



Henry Crosson Jr.

October 12, 1932 - October 18, 2020

The oldest of seven children, Henry Crosson Jr. was born Wednesday, October 12, 1932, in Sumter, South Carolina, son of the late Henry Crosson Sr. and Sarah (Hunter) Crosson. At eighty-eight years of age, on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at his home in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, Henry departed with the angels to enter eternal rest.

Henry's family eventually migrated north to Pennsylvania. As he grew into manhood, he became the family patriarch and was admired for his quiet demeanor, tender spirit, undeniable wisdom and strong work ethic. He retired from Olmsted Air Force Base in Middletown, Pennsylvania. While working full-time there, he pursued entrepreneurial desires and started Crosson Lawn and Snow Removal Service which he expanded to also include three industrial dump trucks. This successful business venture enabled him to secure subcontracting opportunities with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a minority-owned business, and he subcontracted with several prime contractors on state highway construction projects. He was proud to point out to his children and others the many projects that he worked on throughout Pennsylvania.

The Crosson–Hunter family was known throughout the Harrisburg area for their Annual Pig Roast Reunion that spanned four decades. In those forty years, Henry blessed every occasion with his opening prayer as family and

friends formed a circle around him to bless their individual and collective journeys and for the yearly picnic that brought so many together from across the country. His heartfelt prayers echoed from the spirit of the ancestors to all the generations down through the years. The event became his platform for recalling oral and unwritten family history and his podium for sharing an encouraging word.

Henry was a faithful servant of God and assumed his spiritual nobility with unwavering faith. He was a devoted and active member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Steelton, Pennsylvania, where he served for over fifty years. He joined Mount Zion on January 27, 1952, and was baptized on February 3, 1952. Ordained a Deacon on December 1, 1968, he served as Chairman from 1977 until 1981. He was the visionary and a founding member of the Concerned Men's Ministry and the Laymen's Ministry that supported the pastor and church spiritually. The group also completed many building improvements; spearheaded the purchase of the first church van which provided transportation for many events; and, sponsored fundraising campaigns such as the annual Farm Show concession stands. He was honored for his distinguished service by the Deacon and Deaconess Boards in 2008. He was named 2009 Layman of the Year for his outstanding service to the Laymen's Movement of the Central Baptist Association. Deacon Crosson completed course work offered by the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., receiving a certificate in "Standard Leadership Curriculum."

He enjoyed watching all types of sports, loved gardening and travelling with his wife Barbara. He had a signature style of his own when it came to clothes and that appearance was further enhanced with his unique wit and sense of humor. One of his greatest pleasures was sharing his divinely-anointed wisdom and lessons of life with the younger generations of the family. He took extreme joy in letting you know the rewards of hard work and living upright

and godly. There were no degrees behind his name, but he was a professor of life who exemplified the adage that it was better to see a sermon than to hear one. Henry humbly displayed the profound difference between being educated and being wise.

In August 2013, at Whitmore Park in Annapolis, Maryland, officials unveiled a memorial honoring the “foot soldiers” who attended the historic 1963 March on Washington with the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the March. Among those who endured the heat, threats and harassment to march in 1963 was Henry, and his name is one of the five-hundred “foot soldiers” etched on the three slabs of memorial granite.

Henry loved and made sacrifices for his entire family. He has a daughter, April; and was formerly married to Joyce (Andrews) Crosson, a union that was blessed with three children, Tracy, Debra and Darrell. In 1996, he united in matrimony with Barbara (Benton) Crosson, his wife of twenty-four years, and she had three children, Stacey, Randy and Lyndelle.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Elliott Crosson, Joseph Crosson and Isaac Crosson. Surviving to honor his legacy are his loving and devoted wife Barbara of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; his brothers: Richard Crosson (Marilyn) of Maryland, and Nathan Crosson of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; his sister, Evelyn Crosson Chisholm of Harrisburg; his children: April Sims, Tracy Crosson Brown (William Sr.), Debra Crosson Allen (William Sr.), all of Harrisburg, and Darrell Crosson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also leaves to celebrate his life three children from his union with wife Barbara: Stacey Benton Hughes (Walter) of Harrisburg, Randy N. Benton (Haruko) of Camp Zama, Japan, and Lyndelle Butler (Wallace II) of Harrisburg; his beloved grandchildren: Quinton Crosson Taylor (Alicia) of Raleigh, North Carolina, Alfonse Sims, William Allen Jr., Marjia Allen, Elyssia

Taylor, Wallace Butler III, all of Harrisburg, D'vonte Sterling of Surprise, Arizona, Brandon Benton and Shawn Benton of Camp Zama, Japan; his great-grandchildren: Jacob Quin Taylor, Diana Joy Sheraden Taylor and Jin Kato; his only living aunt, Harriett Hunter White of Baltimore, Maryland; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who mourn his passing, but rejoice and celebrate his life and legacy.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

ON-LINE STREAMING OF SERVICE. CLICK ON THE PHOTOS & VIDEOS TAB OR MEDIA TAB (MOBILE) AND TRIBUTE WEBCAST TO VIEW.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

OCT **26**. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Viewing

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Henry Crosson Jr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - October 26, 2020 at 09:12 AM

DE

While watching my Uncle Henry's funeral service on Monday October 26th, I have a suggestion. The organist should play music softly or not at all because I could not hear most of the speakers, except the minister and my cousin Wanda Hargrove.

