



Mr. Henry Gordon

August 29, 1934 - May 22, 2015

Henry Dale Gordon was born in Summit, Mississippi on August 29, 1934 to the late George and Ruby Gordon. On the evening of May 22, 2015, at Tendercare Health and Rehabilitation Center, Our Heavenly Father called another servant peacefully home. Henry who gave his life to Christ at an early age, was a former member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Henry was the seventh of twelve children. In the late 1950's, Henry's older brother, Willie Howard left Mississippi for Michigan to seek better employment opportunities. Soon after, Willie Howard relocated to Kalamazoo with his younger brother Henry and other siblings joining him.

Subsequently, Henry met and married Griselda Daniel and during their 25 year marriage, they raised four children.

Henry was employed by General Motors for 25 years. Following his retirement from GM, he started a small cleaning and maintenance business and worked in building this business until he officially retired a few years ago.

A devoted and protective father, he raised his children with a strong work ethic and moral code. A gifted carpenter and builder, he enjoyed working on various projects around the house. He could repair just about anything, and took great

pride in his ability to construct, renovate and create unique structures. When the family lived in Paw-Paw, with the help of his young boys, Henry built a beautiful 20x20 recreation room equipped with all of the special features and gadgets that were popular during that time. A hardworking man, he taught his children how to live on a farm, and took great pleasure in presenting them with unique experiences and challenges that living in a rural setting brings.

Quiet, introverted, and easy-going, Henry enjoyed outdoor activities, such as, fishing, hunting, landscaping, and chopping wood for the winter. Socially, he enjoyed the company of his family, especially his brothers and older sister Emma, with whom he shared a special bond.

In his later years, Henry met and married former wife, Erma Jones Gordon of Portage, Michigan.

Henry was preceded in death by his son, Cornell; four brothers, George, Jr., Robert, James Lee, and Leroy; and five sisters, Remell, Georgia Mae, Mary Helen, Marilyn, and Sarah.

Henry will be sorely missed by his three adult children, Gary Len Gordon of Kalamazoo Michigan, Cheri Ann Telfair of Atlanta, Georgia, and Patrick Gordon (Sharon Kirkland-Gordon) of Bowie, Maryland; brother, Willie Howard Gordon of Kalamazoo; sister, Emma Powell of Kalamazoo; 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews and other extended family in Mississippi, Ohio, Georgia, Arizona, and Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon



Harper Funeral Home - May 28, 2015 at 09:09 PM



“ Mr. Henry Gordon

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Henry Gordon

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Mattie Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon



Mattie Fields and Family - May 31, 2015 at 01:28 PM

KS

“ As friends of Gary's, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Gordon family for the loss of Mr. Gordon. May your happy memories of him bring you some peace and comfort during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Kimera, Shelby and Matthew Simonds

Kimera Simonds - May 29, 2015 at 08:51 AM

RL

“ *Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon*



Ramona Lumpkin - May 29, 2015 at 08:28 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon*



Karest Willis-Brown - May 29, 2015 at 06:19 AM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon*



Barbara Phillips - May 28, 2015 at 05:23 PM

DM

“ *Delisa McGrew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon*



Delisa McGrew - May 28, 2015 at 08:06 AM

CW

“ *A wonderful cousin whom we loved dearly, I remember all the great family times, how he always came by our house and visited with my dad rest in peace cousin. Colette Sutton Woods.*

Colette Sutton Woods - May 27, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ *Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Mr. Henry Gordon.*



May 26, 2015 at 09:19 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon*



Pauline Gardner - May 24, 2015 at 07:33 PM

TP

“ *Cheri, my prayers are with you and your brothers as you prepare to bury your father. You will always be family to me. I would be there fore you if I was able. Much Love*

Theresa L Powell - May 24, 2015 at 09:13 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Gordon*



Jo Ann Embrey - May 23, 2015 at 06:42 PM