



## Mrs. Henrietta B. Roach

November 16, 1935 - April 25, 2025

Henrietta Burdine Roach was born on November 16, 1935, in Linden, Virginia, to the late James Henry Clowe and Bessie Jackson Clowe. She was the fifth of six children. She peacefully entered her eternal rest with Jesus Christ on Friday, April 25, 2025, while residing at Viva Senior Living.

A proud graduate of William C. Taylor High School in Warrenton, VA, Henrietta was actively involved in the Civic Club, Yearbook Committee, and the National Honor Society.

On June 29, 1957, Henrietta entered holy matrimony with the love of her life, Rev. Clyde Wendell Roach of Steelton PA, at Mt. Paran Baptist Church in Linden, VA. Their union was blessed with two sons, Dwight W. Roach and Trent E. Roach, who they raised in Harrisburg, PA.

Henrietta's professional career began in 1960 with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation where she held several positions related to Data Entry. In 1983, she proudly became a Data Entry Supervisor. She retired after 30 years of dedicated service leaving behind a legacy of hard work, kindness, and strong leadership.

Supporting her husband's pastoral ministry, which began in 1970, Henrietta accompanied him through numerous assignments including Monumental

African Methodist Episcopal Church of Steelton, PA (1970); Ebenezer AME, Middletown, PA (1971); Bethel AME Church, Carlisle, PA (1978); Grace United Methodist and First United Methodist Church in Steelton, PA (1992). Henrietta was deeply cherished by him and the congregations they served. Clyde's last appointment was at Riverside United Methodist Church in Harrisburg, PA starting in 1993 until his passing. Henrietta's unwavering faith, hope, and love were the wind beneath Clyde's wings. She remained a loyal member of Riverside until its closure in 2019, serving as the Church's Liturgist with pride.

Henrietta deeply enjoyed and cherished singing. Her soprano voice was a serenade of joyful praise whether it was with the choir or her angelic solo renditions. Her warm melody touched many hearts.

Henrietta was a founding member of the Capital Area Music Association (CAMA) under the esteemed musical leadership of Dr. Tony Leach. CAMA performed in local concerts, promoted musicals, conducted educational workshops and granted scholarships – activities that were very dear to her heart. Additionally, Henrietta was also a proud member of the Red Hatters. She delighted in donning her red hat while fellowshiping with the Red Hatters.

Henrietta found great joy in cooking and baking, never hesitating to fulfill a culinary request. Every day, you could find her outside gardening, solving crossword puzzles, crocheting, and bird watching especially during the spring as she eagerly anticipated spotting a robin. Her grandkids were her pride as she cared for them after retirement. She was a prolific bowler, participating in multiple bowling leagues and consistently striving for her personal best. Henrietta was a very fashionable dresser who displayed a butterfly pin on her rear right shoulder.

Henrietta was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Henry and Bessie Clowe; her siblings: James "McKinley," Calvin "Maxwell," Algernon "Sylvester," and Jack Clowe; and her devoted husband, Rev. Clyde W. Roach.

Henrietta is survived by her loving sons, Dwight W. Roach and Trent E. (Ernestine "Tina") Roach of Harrisburg PA; her cherished sister, Audrey M. Clowe; her treasured grandchildren, Marcel T. Roach, Kalia L. Roach, Kurtis W. (Jenelle) Roach, Ariel P. Roach and Joseph C. Scott-Roach; her adored great-grandchildren, Ayden V. Roach, Bryson C. Roach and Chanel I. Roach; her brother-in-law, Kenneth (Lois) Roach; her sister-in-law, Joyce Bradshaw; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, XOXO

The Family

In lieu of flowers, you can support her love of gardening by donating a planted tree on Mrs. Roach's behalf through this website ([https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com/store/?icn=desktop\\_memorial\\_topbanner](https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com/store/?icn=desktop_memorial_topbanner)).

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# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

MAY 7. 8:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton  
1850 S. 19th Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

## Viewing

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton  
1850 S. 19th Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

## Service

MAY 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton  
1850 S. 19th Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17104



# Tribute Wall

FW

“ Trent and family, my deepest condolences and many prayers. Mrs. Roach was a beautiful lady. Always looked out for us in the neighborhood.



