



Odell T. Henry

June 7, 1930 - January 17, 2021

Odell Thomas Henry was born June 7, 1939 in Vienna, Maryland of Louis Rideout and Bessie Young=Henry. He was the oldest of six children. A man of two first names, he was often called Henry. Odell Henry departed this earthly life on January 17, 2021.

Henry graduated in 1948 with distinction from Sinclair-Frederick Douglass High School in Dorchester County, Maryland. He received full scholarships to Wilberforce University-America's first private HBCU and North Carolina A & T, but chose a different path and joined the Army. He served his country in the infantry regiment for two tours as part of the Berlin Blockade during the Berlin Airlift. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Army Occupation Medal (Germany)

In 1956, after being discharged from the Army, Henry moved to Baltimore. He found employment at Bethlehem Steel and worked there for 36 years. He met and married Claudia Kirksey of Catherine, Alabama, in 1957. Claudia preceded Odell in death 2019.

Henry was an active member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland. He was affiliated with the Eden Lodge #72 for over 55 years. He became a Master Mason on June 15, 1965 and served various roles including Worship Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer for 15 years,

Secretary for 9 years and Lodge Chaplain for 4 years.

He joined Bethel AME Church in 1981 and was a faithful member of the Men's Ministry.

Henry was the quintessential gentleman- the kind of man they don't make anymore. He was kind, strong, polite and when he was around, you felt safe. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and an extraordinary craftsman who enjoyed home improvement projects including building sheds, home furnishings and painting. Odell was not known for sitting around all day; he maintained an active lifestyle even up to the day of his passing, including working out at the VA, dining out, and driving down to the Eastern Shore to visit with family and friends. His family and friends were important to him.

Odell was well known and loved by many. He lived his life as he chose. Odell Henry will be remembered for his kindness, his generosity, his honesty, his unpretentious, and comforting presence. He was not a person to judge others, he accepted you as you are.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Joyce Taylor, Ernestine Conley, Delores Jackson and his brother Lewis (Jake) Rideout-Bey. He leaves behind to cherish fond memories; his two sons, Carl Henry (Margaret) and Benjamin Henry (Delores); one daughter, Teresa Butler-Rideout; a special cousin, Gretha Keith and brother-in-law, John Taylor. He had five grandchildren, Charles Carter, Shandra Carter, Carla Henry, Bene' Viera, Julius Fabre'; five great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews and other loved ones

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Wake

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Odell T. Henry, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - January 31, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *Odell T. Henry*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I send my sincere condolences to the entire Henry family. I am thankful to have met both Mother Henry and Father Henry. God's Blessings!! Martha Blizzard*

Martha Blizzard - February 08, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Rest in Heavenly Peace Uncle Odell.*

Lester McCrea - February 06, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Priscilla, Ben and Carl My Heartfelt Condolences on the Lost of your Dad.....even though I could not be with you physically im with you all spiritually.....*

Tyrone James - February 06, 2021 at 11:48 AM

MN

*May God continue to Bless and Keep you all! We love you.
Jamie and Michele*

Michele Norris - February 06, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Uncle Odell,
There are three people very important and influential in my life. You, Uncle Sam and Daddy. You are part of the "Three" and have guided and lead our family. over the years. Thank you, in your guidance, and love. I will miss you and will always have you in my heart, thoughts, memories and love. Be at peace your loving niece.. Linda*

Linda Taylor - February 06, 2021 at 11:39 AM

RF

“ *Ben, Priscilla, Julius and Carl, please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. Your dad was such a kind and gentle man and we will always remember him. May God surround you with His comfort and His presence during this time. Love and Prayers,
Gregory and Ruth (Blessen) Franks.*

Ruth Franks - February 06, 2021 at 09:00 AM

TW

“ *I was so sad to hear of the passing of Cousin Odell. I will miss that gentle smile at family gatherings. Sending my love, prayers, and heartfelt condolences to the entire family.*



Thelma Thompson Wilson - February 06, 2021 at 03:32 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Odell T. Henry.*



February 03, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Brother Henry. Mr. Henry was a good man and a gentle giant. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Jerry Lawson - February 02, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *My condolences to my long time neighbors and friends Carl, Ben, and Priscilla and may Mr. Henry rest in peace and glory. You all are in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Eric Scott and Family*

Eric Scott - February 02, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Carl, Ben and Priscilla, I have a childhood memory of your parents, and their children, being a great example of a good family. So glad I was able to visit Mr Henry and Ms Claudia and reconnect them with my dad, 2 years ago. It was a joyous time. May the three of you be comforted and always grateful. Tanny, of the Brothers family.*

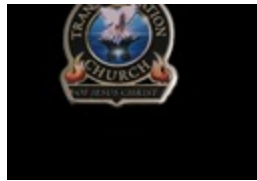
L'tanya Geddie - February 02, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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“ *Sis. Priscilla and Family,*

We are praying that the Lord will surround each of you in his love & peace. and also dispatch his angels to lift and protect you in this time of change.

*Love & Prayers
Bishop Monroe & Lady Winsome Saunders
And your Transformation Church Family*



Elder Stan Lesane Sr - January 31, 2021 at 11:58 AM

SL

Our prayers for your family. Our condolences to your family. Rest in heavenly peace Mr. Henry 🙏🙏🙏 From the Lewis family 🙏🙏🙏

Sharrun Lewis - February 05, 2021 at 02:45 PM

PS

“ *Rest in Peace Odell. Prayers are with your family.
Peter H. Singleton*

Peter Singleton - January 29, 2021 at 09:51 AM

LT

“ *Love Calanthia, Shandra, Quanisha and Taylor purchased the Ghirardelli Galore for the family of Odell T. Henry.*



Love Calanthia, Shandra, Quanisha and Taylor - January 26, 2021 at 10:41 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 - January 25, 2021 at 01:45 PM