

*Celebration of Life*  
*for*  
*Mr. J. Raphael Sylvester Henry*



Tuesday, October 30, 2012  
11:00 am

**Hiram Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
310 Main Street  
Hiram, Georgia 30141

Reverend Matthew Tinkham, Jr., *Pastor*

## Obituary

Mr. J. Raphael S. Henry, affectionately known as Jay Henry, 68, made his transition on October, 12, 2012 at Anderson Mill Health & Rehabilitation Center, in Austell, GA, following a severe stroke with complications.

Born September 20, 1944, Mr. Henry was raised in Antiqua. His parents were from the Dominican Republic and Antiqua. He was the second eldest male-child of six siblings that included two brothers and three sisters.

In his early years, Mr. Jay Henry was a member of the Royal Police Force of Antiqua and Barbuda and also served the Royal Virgin Island Police Force. He relocated to the United States and joined the U.S Army. He served six years with the US Army from 1974-1980. He was a Staff Sergeant and received an Honorary Discharge. His other disciplines of employment included Master electrician and lastly before his disability, he was a truck driver for U.S. Express Trucking Line.

Jay's Christian walk began in the Seventh-day Adventist Church where he attended and graduated from Moravian High School in Antiqua. He continued his secondary education from several colleges in the US through the army education program and received his Master Degree in Business Administration from Orlando College in October, 1992.

His walk of faith continued where he attended several churches throughout his life-time where he later met and married his current wife (Dee) in Orlando, FL. They re-located to GA in 1999 wither they last attended together at Oasis Family Life Church in Dallas, GA, under the leadership of Pastor Anthony Murray where Dee remains.

Mr. Henry was a man with a keen sense of intelligence, a good provider and disciplinary dad. He was both a gentle and complicated man at times. Those who knew him intimately, considered him kind, charming and at other times brave. He will be sorely missed. He completed his course and no more suffering will be encountered. He was loved by many and thankful to God for his time with us.

Believing at the time of his conviction, Mr. Henry returned back to his roots and rejoined the Seventh-day Adventist Church and began serving at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hiram, GA, under the leadership of Pastor Matthew Tinkham, Jr. He was baptized and served and dedicated himself to Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church until his passing.

He leaves his wife of 17 years, Debra (Dee) Henry; his adult daughters, Averil, and Jacqueline Henry; one granddaughter, Tyler; three-blended children, Charity, of Sanford, FL, Le'Von, of Henderson, NV, and Valoria, of Norcross, GA; his family includes one-surviving sibling/sister, Laurel Jordan (Detroit Michigan); her daughters, Antoinette and Beautie, a host of nieces, nephews and many close friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Music Selection..... Ms. Getzie LaMar

Scripture Readings.....Pastor O'Shay Smith

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3

New Testament: I Thessalonians 4

Music Selection.....Ms. Getzie LaMar

Remarks: (2 Minutes Please)

Elder Eddie Falkoner/ Ms. Victoria Wilson, Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Anthony Murray/Bro. Tony Hilton and Carlos Fowler, Oasis Family Life Church

Pastor O'Shay Smith/ World Changers International

Music Selection.....Ms. Patricia Jenkins

Words of Comfort..... Pastor Matthew Tinkham  
Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church

Acknowledgements.....Willie Watkins Funeral Staff

Recessional

Postlude

## **Interment**

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Veterans Cemetery Rd.

Canton, Georgia 30114

## **Repat Location**

Hiram Seventh-Day Adventist Church

## *Miss me, but let me go*

When I come to the end of the road,  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little - but not for long.  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that once we shared.  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey we must all take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the master plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
Laugh at all the things we used to do.  
Miss me, but let me go.  
Anonymous

## *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

## *Flower Ladies*

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## *Special Thanks to:*

Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church, Oasis Family Life – Heal Ministry, Contributors,  
Guest Musicians and Soloists, Willie Watkins Funeral Home, Douglasville, GA

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of **Mr. Raphael Sylvester Henry** would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all. We thank you for your calls, cards, prayers, and all your expressions of love and most of all for supporting us during our time of bereavement.

May God bless you and keep you.



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