

Celebration of Life for
Henry Lee Starks

Sunrise
December 28, 1947

Sunset
February 2, 2017



Reflections of Life

Henry Lee Starks was born December 28, 1947 to the late Custer and Inell Starks in Seale, Alabama.



Henry moved to Hackensack, NJ with his mother when he was young. He graduated from Hackensack High School in 1966. He worked many years as a fork lifter for The Rag Shop in Paterson, NJ.

Henry met the love his life, Mary Lee James, when she and her sister went to a dinner in Hackensack, NJ. They were trying to find the address to their girlfriend's house. Henry couldn't let Mary pass by so he gladly showed them the way. He asked for her phone number and the rest was history. They were united in matrimony on May 26, 1981, and he moved to Paterson, NJ.

Henry loved to impersonate others, and keep his family laughing. He also enjoyed spending time with his wife and children. He walked his children to school, and took them to the park and movies. He was very protective over his family. He would walk with his oldest daughter, Betty, from the bus stop when she worked at night. He played catch with his son Henry (Ken) and taught his youngest daughter Tracy how to ride a bike. Henry loved and cherished his family. Henry also enjoyed watching wrestling, and boxing. He was a star cook and known for making mouthwatering BBQ ribs.

In 2011, his son prayed with him and Henry accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Henry retired from the Rag Shop in 2013. He continued to enjoy an active life and work for Shop Rite in Rochelle Park. He worked there for 20 years.

Henry is survived by his wife Mary (ex); son, Henry K. Starks (Teia); daughters: Betty Joyner (Andre) and Tracy Starks Pollard (James); sister, Alice Starks; brothers: Daniel Starks, Dennis Mabry and Gean Mabry; granddaughters: Janell Joyner, Ashley Joyner, Zyleena Pollard and Miah Starks; grandsons: Andre Joyner Jr., Jawion Pollard, Carron Pollard, James Pollard, Caleb Starks, Christopher Pollard, aunt: Barbara Dupree and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

Prelude

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy

Minister Nate Townsend

Recessional

Interment

Arlington Cemetery

Kearny, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Henry Lee Starks** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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