Frances Waters - June 03, 2025 at 07:51 PM

FA

“ Florence Alton, Bragg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Henrietta B. Roach



Florence Alton, Bragg - May 13, 2025 at 05:55 PM

FA

My deepest condolences to the family my prayers are with you all

Florence Alton, Bragg - May 13, 2025 at 05:57 PM

KC

“ To the entire Roach family,

It was such a great honor to get to know Henrietta and to learn about her. She would light up a room when she would sing and she always had a kind word to say. It has been a privilege to have been just a small part of her later years and getting to spend time with her. Her memory will always put a smile on my face.

Kelly Canulli - May 08, 2025 at 01:22 PM

AB

“ Sending our sincere condolences to The Roach Family and friends. R.I.P. Henrietta. The Baltimore Family.



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**Angela Baltimore** - May 07, 2025 at 12:15 PM

BM

*She and her husband were my beloved spiritual Godparents see you when I get there xoxoxo from Bishop Edgar B. Murphy and wife Deborah*

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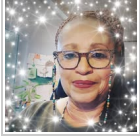
**Bishop Edgar B. Murphy** - May 19, 2025 at 10:21 AM

BT

“ Sincere condolences to the entire Roach family and to my friends Dwight and Trent I send my love an hugs ❤️🙏

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**Beverly Bowman Thomas** - May 07, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ Dearest Dwight, Trent, and Families,



*I don't have to tell you what an iconic role Aunt Henrietta played in my life. I will always remember her warmth and kind-hearted demeanor.*

*When we still lived in North 15th Street, your house was like a 2nd home, and Aunt Henrietta was like a 2nd mother. I still remember falling off my bike in front of your house, and her singing "Big Girls Don't Cry" to stop my tears.*

*Whenever I traveled back to the States, her phone number was one of the 1st I'd dial. Visiting with her was a highlight of my stay, and she always graciously opened her home to any family members who were available to see me while I was in town.*

*I know, too, how much she loved all of you, and how much joy and pride you brought her.*

*May Aunt Henrietta enjoy Eternal Peace surrounded by those of her loved ones who've gone before - especially Uncle Clyde.*

*Sending my sincerest condolences,*

*Your cousin,*

*Trina & Family*

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**Trina Roach** - May 07, 2025 at 07:56 AM

GB

“ *From: The South Carolina Core Family  
To: The Roach Family*

*The South Carolina Core Family will miss the beautiful angel we came to love. We know that Cousin Henrietta is in heaven, looking down on us and saying these words by Sir Alfred Lord Tennyson.*

*Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that, the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;*

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

*Cousin Henrietta, we all love you, but God loves you best. Sleep on and take your rest.*

*George Brown*

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**George Brown** - May 06, 2025 at 08:57 PM

GT

“ *May God give you and family peace and healing for your loss. Aunt Henrietta will remain in my heart always. Love, Garnet*



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**Garnet Tatum** - May 06, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JE

“ *Mrs Henrietta celebrating her great grandsons birthday with her sister Audrey.*



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**Jenelle** - May 06, 2025 at 07:22 AM

CM

“ *Trent you and your Family have my Deepest Condolences 🙏*



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**Celeste E Middleton** - May 05, 2025 at 11:03 PM

MD

“ To our Red Hat Sister Henrietta Roach. A beautiful, quiet sister of wisdom, Demonstrating both skill and compassion, With a heart of gold, Henrietta was kind, caring, respectful, and always willing to lend a helping hand to others. Our Red Hat Sisters will truly miss a beautiful women of style and beauty. Henrietta life was a testament to service, joy, and love for family. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. Daughter Of Dorcas Red Hat Society. Mary Jane Davis, Queen Mother

Mary Jane Davis - May 05, 2025 at 09:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Henrietta B. Roach.

May 05, 2025 at 08:17 PM

DF

“ We offer our condolences to the family of Sis. Henrietta. We were blessed when she visited New Pentecostal Church with Dr. Linda Gumby.  
"A precious memory"

Dr. Albert Holden & New Pent Family - May 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM

WR

“ Willie J Ross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Henrietta B. Roach



Willie J Ross - May 05, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AM

“ To Dwight and Trent (Tina): The Hanna Family of the Steelton and Harrisburg vicinities send our prayers, love and condolences to ALL Family members of Mrs. Henrietta B. Clowe Roach.

We will always cherish her warm smile, generosity, kindness, her beautiful singing voice that always took us to an uplifting spiritual elevation at our worship services; and most of all, her genuine persona -- always a gracious lady. We loved her dearly.  
(from) Anita Hanna Matthews & the Hanna Family



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Anita Hanna Matthews - May 05, 2025 at 10:38 AM

GR

“ To the Roach family:  
Mrs. Roach was a wonderful and kind lady whom I had the pleasure of knowing. I will always remember her beautiful smile. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers, that God brings you comfort during this difficult time.



