



## Mr. David Henry

March 31, 1944 - June 1, 2023

David Prather Henry, Jr., of Smiths Station, Alabama transitioned peacefully on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at his residence. Public visitation will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, 2 pm - 6 pm CST with family present at 5 to greet loved ones at Peterson & Williams Funeral Home in Opelika, Alabama. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 11 am CST, Salem Chapel A.M.E. Church in Salem, Alabama. Burial will follow in Lakeview Memory Gardens, in Phenix City, Alabama. Reverend Kendra Jacobs, Pastor; Reverend S. D. Drakeford, Eulogist.

He was a devoted husband, loving father, proud alumnus of Alabama State University, and pillar in the community. David was a retired Principal of Smiths Station Primary School who served in education for 33 years.

David Prather Henry, Jr. was proceeded in death by his parents, David and Alzater Henry and beloved Grandmother, Celesta (Grandma Les) Nelms; son, Tyrone Henry; brother, James Nelms. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Mary Bibbins Henry of Smiths Station, Alabama; Three daughters, Suzette Williams of Opelika, Alabama, Laronda (William) Jemison of Alexandria, Virginia and Celesta (Kendall) Henry-Simmons of Auburn, Alabama; Ten grandchildren, April, Stewart and Jamel Williams of Auburn, Alabama, Alana, William David and Christian Arthur Jemison of Alexandria, Virginia, and Celesta Kensley, Laila, Olivia and Henry

Tyce Simmons of Auburn, Alabama; Six great grandchildren; brother, Prathon Henry of Chicago, Illinois; sister, Jean Madden of Opelika, Alabama; Uncle, Lonnie (Mary) Nelms of Auburn, Alabama; Two brothers-in-law, Dennis (Marilyn) Bibbins and Stanford Bibbins of Montgomery, Alabama; Seven sisters-in-law, Idell (Howard) Wallace of Louisville, Kentucky, Mary Clark of Dayton, Ohio, Margaret (Bennie) Goodman, Annie (Mike) Tucker, Betty Boswell, Annette (Gregory) Kelly, and Cheryl Bibbins-Davis of Montgomery, Alabama; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends including the Smiths Station Primary School staff, with special recognition to Michael Greathouse (Resa) of Smiths Station, Alabama.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeview Memory Gardens

3800 Highway 280  
Phenix City, AL 36867

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home  
1016 McCoy Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
(334) 745-6473  
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

## Family Receiving Hour

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home  
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Opelika, AL 36801  
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## Service

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JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Chapel A.M.E. Church  
57 Lee Road 254  
Salem, AL 36874

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David Henry*



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**Peterson and Williams Funeral Home** - June 09, 2023 at 06:26 PM

AT

“ *My condolences to the Henry Family and love ones. May you be hold your special memories close to your heart and be comforted. Love, Alva Meniffee Thomas.*

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**Alva Meniffee Thomas** - June 18, 2023 at 04:36 AM

MM

“ *Margie Maddox lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Henry*



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**Margie Maddox** - June 14, 2023 at 10:21 AM

SQ

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute



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**Shelia Quarles** - June 09, 2023 at 09:32 PM

RM

“ *Mr. David Henry was one of the utmost upstanding, Godly men I've ever had the privilege to know & call family. Our Morin-McConnell families have known this wonderful man & his beautiful wife & family since the early 70's. He's been a great role model & advisor to us & many. Rest high on that mountain & hug my momma & daddy for me when you enter the heavenly gates & see our Lords face. 🙏  
Peace to Mrs. Henry & your beautiful girls.  
With Deepest Heartfelt Condolences,  
Roberta Morin McConnell & Jeff McConnell*

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**Roberta Morin McConnell** - June 08, 2023 at 08:50 PM

KC

“ *I was so saddened to hear about Mr. Henry's passing. He was always Mr. Henry to me ever since he was my principal at Smiths Primary 35 years ago. Even after all that time, anytime I would see him around town he always remembered me and greeted me with a handshake and a smile. He was a special man and he will be missed. Smiths Station is a better place because of him and will be poorer after losing him. Rest in Peace, Mr. Henry!*

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**Keith R. Claridy** - June 08, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - June 08, 2023 at 02:40 PM

AS

“ Mr Henry was my Primary School Principal and he greeted us every morning with a big smile and he would hug us and made your day better. He was a kind, caring and loving man. I later had the pleasure of having Mrs Henry as my 4th grade teacher and she is a wonderful lady, just as kind and caring as Mr. Henry. My thoughts prayers go out to Mrs.Henry and Family during this difficult time. God Bless you all and Give you peace that passes all understanding.

Angela Walker Scott - June 08, 2023 at 07:05 AM

CE

“ Constance Tarver Echols lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Henry



Constance Tarver Echols - June 08, 2023 at 12:56 AM

EL

“ Sorry to hear about Mr.Davide, y'all have my condolences. For the whole family's in my prayer,

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**Evonne lindsey** - June 07, 2023 at 11:32 PM

JC

“ Mr. Henry was a great boss and was a fantastic principal to our school, Smiths Station Primary. He was a pillar in the Smiths Station community. He was well loved by all who knew him.

*Jolee Clark  
Mark and Gayle Clark*

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**Jolee Clark** - June 07, 2023 at 10:51 PM

JF

“ Julia Rowell Finley and Family



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**Julia Rowell Finley** - June 07, 2023 at 03:03 PM

RH

“ He is my uncle&the news of his passing did a number on me.I will definitely cherish&remember him&the good times always.Rest on uncle David little Bo love you🕊️🕊️🕊️

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**Rashae Bibbins Hollinhead** - June 06, 2023 at 10:59 PM

SW

“ Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences in the loss of your beloved. Praying for comfort and peace. Mr. Henry will always be remembered as an awesome educator, principal and a kind family man.

*Shavon Williams, Smiths AL.*



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**shavon Williams** - June 06, 2023 at 11:24 AM

FI

“ To the family, so sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy and many prayers. 🌹

*Faye Vaughn- Ingram & Family*

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**Faye Vaughn- Ingram** - June 06, 2023 at 11:09 AM

RH

“ Ruth Dowdell Heard lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Henry



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**Ruth Dowdell Heard** - June 06, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. David Henry.



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June 06, 2023 at 10:33 AM

EF

“ *Elroy Davis and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. David Henry.*



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**Elroy Davis and Family** - June 06, 2023 at 09:38 AM

C&

“ *Constance Echols & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Henry*



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**Constance Echols & Family** - June 05, 2023 at 08:59 PM

MH

“ *Our prayers are with the family 🙏❤️ and all the times we interacted with each other. Those days still bring great memories and laughter be blessed. 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Madison Harrison** - June 05, 2023 at 06:03 PM