 2017 at 10:48 AM

PB

“ Mike was such a nice person - always smiling. Always stopping to chat. He enjoyed life. Will miss you alot.

Patty Bach



patty bach - April 20, 2017 at 10:43 AM

SM

“ Mike was a kind caring person. He always took time to see how you were doing. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed. RIP Mike. Until we meet again.



Susan Mocko - April 19, 2017 at 02:56 PM

ET

“ I saw Mike as I was leaving campus Friday. Of course he was smiling and he wished me a "very happy Easter". On Thursday's Mike would say "You know what day it is?" "It's Friday Eve!". Thursday's will not be as bright without him saying that to us!
My heartfelt sympathies and prayers to his family. He truly was a treasure!

Etoy - April 19, 2017 at 02:46 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 - April 19, 2017 at 07:51 AM