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Gloria Ravenel - May 03, 2025 at 08:21 PM

LF

“ My deepest sympathy on the passing of Mrs. Henrietta Roach. She was a beautiful and sweet lady. She always had a smile and a kind word. May she rest in peace. She and Rev Clyde Roach were truly loved by the Faulcon and Cash families.

A fond memory was when Mrs Henrietta, Rev Clyde and family came to Tampa Florida and visited with Lance and I.  
Sending hugs and love to Trent and Dwight and the entire Roach family.

Lecretia Cash Faulcon

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Lecretia Faulcon - May 02, 2025 at 04:24 PM

WF

“ *William Clowe Family Pensacola, FI purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mrs. Henrietta B. Roach.*



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**William Clowe Family Pensacola, FI** - May 02, 2025 at 12:15 PM

LR

“ *I was saddened to hear about Henrietta 's transition, she was a beautiful person and enjoyed singing and talking to others, she may be gone but never forgotten !*  
*Lucille Ray*



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**Lucille Ray** - May 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM

BF

“ Mrs. Henrietta and Rev Roach, along with Dwight and Trent have always been some of the most welcoming and loving people I've ever known, and it was a pleasure growing up together on the Hill with all of the Roach family. Mrs. Roach would always treat us as one of her own and greet you with her loving and beautiful smile, and Rev Roach would always share words of wisdom with you. Trent and I go all the way back to kindergarten at Downey Elementary and we also played on Frontiers International Harrisburg NE Little League. He and I along with Dwight and the entire Roach family have shared an unbreakable bond ever since regardless of where our paths of life have taken us. I can say without reservation that my life is better because of Mrs. Henrietta Roach and the entire Roach family. They have been and always will be true pillars of our Harrisburg community. God bless, keep, and watch over all of you always, and may you have peace. Much love, Byron and Lori Fordham

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**Byron Fordham** - May 02, 2025 at 08:44 AM

PR

“ Family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful mother. She had a beautiful and welcoming spirit of God. I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend her homegoing service, I will be away for work. But I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all.

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**Phyllis Clea Robinson** - May 01, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Henrietta B. Roach.



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April 30, 2025 at 09:06 PM

PH

“ We are saddened to hear of the lost of your loved one, Henrietta. We have known she and her family all our lives; we too were Linden residents. We knew her parents/sister and attended the same high school. Keeping the family in prayer, always. The Brown Sisters-Phyllis, Garnett, Idella, Irie

Phyllis B Harrison - April 30, 2025 at 07:44 PM

GR

*I love you Aunt Henrietta!!*

Greg Ray - May 01, 2025 at 12:58 AM

MD

*Deepest Sympathy to the family of Henrietta Roach XOXO from Maria Davis and family.m*

Maria Davis - May 01, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LF

*My deepest sympathy to Trent, Dwight and the entire Roach family. We have been friends and extended family for many years in Harrisburg. Mrs Henrietta was such a beautiful and kind lady. A fond memory was when she, Rev Clyde and family visited and blessed our home in Tampa Florida.  
Rest in eternal peace Mrs Henrietta. We love you.  
Lecretia Cash Falcon  
And the entire Falcon and Cash family.*

Lecretia Falcon - May 01, 2025 at 10:08 AM

SH

*Sending sincere condolences to the family of Sis. Henrietta Roach. Many fond memories of the Clowe and Roach families at Monumental AME Church Steelton.  
Prayers and blessings,  
Sis. Sharon Gray Hearst and the Carter Family.*

Sharon Y Hearst - May 05, 2025 at 07:42 PM

SC

*To the family of Henrietta*

*Sorry to hear of her passing. Many years ago, she bowled in our league and pulled the team together to win with her beautiful smile and lots of encouragement. Always remember that memories, as this one, lasts forever. She will be surely miss.*

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**Sylvia Crosson** - May 07, 2025 at 11:25 AM

CN

*I can so clearly recall, as a very young girl, looking out of our first floor window at several handsome guys ringing Aunt Millie's doorbell. Those were the Roach boys from Harrisburg. Many years later, Clyde and Aunt Lucille organized our first reunion. I grew to love all my family from all over the country. ❤️ Clyde and Henrietta were perfection and we were all heartbroken when he passed. He met her at the pearly gates to now spend eternity hand and hand. How perfect! Love you both. 🙏*

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**Carolyn Nelson** - May 07, 2025 at 06:07 PM