



Elder Jesse D. Henderson

September 17, 1942 - February 18, 2022

Elder Jesse David Henderson was born on September 17, 1942, to Jesse and Dora Henderson. Both parents and his brother preceded him in death. Jesse attended public schools in Kinloch, Missouri, and graduated from Kinloch High School. He took some college courses in Omaha, Nebraska.

Elder Henderson met the love of his life, Nellie Woods, and was married on October 1, 1968. Nellie inspired him to give his life to the Lord, and both became members of San Francisco Temple Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Bishop Dwight McDaniels. The two celebrated 50 years of marriage before Nellie transitioned to be with the Lord.

Jesse was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. He was always telling people where God brought him from, and he won many souls to Christ by his personal testimony. He had a kind heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Bishop McDaniels saw that brother Henderson was a Bible scholar, and there was no subject or question regarding the Bible that he didn't know. He was ordained and received his license as an Elder in the church.

Elder Henderson held many jobs throughout his career and was employed with General Motors Company. In April 1981, his job moved from St. Louis, to Bowling Green, Kentucky. He retired from General Motors on June 30, 2000, after thirty years of faithful service. He had such a compassionate heart for Christ and consequently started his own church.

Elder Henderson loved to go fishing, swimming, and roller skating. He

traveled two hours to Nashville, Tennessee, every Sunday, just to roller skate. While skating, he loved to let people know he was 79 years old, and people would stop what they were doing and watch him.

Elder Henderson would often go to nursing homes and preach every week. He was always on the streets preaching with his bullhorn, compelling people to give their life to God. People started calling him, "Preacher Man", which he enjoyed hearing. He had a habit of blowing his horn up and down the streets, leaning out the windows to make sure he got everyone's attention. On the day he departed this life, I heard the whistle blow within the hospital room from the machine that was keeping him alive; and every time it would sound, his entire body would jump. I knew God was telling him to get on board, "Your work on earth is done."

In August 2021, when his health began to fail, Elder Henderson relocated to St. Louis, Missouri, to live with his sister, Christine Upchurch. There was never a dull moment in the house. He loved to eat, talk, read, pray, and quote scripture all day. Some of his favorite words that I had the pleasure of hearing every day were "WOW," "WELL," "When is it time to eat," and "Where's my car, phone, and money?" He would often tell his brother-in-law, "I make your day. You never had it so good until I came here." They would talk and laugh for hours until they would get tired of hearing each other. Our home has not been the same since the day he died. Sometimes I listen for his voice to say, "Tiny, Tiny," and I praise God for the last six months he was in St. Louis.

Elder Jesse David Henderson departed this life on Friday, February 18, 2022, at 10:44 p.m., at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, in the presence of his sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews.

Elder Henderson leaves to cherish his memory: four sisters, Ida Maclin, Christine (Thornton) Upchurch, Gloria Henderson of St. Louis, MO, and Ronda (Hugh) Hall of Hampton, VA; five brothers, Larry, Michael, Rene, and Milton (Denise) of St. Louis, MO, and Kenneth Henderson of West Palm Springs, FL; one great-nephew, Brehlon, who at the first glimpse, brought Bill so much joy; his Skating Team Family in Nashville, TN, where he used to go

skating every Sunday night; five sisters-in-law, Delores (Calvin) Bing, Ruby (Lester) Walker, Karen (Jerome) Middlebrooks, Valerie Renell Cody, and Irene Woods; two brothers-in-law, Willie James Philip and Felix Woods; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Spring Church
10229 Lewis & Clark Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63136

Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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10229 Lewis & Clark Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63136

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 843-2336
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

Services To Be Live-Streamed via Burnam & Son Facebook Page

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Celebration of Life for Elder Jesse David Henderson in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - March 12, 2022 at 11:02 AM

KG

“ *Kevin And Kim Grainger lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Kevin and Kim Grainger - March 11, 2022 at 08:30 AM

AT

“ *Reverend Henderson and my father Brother Bobby are friends now both in heaven witnessing singing and sharing their testimonies. I met Preacher Man as a little girl in St. Louis were my father took me to attend a service one Sunday and I shall forever remember my father and his interaction that day and those that came in latter years such love and camaraderie both full of life and love for the Lord. I loved Reverend Henderson and Mrs. Nellie and seeing them through the years always warmed my soul. I am thankful to God he is gone on to glory and reunited with his beloved Nellie and friends and loved ones. Roll on and rest easy Preacher Man!* ❤️☀️🙌

