


A portrait of Reverend Dr. James Edward Henry, an elderly man with glasses and a beard, wearing a striped cap and a patterned vest over a white shirt and tie. The image is partially overlaid with a red and black diagonal graphic on the left side.

REVEREND DR.

James Edward

HENRY

1939-2021



A SERVICE OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING
CELEBRATING THE LIFE, CHRISTIAN
WITNESS AND LEGACY
OF THE LATE

REVEREND DR.
JAMES EDWARD
HENRY

SUNRISE: October 10, 1939

SUNSET: December 26, 2021

AGE: 82

Four Score and Two

SERVICES HELD AT

Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church
36 Fairfield Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210

LYING IN STATE:

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 • 1 - 5 pm

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

Thursday, January 13, 2022 • 11 am

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Emanuel Barnes
Son in the Ministry
Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church

EULOGY:

Pastor Vincent C. Johnson
Son in the Ministry
Community Baptist Church

INTERMENT:

Historic Greenwood Cemetery, Main
1428 Elm Hill Pike | Nashville, TN 37210

MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES IN THE BUILDING.

I have *faught* a good
fight: I have *finished*
my course: I have
kept the faith!

2 TIMOTHY 4:7 KJV





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Reverend Dr. James Edward Henry was born on October 10th, 1939, in Nashville, Tennessee to the proud parents of Walter Henry and Hattie Johnson. He began his educational journey at Napier Elementary and Cameron Junior and Senior High Schools. During this time, he perfected his athletic skills at Napier Park playing with friends in the neighborhood. In his love for the game of basketball, he was often noticed for profiling in his formation like the professional basketball players when shooting free-throws. His friends would tease him, referring to him as having a "Professional form", which was later shortened to "PRO-FORM"..... then Ebonics took over, and the nickname became "Po' Farm".

During his time at Cameron High School in Nashville's Southside, he honed his athleticism in football and basketball and excelled tremendously. After graduating from Cameron High, he attended Fisk University on a full athletic scholarship, where he was the Co-Captain and then Captain of the football team. His experience as a Golf Caddy prepped him for being a part of Fisk's Golf team. Rev. Henry graduated from Fisk University in 1961 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He began graduate studies at Howard University's School of Law. During his time matriculating at Howard, Rev. Henry had the

opportunity of pleading mute cases before the Supreme Court and meeting the late Robert Frances Kennedy, who was at the time the United States Attorney General.

He relocated to Nashville in 1962 to relieve the financial burden on his family. He sought gainful employment at North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company as a door-to door Insurance Agent. Having a hard work ethic, he also worked part-time as a roofing laborer, specializing in houses.

After a year, Dr. Henry transferred to Murfreesboro, Tennessee where he was able to teach and coach at Holloway High School under the recommendation of his high school and collegiate coach - Coach Eugene Stevenson. This was during a heightened time of racial segregation. During this time, he taught Economics and coached football and basketball as he enrolled at Middle Tennessee State University, where he became the first African American to graduate with a Master's degree from MTSU in 1966.

After four years of teaching at Holloway High, Dr. Henry returned to Nashville in 1966 as the Assistant Coach to his alma mater - Fisk University.





During the period of ending segregation in Nashville and starting racial integration in the 1960s, Rev. Henry integrated management and became the first black supervisor at the E. I. DuPont Chemical Company in Old Hickory, Tennessee. After eighteen dedicated years with DuPont, he accepted his call to the Gospel Ministry. Rev. Henry took early retirement from DuPont and enrolled in the American Baptist College for clergy preparation where he received a THB degree in 1988. Graduating with honors, he became a full time Professor at the historical American Baptist College. Rev. Henry continued his educational pursuit and preparation for Ministry, attending and graduating from the Vanderbilt University's School of Divinity in 1991. He also received a Doctorate from New Covenant International Bible College in Decatur, Alabama in 2010.

In 1989, Rev. Dr. James E. Henry and Frankie Henry accepted the call to serve as the Senior Pastor, Shepherd and First Lady at Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church. This served as a full-circle-moment because Rev. Henry was baptized at the age of 10 at Mt. Ararat under the Pastorate of Rev. Felix H. New.

Dr. Henry shared his vision for Mt. Ararat growing which resulted in the construction of the new sanctuary and administrative offices and the renovation of the historical Edifice and Fellowship Hall.

Every Homecoming, Dr. Henry would lead an annual Homecoming Parade canvassing the neighborhood in the South Nashville Community. This was an exciting time in the life of the church as bands and other organizations would join this initiative. The entire community got involved! He understood the call on his life and the direction

God had deposited in him. Pastor Henry was not ashamed of walking through J.C. Napier community ministering to the residents and encouraging them to give their lives to Christ and make Mt. Ararat their church home.

