



James Harold Henderson

January 4, 2016

James Harold Henderson, 68, passed away Monday, January 4, 2016 after complications from heart surgery. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 3:00 P.M. at Maples Memorial United Methodist Church in Olive Branch, MS. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. prior to the service.

Harold was born in Water Valley, MS. He attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College where he played football. While at Northwest he met his wife, Joy and the rest is history. He and Joy were married for 47 years and made their home in Olive Branch. Harold has been an City Alderman for Olive Branch for the last 7 years. He retired from Bell South but continued to work as a Contractor for AT&T. Throughout the years he continued his love of sports by coaching little league baseball, and by playing Flag Football leagues and Softball Leagues in Memphis and the mid-south. Harold was later inducted into Memphis Park Commission Hall of Fame. The love he had for sports never wavered even though his age slowed his ability to play. His all time favorite passtime could be summed up into two words- Crappie Fishing. Harold always enjoyed cooking his catch in his carport for his friends and family. The most important thing to Harold was his Family. He loved to spend time with his family and friends, who will miss his big smile. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie and Alley Mae Henderson and a niece, Jo Henderson.

He leaves his wife, Joy Loftin Henderson of Olive Branch, MS; a daughter, Leslie Smith and her husband, Brad of Olive Branch, MS; two sons, Will Henderson and his wife, Laura of Olive Branch, MS, and Jay Henderson and his wife, Kati of Olive Branch, MS; six grandchildren, JoyAnn Alderson, Audrey and Alley Henderson, Elli, Lexi, and Colt Henderson.

Memorial Contributions in Mr. James Harold Henderson's Memory may be made to Le Bonheur Childrens Hopsital, P.O. Box 41817 Memphis, TN 38174.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Maples Memorial United Methodist Church
8745 Goodman Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Service

JAN 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

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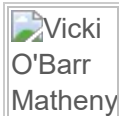
Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of James Harold Henderson



Coleman Funeral Home - January 05, 2016 at 09:56 PM



*Leslie, Mrs. Henderson, Jay, Will & family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Praying you draw near to God for your peace, comfort and strength.
Vicki & Darren Matheny
Katie & Corye's Mom & Dad*

Vicki O'Barr Matheny - January 05, 2016 at 11:09 PM



*Special thoughts and prayers for the wonderful family.
A special manan exemplary public servant from Little League baseball to Alderman of Olive Branch he gave it all.....and with a smile.*

Wendell Davis - January 06, 2016 at 04:23 AM



Will be missed. Always had a smile and a good laugh to brighten a day when I saw him. Good man and a friend for many years

Dodd Dickey - January 06, 2016 at 09:58 AM



We will always remember the good times we had during little league ball so long ago. May god bless you at this difficult time. The Howard family, James, Lynn, Dale, Joshua and Jan.

Lynn Howard - January 06, 2016 at 11:16 AM

DW

Sending thoughts & prayers to all of you in the passing of Harold. Never saw him without a smile on his face. 😊. The Williamsons- Tuffy, Dana, Tracey, Kelley

dana williamson - January 06, 2016 at 03:33 PM

FM

My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Frances McGown

Frances McGown - January 06, 2016 at 05:32 PM

JB

I just recently learned of Harold's untimely passing. I have known him since high school days when he quarterbacked Water Valley and I played for Senatobia. They were our big rivals. Our last game for both of us was in Nov., 1965, when SHS won 25-23. Harold didn't play in that game due to an injury and he has told me over the years since that W.V. would have won had he not been injured! (He was probably right!)

Anyway, we kept up over the years and I even did some appraisal work for him and for the City of Olive Branch over the years. We were friends though we didn't get to see each other as often as I wished. He was a good man - and a good rival and friend.

Jerry Brewer

Jerry Brewer - January 15, 2016 at 03:42 PM

GE

“ As we hold a special election today for the seat left vacant by Harold, my thoughts turn to the day he walked in my office in January of 2013. Harold came by to ask me to consider running for Alderman. I told him he was "nuts" as I did not have a political bone in my body. After much discussion he convinced me it would be a natural fit for me as it was serving people; just like I do in the insurance business.

As I work toward the last year in my first term I wish to express my gratitude for his encouragement and coaching during my tenure. Serving the people of Ward 1 has been fun and rewarding. Harold was dedicated to serving his Ward, loved his family deeply, and was an uplifting mentor to me for which I am grateful.

Whomever fills that seat will have big shoes to fill. I will miss Harold and continue to do my best to honor his memory as a fellow Alderman and Citizen.