Anita Thomas - March 10, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



William Walker - March 06, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ *Sheena Withrow lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Sheena Withrow - March 06, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *DeAnna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



DeAnna Lewis - March 06, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *Many prayers and condolences for the family of the late bro Henderson*



Willa Blewett - March 06, 2022 at 02:01 PM

KC

“ *Kenny And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Kenny and Crisandra Coleman - March 06, 2022 at 10:32 AM

SH

“ *Shirley Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Shirley Hawkins - March 04, 2022 at 12:10 PM

EH

“ *Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Estella Hill - March 03, 2022 at 02:23 PM

TH

“ This was my Main Mann right here! From my early childhood until the last time I saw him a few months ago he always had a kind word to say to me! He loved talking about the Lord and the Scriptures! He loved his wife and was a very hard worker and very proud of the years he spent in the auto industry. The world would be a much better place if there were more like Brotha Henderson. Heaven has got to be real because people like Brotha Henderson need a special place to go!!! Take your rest Brotha ❤️❤️❤️

Terrance Hudspeth - March 03, 2022 at 09:17 AM

BS

To the family's Spiller family give u my condolences 🙏

Brenda Spiller - March 08, 2022 at 02:43 PM

CH

“ I thank God fir Elder Jesse henderson's the last six months of his life was spent in Saint Louis mo. It was so much joy and love from my brother. Every day he was going back to bowling green. Three weeks before he died he told me to plan his funeral. The sound from the machine that was keeping him alive blew like a train coming to a stop I heard the call of God and knew it was Coming to pick my brother up, right before they took him off the machine it blew one final time Mr Jesse got on board



chris - March 03, 2022 at 08:12 AM

ME

“ *Mary Eason lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Mary Eason - March 01, 2022 at 09:37 PM

NP

“ *So sorry to hear of this. Praying for the strength of the family.*



Nancy Pennington - March 01, 2022 at 02:09 PM

LW

“ *Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Loretha Withrow - March 01, 2022 at 01:58 PM

CM

“ *Pastor Joseph and Carolyn Merritt send our love and condolences to the family of Jesse Henderson. Great teacher and man of God. The entire family are in our prayers.* 🙏❤️

Carolyn Merritt - March 01, 2022 at 01:08 PM

MT

“ *Michael Tatmon lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



michael tatmon - February 27, 2022 at 05:32 PM

NM

“ *Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Nathaniel Bernadine Martin - February 27, 2022 at 04:07 PM

EB

“ *Edward And Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Edward and Deborah Bufford - February 26, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SL

“ *Sabrina Loving lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Sabrina Loving - February 26, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Elder Jesse D. Henderson was a man of wisdom and his devotion to God was truly admirable. His valuable words like "GOD DID IT" and precious thoughts will be forever etched in my heart. You see, I was blessed to minister beside him at State Street Baptist Church a few years ago and in 2019 with Smile Ministries at our county jail here. He was a man of God with lots of swagger, but even more than that, His presence always added color and positivity to any environment. Family, Because Elder Henderson led a life full of honesty and respect, God has now granted him the highest reward which is in Heaven. I pray, knowing that fact, that it brings peace and comfort to your hearts.*



Yvonne Williams - February 26, 2022 at 02:22 PM

SL

“ *Sabrina Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Sabrina Loving - February 26, 2022 at 01:42 PM

KB

“ *Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



kenetha bryant - February 26, 2022 at 11:13 AM

KB

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WB

“ *Many prayers and condolences to the family*



Willa Blewett - February 26, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Frank Alexander lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Frank Alexander - February 26, 2022 at 09:10 AM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Wanda Anthony - February 26, 2022 at 12:36 AM

DB

“ *Dallas And Paula Butts lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson*



Dallas and Paula Butts - February 25, 2022 at 09:38 PM

SH

“ *Rest easy Rev. Henderson*



Sharon Haynie-Cosby - February 25, 2022 at 09:26 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson



cheryl hewitt - February 25, 2022 at 01:19 PM

RF

“ Rivergate Adult Skate Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elder Jesse D. Henderson.



Rivergate Adult Skate Family - February 25, 2022 at 12:42 PM

LM

“ Lolita Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jesse D. Henderson



Lolita Martin - February 25, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ Dear Henderson Family,

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - February 25, 2022 at 10:47 AM



We dearly loved our dear friend Jesse Henderson. He was a sweet and sharing Christian

Brenda Gentile - February 25, 2022 at 07:20 PM