On April 7, 2002, Dr. Henry saw the vision God had given him of wanting greater for the South Nashville Community. His vision come to fruition with the dedication and first service in the new sanctuary. Mt. Ararat expanded not only in the physical capacity, but also spiritually expanded its ministries. This growth was evident with the addition of the Liturgical Praise Dancers, Dolls, Divas, and Dudes; the Youth Church; Youth, Women's, Men and Mass Choirs; Mothers and Deacon Boards; and Junior and Senior Ushers to name a few. Dr. Henry made sure there was a place for everyone to serve the Lord at Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church. He believed and conveyed that there was no "Big I's" and no "little you's" and everyone was "All On One Accord" [Acts 2:1]. He taught and lived unity, that we were "All travelling up the King's highway trying to make 100, because 99 and a half just won't do!"

Dr. Henry retired from his Pastoral assignment at Mt. Ararat on January 7, 2018, after 28 years of faithful servanthood and stellar leadership. With a little more time on his hand, he was able to spend more time with his family. Dr. Henry and First Lady Frankie Henry enjoyed travelling. One of their favorite vacation destinations was Nassau, Bahamas. They also enjoyed visiting other Caribbean Islands, Europe, Rio, Hawaii, England, Paris,

France, Holland, Switzerland, Rome, Italy, and many other fascinating destinations.

Anyone who knew Dr. Henry, knew that he enjoyed good conversation and debating - particularly politics and Economics. He would often talk with his son, LaMont and great grandson, Kaleb about sports. He loved talks with his granddaughter, Christian about space - Mars in particular. Dr. Henry was a well-traveled man with an abounding knowledge on a variety of things. After a conversation with Dr. Henry, you were guaranteed to walk away feeling a little bit smarter and encouraged to get involved to make an impact in your community.

Reverend Dr. James E. Henry peacefully departed this earthly realm to be in the Arms of the Lord on Sunday, December 26th 2021.



He was preceded in death by his **Father:** Walter Henry Sr; **Mother:** Mrs. Hattie Mae Johnson and **Brother:** Elvis Henry.

Left to cherish his precious memories are: **His High-school sweetheart, Wife of 60 years, and the Love of his life,** First Lady Emeritus Frankie Mai Henry; **Devoted Son:** LaMont (Claudia) Henry; **Granddaughter:** Christian Lanae Henry; **Great-Grandson,** Kaleb Levi Lamont Baxter; **Aunt:** Elizabeth Farmer; **Two Brothers:** Roderick Henry and Walter Henry Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio; **Two Sisters:** Nelda (Donald Sr.) Goodgames of Tampa, Florida; Alice (William) McDade of Cincinnati, Ohio; **One Brother-In Law:** Kenneth (Reba) Keeling; **Three Sister In Laws:** Minnie Fletcher, Loretta Boyd, Terra Keeling; **Goddaughters:** Thea Jones; Etana, Eyden and Emiah Johnson, and a host of loving cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends including the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church Family.