Rest in Peace, good and faithful servant.

Gil Earhart

Gil Earhart - February 16, 2016 at 09:39 AM

GR

“ It was my pleasure to know Harold for many years. Back in the good "ole" days of South Central Bell and Bellsouth, I had the good fortune of working with Harold a long time on splicing crews. Also went to work with Mr. "Pig" Loftin. Not many folks left that remember those long ago days. I know that Harold will be missed greatly. Really was a fine gentleman. I just found out about his untimely passing or I would have attended the service to show my respects for Harold and his family.

GARY REYNOLDS - January 07, 2016 at 04:12 PM

SH

“ *Sandra Hoskins lit a candle in memory of James Harold Henderson*



sandra hoskins - January 06, 2016 at 11:35 AM

SH

Joy And family i am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all. Sandra Houston Hoskins

sandra hoskins - January 06, 2016 at 11:37 AM

TL

My condolences to the family and to his associates. Mr. Henderson was a straight shooter, and I appreciated him for being a truthful, honest man. His loss will be felt throughout the community. ~ Toni Lepaska

Toni Lepaska - January 06, 2016 at 07:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Harold Henderson.*



January 06, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Harold Henderson.*



January 05, 2016 at 11:35 PM



“ Tolly McClatchy lit a candle in memory of James Harold Henderson



Tolly McClatchy - January 05, 2016 at 11:06 PM



“ 21 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - January 05, 2016 at 09:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Harold Henderson.



January 05, 2016 at 09:40 PM

JW

“ *Judy White lit a candle in memory of James Harold Henderson*



Judy White - January 05, 2016 at 08:33 PM

MS

“ *I will always remember Harold for all he did for me here in Cedar Crest Subdivision and his run for Alderman and re-election. In my opinion, this will always remain "Henderson County" as the banner said. I will miss him very much. I spoke to Harold several times prior to his surgery about going forward, and his death is weighing heavy on me now. May God bless and comfort all of you. Mike and Corrine Sondag*

Michael Sondag - January 05, 2016 at 03:24 PM

BL

“ *I read this and liked the message..... Our lives our fleeting and each person we choose to share our lives with becomes a precious part of us and our experiences. Life only allows us enough time and energy to connect with a limited number of people. Losing one of these people creates a emptiness that echoes for the rest of our days. Yet we must somehow find the will to carry on. Knowing that those we love live on through us, that their memories shape who we are and the choices we make.
Harold we will miss you and our prayers are with your beautiful family that you were so very proud of.....
Love Brenda and Jim*

Brenda Loftin - January 04, 2016 at 08:54 PM

JW

My heart is so saddened to hear this news of Harold's passing. Our lives joined at Northwest and Harold and Joy have been wonderful memories of those days. My prayer for Joy and the family for peace, comfort and blessings from God. May your memories help you thru this difficult time. I wish I could be with you but it is registration for classes at Northwest. Joy, the days will be difficult but God will guide you. My love to you.

Judy Woolfolk Weeks

Judy Woolfolk Weeks - January 05, 2016 at 03:00 PM

LT

Joy and family, we so sorry to hear of Harold's passing. We have fond memories of our days at Northwest and playing ball and raising kids etc. Joey and I are praying for all of you.

Linda Treadway - January 05, 2016 at 03:51 PM

LH

Laura N Will Henderson

His smile, love, laughter, support, encouragement, opinions, phone calls, visits, hugs and many more things will be missed so much. We were not ready to let him go because we all loved him dearly and he means so much to our family. This is so hard for us to understand why but we know God knows best and says when it is time. We know he is smiling down from heaven and giving us a thumbs up again. He fought long and hard for his family and we know we will still have him close by as our guardian angel to watch over us and protect us as he has always done. As we think about all the things we will miss and will not get to do with him anymore, we are so grateful for the time and memories we have with him. Rest in peace, find a lake to fish on, a ball team to play on or coach, watch over us daddy. We love you and will see you again one day. You may be gone from this earth but will never be forgotten. Thank you for being a wonderful father, friend, grandfather and so much more to our family. We will do our best to carry your legacy on.

Laura Henderson - January 05, 2016 at 04:51 PM

RM

Was sorry to hear of Harold's passing. The Henderson's and The Mays family were close in Water Valley growing up. We will miss Harold and ate praying for his family left behind... Charles Mays family ? ?

Rev. Charles Mays - January 05, 2016 at 06:18 PM