Denise - October 26, 2020 at 12:16 PM

WC

This Wayne Clea Sorry for your loss I wish I could be there for y'all still praying for you I love you

Wayne Clea - October 26, 2020 at 01:14 PM

AM

To the Family. Thank you for sharing this moment in time me me and my family. We all have been dealing with loss this year more than ever it seems. It seems like a week or a day doesn't go by with out hearing sad news about a loss of a family member. I remember your Dad. My memories of him are that he was always nice to me and my family. I enjoy his presence and always looked forward to seeing him though few and far between. He has joined the ancestors and though we are sad, it's a wonderful thing. The sufferings of this world are now behind and He is at peace..... and we will meet again some day. As my mom says when she hears about loss. .. we all got to that way. Peace and Blessings to the family's.

Aubrey Mckoy - November 11, 2020 at 11:58 AM

YW

“*"I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD UNTIL I DIE" The Words of that Song said everything about a Man who Loved His Heavenly Father as much as Henry did. As I watched the Homegoing Service yesterday and got to see some of my Family Members whom I have not seen in a while the Tears began to fall. I Thank GOD that we are such a close knit Family and when one is hurting we all hurt. I can remember Sunday Mornings that Gold and Black car pulling up to 1818 Walnut St and the horn honking and us running out the house so we could not make Him late to Sunday School. Fast forward and I hear my Sons saying is this going to be a "Hendu Prayer" because we are hungry. I know without a Doubt that Henry Crosson Jr. heard "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant". You will be missed. Love your Cousin, Vonnie. Brandon FI.*

Yvonne Washington - October 27, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“*Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Henry Crosson Jr..*



October 26, 2020 at 01:35 PM

BT

“*Blessings to you Crosson family. May your loving memories and God's grace sustain you. Deacon Henry's prayers, songs and kind spirit will remain with us.*

Deacon Sterling and Sis. Barbara Thompson

barbara thompson - October 26, 2020 at 12:24 PM

CB

“ I love Henry, he and my Dad (Clarence Brown) were BFF's, I use to bring him pepsi (limited). Him and his garden, he was surely a caring, loving, and hard working man. I will miss him forever, with
❤️ The Brown Family

Cina Brown - October 26, 2020 at 11:20 AM

ST

“ RIP, my dear Cousin. You have truly left us Legacy to follow. We will miss your calm and self assured demeanor. You lived your life as an excellent for our young family members. I love you dearly, for I witnessed what good you did for this family and the community. You have run the race. Love forever, your Cousin Sarah Crosson Tilman, Atlanta GA

Sarah L Crosson Tilman - October 26, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry Crosson Jr..



October 25, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Henry Crosson Jr..



October 24, 2020 at 10:12 AM

RS

“ My dear Barbara, and family I am deeply saddened at the going home of Henry he was a man's man . May God bless you and keep you may he smile upon you and Grant you his peace is my prayer.
Rev.James E. Simpson (aka Jim)

Rev. James E. Simpson - October 24, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Crosson Jr..



October 24, 2020 at 08:45 AM

AP

“ My deepest condolences, Crosson family your in my prayers, Deacon Crosson will be truly missed. My memories of sitting, talking, laughing will never be forgotten.

Arnetta Primas - October 23, 2020 at 02:44 PM

RB

“ Sending sincerest condolences to the family at this difficult time. Thinking of how he and my dearly departed husband Clarence would spend time together almost daily at their garage! Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers!

Ruth S. Brown - October 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Henry Crosson Jr..*



October 22, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest condolences at the loss of Deacon Henry Crosson Jr. A gentle spiritual giant, prayer warrior and patriarch, we will always remember his distinctive friendly voice and the melodious way he prayerfully called on his God/The Lord at Mount Zion and Family functions. It was an honor to be in his presence, he always made everyone feel welcomed and loved as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Thank you for your service and support in the Church and to our Family. Rest easy from your earthly labor and receive your heavenly reward Deacon Crosson. We are praying for your comfort and peace Ms Barb, Tracy, Deb, Darrell and the entire Crosson & Benton Family. God bless you. Love, Angela Gumby, Danielle and Nate Jr.*

Angela Gumby - October 22, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Henry Crosson Jr..*



October 22, 2020 at 02:31 PM

EF

“ *The family "glue" in times of challenges, home goings of loved ones, and difficult times.*

He will truly be missed. He was the son my parents never had. Gone but not forgotten.

1st Cousin Elaine Frye Fuller



Elaine Fuller - October 22, 2020 at 02:22 PM

DC

“ *Uncle Henry! You will be missed by Jermaine, Ja'ir Fudge and me. But I know you are dancing around the throne room of grace.*

For 27 years you have been my uncle. Thank you for sharing the funny jokes and fond memories of my father-in-law, Mr. El!

I know you two are together in heaven. Him fussing and fixing stuff.



Ms. Barb, Tracy, Deb, and Darrell our prayers are with you!

We will see him again!! JESUS is LORD!

Dawn Gullette Crosson

Dawn Crosson - October 22, 2020 at 11:52 AM

PS

“ I want to send my deepest condolences to Debra, Tracy, Quentin and the entire Crosson family. I called him the 'quiet' deacon at Mt. Zion, and I loved him dearly. May God bless the family in your time of sorrow. Rest in heaven Deacon Crosson you will certainly be missed.

Perrise Saluhdin and Family

Perrise Saluhdin - October 22, 2020 at 10:13 AM

WA

My condolences to my cousins, the entire Crosson family and friends. May he R.I.P!
Walter Leonard Andrews

Walter Andrews - October 22, 2020 at 01:40 PM

IL

Iris lewis
My Sincere condolences to Barb and the Crosson family.

Iris lewis - October 23, 2020 at 12:21 PM

CR

You will always be showered by blessing while holding a lifetime of memories in your heart.

With sincere sympathy,

Carol & Stephen Runk - October 23, 2020 at 07:58 PM