



Mildred Odessa Henson

September 10, 1922 - November 8, 2004

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” - John 13:34 Mildred Odessa Burton Henson, was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 10, 1922, to Edwin and Lena Swearingen Burton. At the young age of 8 Mildred was orphaned when both of her parents passed away. “Odessa” as she was also called in early years was adopted and raised by Oscar and Flora Whims. She was educated in the Baltimore public school system. Mildred graduated from Dunbar High School in June of 1941. After graduating from high school she attended what was then known as Morgan State College and the Cortez Peters School of Business, where she learned to type and other clerical skills. Enjoying her young adult life Mildred and her best girlfriend Mary “Mitzie” (deceased) eventually dated and married brothers John and Solomon Henson. Mildred was married to John Wesley Henson Sr. on October 28, 1948. To this union the couple was blessed with four children, John Wesley Jr., Muriel Lisa (deceased) Arnold Mathew and Terri Jean. Mildred’s employment included the Internal Revenue Service, Fort Holabird and the U.S. Post Office, in which she retired on July 29, 1983 after 31 years of service. One of her most cherished experiences was her visit to the Republic of the Ivory Coast in May 1977, to visit her daughter Lisa and three granddaughters Monique, Marie and Amy (deceased). Another significant moment in Mildred’s life was when she found four out of her six siblings who were separated as young children when her parents passed away. She was

reunited with Bertha Burton (deceased), Leonard Burton (deceased), Alma Burton (deceased) and Calvin Burton (deceased). After an extended illness Mildred quietly departed this life on Monday, November 8, 2004 at 10 a.m. at Northwest Hospital, Randallstown, Maryland. Left to cherish her memory: her husband of 56 years John; the children, Wesley Henson Jr. of Springfield, Virginia, Arnold Henson of Laguna Beach, California and Terri Henson of Owings Mills, Maryland; five grandchildren, Monique Sylla, Marie Sylla of Falls Church, Virginia, Andrew Henson of Laguna Beach, California, Ashley and Dana Henson of Springfield, Virginia; two daughters-in-law, Dottie Henson and Teresa Henson; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Mildred leaves behind a legacy of strength, perseverance, and family, which will forever be instilled in her children, grandchildren and future generations to pass.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Odessa Henson*

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“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future and our loved ones who have lost their life to our enemy death.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##*

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“ *To Family & Friends: Sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Our family finds much comfort from the Bible. One such comforting passage is Daniel 12:2- "And there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up." May this divinely inspired promise give you comfort, strength and hope in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ *Mr. Henson, Wesley, Arnold, Terri, What a reflective week this has been, after learning of Mrs. Henson's passing. Childhood, the "old" neighbors and neighborhood..all forever fondly etched in my memory. I regret that I was unable to personally express my deepest sympathy to your family during this time. I worked in Annapolis until late on Friday and was scheduled to be out of town on Saturday. Your family will always share a piece of my heart. I thank you all, and particularly you, Mr Henson for the love and support that you shared with my parents throughtout the years. May God be a presence in your lives. Know that even in times such as these, that He's still here. Always your neighbor, Janice###imported-begin###Janice Regina Henderson###imported-end###*

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