

Honorary Pallbearers

Rodney Brown
Mike Brown
Steven Brown
Tyrone Harding
Rico Doakes
Byron Parker

Honorary Flower Bearers

Connie Turner
Lynn "Nicky" Tennie
Theresa Doakes
Valerie Faye Bates
Sharon Brown

Services under the direction of:
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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

The family of Russell Henderson wishes to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

Celebrating the Life of Russell Henderson

SUNRISE
September 15, 1937

SUNSET
November 14, 2020



SERVICES

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 — 2:00 p.m.

EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Reverend Seaborn Carter, Associate Minister
Holy Temple Baptist Church
Officiating

Obituary

Russell Henderson was born on September 15, 1937 to Georgia Taylor and Ira Henderson, stepfather in Stringtown, Oklahoma.

Russell was raised by his grandmother, who loved him dearly and who he affectionately called “Aunt Lindy” and his grandfather, Andrew Taylor.

Russell called himself a comedian at times and liked to say funny things and could easily make others laugh, and he often referred to his place of birth saying, “I was born in Stringtown up on the side of the mountain between a chicken coop and a chicken house!”

He attended Dunbar High School in Atoka, Oklahoma. His favorite teacher in school was Mrs. Pearl Watkins. He was a member of the Debate Team, and had a photogenic memory. It was said that he could locate and remember many things, and places after seeing it only once! He never really needed a map. He enjoyed sports — basketball, baseball, and football!

Russell was well-traveled. He joined the US Navy as a young man. He joined the US Navy at the age of around 18. He sailed the seas aboard the US Navy Ship, the USS Cavalier, after completing Basic Training at the US Naval Base in San Diego, CA. he was stationed in Japan. Trained as a Distiller of Water and learned Boxing.

After returning home to the US. Russell lived and worked in several cities, including and worked at several different occupations, including: Tulsa, OK, Los Angeles, CA, Portland, Oregon, Houston, TX.

He became a successful Business Owner: He started out with a small Grocery Store, across the track in his hometown of Stringtown, OK.

He was always a very Flamboyant Dresser and liked to wear colorful outfits with suits, shirts, ties, shoes, and always hats to match. The hat was his signature style!

Russell was a Builder, worked Construction, Club Owner, bought and sold Real Estate, a Landman, Surveyor, and even taught others how to survey land.

He enjoyed helping people in many different ways. He liked to buy cars for his kids, daughters and granddaughters.

He joined the Jehovah Witnesses and talked to many people about Jehovah. He was naturally always an enthusiastic conversationalist! He completed Pioneer Training School with the Oklahoma City Circuit 2 and was an active member in Oklahoma City for many years!

He enjoyed visiting with family, his brothers and sisters, children, and nieces nephews, cousins and in-laws including Jewel Dean Colbert! He especially enjoyed visiting and helping his sister, JoAnn’s boys in his hometown of Stringtown, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his maternal sisters: Della Mae Porter, Ethelene Tyler, Doris Marie Harding, and Jo Ann Brown; maternal brothers, David Lee Henderson and Kelvin Moran; paternal brothers and sisters: Janis Jacquelyn Washington-Love, Beverly Cheryl Washington-Bojang, and Sheridan Rena Washington-Taylor; and one daughter, Patricia Henderson.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Janet Sue Johnson-Henderson, of Richardson, TX; one sister, Raydean Crawford of Oklahoma City, OK; paternal brothers and sisters: Brenda Washington of Tulsa, OK, Calvin Washington of Tulsa, OK, Carolyn Washington of Tulsa, OK, Jerry Ann Washington-Multani of Grand Rapids, MI, Donna O’Shea Washington-Walker, and Veronica Gale Washington-Tankersly; two sons, Eric Henderson of Georgia and Derrick Henderson of Frisco, TX; four daughters: Renay Lunsford of Royce City, TX, Duyanna “De De” Henderson of Tulsa, OK, Carla Roberts of Oklahoma City, OK, and Andrea Henderson of Piedmont, OK; sister-in-law, Peggy Poe; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Order of Service



Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection — “Amazing Grace” Congregation

Scripture Reading
Old and New Testament Reverend Seaborn Carter

Prayer Reverend Seaborn Carter

Musical Selection Sharon Brown and Valerie Faye Bates

Resolutions/Acknowledgement

Remarks/Reflections (*Please limit to two minutes*) Steven Brown, Family and Friends

Musical Selection — CD “Going Up Yonder”

Words of Comfort Reverend Seaborn Carter

Video Tribute

Parting View Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.

Recessional



RUSSELL HENDERSON

September 15th, 1937 - November 15th, 2020



Thank you for joining us to celebrate the life of our father. We will miss his laughter and humor. Thank you for helping us carry on his memory today and forever.

~THE HENDERSON FAMILY

Russell Henderson

Born through the union of the late Calvin Benjamin Washington and Georgia Henderson, Russell was born September 15, 1937 in Stringtown, Oklahoma. He was raised by his grandmother, Malinda "Mama Lindy" Taylor, and her husband, Andrew Taylor, Sr.

As a young man, Russell joined the US Navy and went through basic training in San Diego, California. He was later stationed in Japan on the USSN Cavalier, where he worked as a water distiller and a cook. He also learned boxing in his spare time on the ship. He was honorably discharged in 1959 and a recipient of the Medal of Good Conduct.

Through his union with Zelder Marie Ceasar, Russell was blessed with six children, two of whom preceded him in death. Russell married Patricia Ackerson and from this union had one daughter. Russell was also blessed with two daughters from his union with Inez Roberts, one of whom preceded him in death. Russell married Janet Johnson in 2018, to whom he was married until his death.

In 1982, Russell pledged his life to Jehovah God and became a Jehovah's Witness with Kingdom Hall in Houston, Texas. As an active member of Kingdom Hall, Russell rose to the position of Elder. Russell worked in the field of construction and took his knowledge and began building a small business in real estate.

Russell quietly departed this life on Saturday, November 15, 2020. He is preceded in death by his parents, his maternal brothers David Lee Henderson and Calvin Moran, his maternal half sisters Della Mae Porter, Doris Marie Harding, Ethelene Henderson, his paternal half sisters Beverly Bojang, Sherrian Rena Washington, Veronica Tankerly and his daughter Patricia Henderson. He is survived by his maternal half sister RayDean Crawford, his paternal half brother, Calvin Washington, and paternal half sisters Brenda Hudson, Carolyn Washington, Jerry Ann Multani, Janis Love, and Donna Walker.

His life will forever be memorialized in the lives of his children; Renay Lunsford of Rockwall, TX, Eric Henderson of Misawa-shi, Japan, Duynna D. Henderson of Tulsa, OK, Derrick D. Henderson of Frisco, TX, Carla Henderson of Oklahoma City, OK, and Andrea Henderson of Oklahoma City, OK; his 15 grandchildren: Yasmeen, Eboni, Satin, Elliottka, Duynna Jr., Dominique, Kenneth, Delilah, Shantal, Quintel, Romel, Centrel, Kaylen, A'Shante and Sonja; his 26 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.