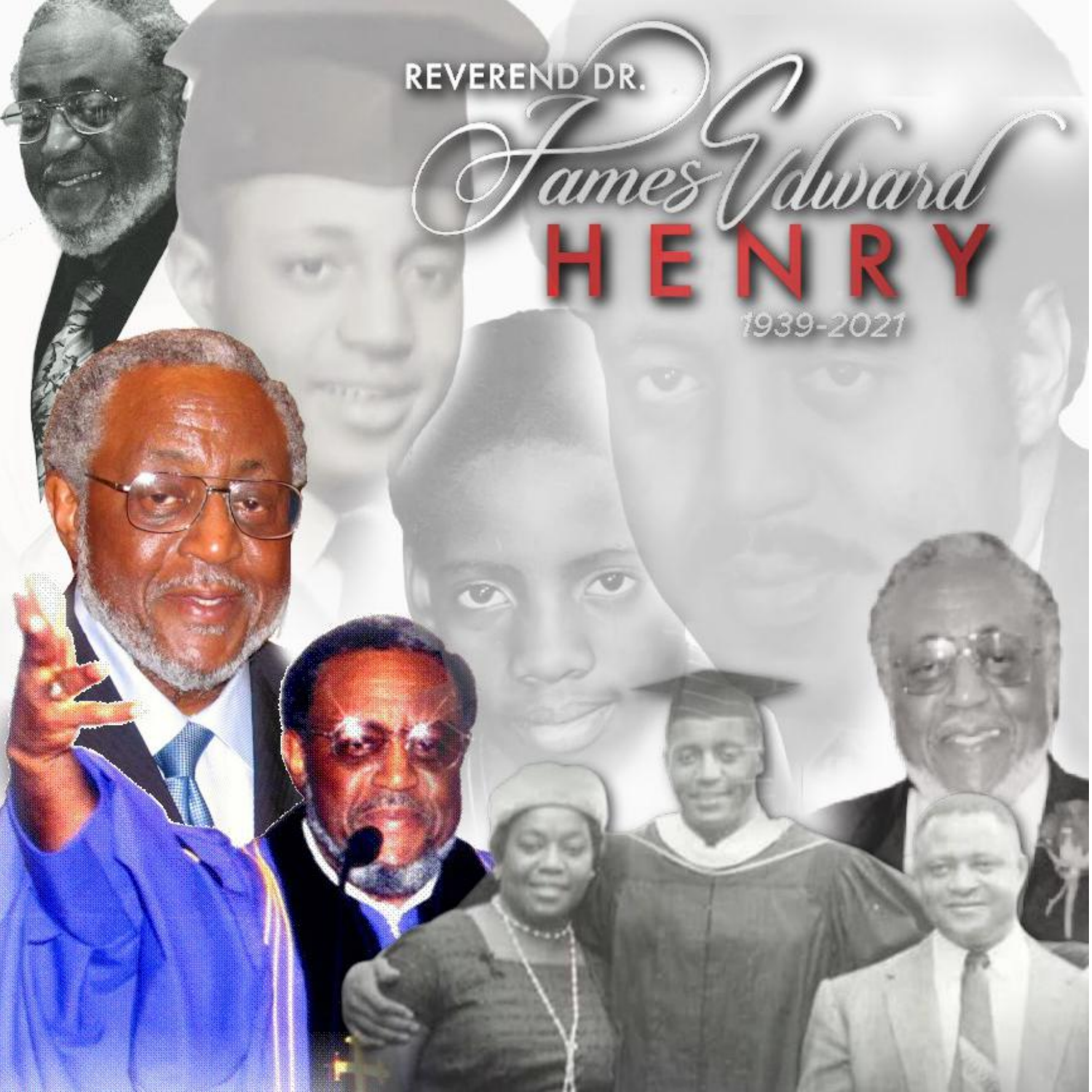
Reverend Dr. James Edward Henry was a visionary and had a strong commitment to progress. He possessed a spirit that would not rest until "God's will be done in Southeast Nashville." His prayer remains in our hearts, that God will bless you **"Real. Real good!"** May his soul rest in Eternal Peace.



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Pre-Service

10:00 AM | Entrance & Seating of the Family

10:00 - 10:40 AM | Public Viewing

10:40 - 10:55 AM | Masonic Last Rites Ceremony

Rock City Lodge #272, PHA | Mt. Sinai Chapter #135 | Holy Royal Arch Masons PHA | Mt Ararat Council #5 | Royal and Select
Masters PHA | Apollo Commandery #1 | Knights Templar PHA | James A. Henry #48 | Hella Temple #105

Service

CALL TO ORDER | Pastor Emmanuel Barnes

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE | Rev. George Armstrong
Community Baptist Church

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE | Pastor Howard E. Jones Jr.
Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER | Rev. Omar Maycock
Son in the Ministry
Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church

MINISTRY IN SONG | Collection of Choirs, Directed by Minister Darryl Bowers and Minister Sedric Stevenson



Service continued

REFLECTIONS OF DR. HENRY | *Kindly limit to no more than 2 minutes.*

Mr. Robert James

Former Professional Football Player and Life Long Friend Coached by Dr. Henry

Elder Michael Grant Stevenson

Representing the family of the late Elder Grant Sr. & First Lady Emeritus Christine Stevenson
FaithPointe Outreach Ministries



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS | **First Lady Donella Johnson**

Daughter in Ministry | Community Baptist Church

PROCLAMATION | **Brenda Haywood**

Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement, State of Tennessee

MINISTRY IN SONG | **Collection of Choirs**

Directed by Minister Darryl Bowers and Minister Sedric Stevenson



REFLECTIONS | **Ambassador Dr. Bobby Jones**

Torchbearer for Gospel Music

FAMILY REFLECTIONS | **Bishop Keith Kershaw**

Cousin to Dr. Henry | Genesis Church of God in Christ, Columbia, South Carolina

Kaleb Levi Lamont Baxter, Great Grand-Son

Christian Lanae Henry, Grand-Daughter

LaMont Kinnard Henry, Son



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EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCES | *Kindly limit to no more than 2 minutes*

Pastor Breonus M. Mitchell Sr.

Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church | American Baptist College Alumni Association

Pastor Gregory Powell

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church



Service continued

Rev. Morgan Branch

Son in the Ministry | Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church

MUSICAL TRIBUTE | Minister Nathan and Suzanne Young

EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCES | *Kindly limit to no more than 2 minutes*

Pastor Samuel R. Sims Jr.

Son in the Ministry | True Faith Baptist Church

Rev. Hervis L. Bain III

Son in the Ministry | Mt. Tabor Church: Nassau, Bahamas

Bishop Dr. Delton D. Fernander

Son in the Ministry | President of the Bahamas Christian Counsel and
Pastor of New Destiny Cathedral: Nassau, Bahamas

Pastor James 'Tex' Thomas

Pastor Emeritus, Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church

MUSICAL TRIBUTE | Sis. Velma Smith

EULOGY | Pastor Vincent C. Johnson

Son in the Ministry | Community Baptist Church

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY | Pastor Martin L. Espinosa

Ray of Hope Community Church

RECESSION | The Family

Committal

Interment

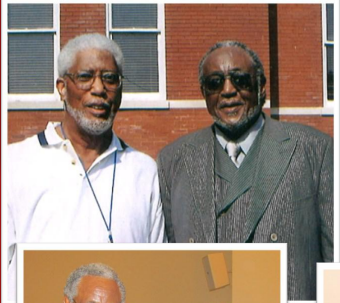
Historical Greenwood Cemetery Main

1428 Elm Hill Pike | Nashville, TN 37210

For the safety of all guests in lieu of the Coronavirus Pandemic, there will be a Covid-Friendly repass to follow the Interment:

C. H Dixon Family Life Center | 3838 Dickerson Pike | Nashville, TN 37207











MANY THANKS AND OUR
Appreciation

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

Words simply cannot express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the loving kindness demonstrated to us during this difficult time. Your telephone calls, visits, text messages, voice notes and words of encouragement meant so much to us. Thank you to those that travelled here to celebrate Reverend Dr. Henry's legacy. Please continue to undergird us in prayer.

May God bless you "Real, Real Good!"

First Lady Emeritus Frankie Mai Henry,
LaMont, Claudia, Christian, Kaleb
and the entire Family
of the Late Reverend
Dr. James Edward Henry



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Signature
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Memorial Booklets
Donella Johnson, Creative Director
www.signaturecreations.net

Printing by: Rev. Olivia Cloud
Guardian Angel Communication Services



Flower Bearers

Aris Trommel
Kinetria Bridges
Angie Jefferson
Jennifer Keeling
Keyona Moxey
Jamesia Cox
Mya Cox
Ishaya Marsh
Ikiya Fletcher
Jothanie Ladd
Jessica Jackson
Asjah Hall
Kai Hawkins
Jazz Hawkins
Etana Johnson
Eyden Johnson
Emiah Johnson
Rosa Gleaves
Tachiquanna Cabknor
Madajha Mitchell

Pallbearers

Aaron Henry
Elvis Renard Henry
Donnie Smith
Ronnie Smith
Troy Kershaw
Donald Goodgames Jr.
Victor Fletcher
James Cox
Donzell Watson
Buford Bobbie
Richard K. Fletcher
Kenny Hawkins
Malik Hawkins
Kahlil Hawkins
Victor Fletcher Jr.
Tyler Fletcher
Taylen Fletcher
Micah Gleaves
Hosea Cabknor Jr.
Rodney Cabknor
Trent French
Torrie Moore
Corey Barbee
Jaylan Keeling
Archie L. Robinson Jr.

*Honorary Flower
Bearers*

Nelda Goodgames
Alice McDale
Courtney Henry
Candiss Dorm
Alyxandria Henry
Falecia Cox
Crystal Fletcher
Sharona Bradford
Ami Goodgames
Leslie Anderson
LeShonda Richardson
Minnie Fletcher
Loretta Boyd
Terra Keeling

*Honorary
Pallbearers*

Lamont K. Henry
Roderick Henry
Walter Henry Jr.
Donald Goodgames Sr.
Donshay Trommel
Dontae Tommel
William McDade
Henry Smith
Thomas Smith
Leon Clarke
Charles Kershaw
Bishop Keith Kershaw
Kenneth Keeling
Robert Perkins
David Lee Brooks
Rev. Dr. Robert Colebrooke
James Steve Burton
Leonard Clarke Sr.

*Lying in State
Casket Guards*

Herman Peters
Gary Lyons
Jason Morrow
Joe Sharber
Jim Dickerson
Lee Smotherman
Bobby Johnson
Milton Henderson

Holloway High School
Football Team,
Class of 1963 -1966
Fisk University
Football Team
Classes of 1957-1961