



George Washington Henderson

February 19, 1924 - February 28, 2016

George Washington Henderson began his life in Luling, Texas, February 19, 1924 as the second child born to George and Cora Henderson.

He attended public school in Luling, Texas until his family relocated to San Antonio in 1937. He attended Douglas Jr. High School and Phillis Wheatley High School. It was at Wheatley that he met Pearl Kathryn Hammonds. After graduation in 1943, George and Pearl married and from their union, they were blessed with five children.

George's devoted and loving wife for 54 years preceded him in death in 1996.

George was drafted in the U.S. Army after high school. He was a veteran in World War II and received his honorable discharge after serving two years. He returned home and attended St Phillips College, where he studied Tailoring.

After leaving college, George was employed at Kelly Field Air Force Base until he retired in 1975 to pursue his dream of building and carpentry. He began renovating houses, added a second story to the family home, building houses and a four-plex apartment building. How proud he was of his accomplishments. In his spare time, he was an avid sports enthusiast, enjoyed fishing, dominoes, and having a healthy discussion on politics.

The entire Henderson family was active members of Emmanuel AME church. George and Pearl changed their membership to East St. Paul Methodist church that was near their newly built home allowing their children to become more active in church. As a member of East St. Paul, George served many years as a Sunday school teacher, Chairman of the United Methodist Men, Administrative Board chair person for several years, and Men's Day Chairman. Later he returned to Emmanuel AME where he remained a loyal and supportive member.

He also served on the YMCA board for several years, where his father George Clarence Henderson was founder.

George leaves to celebrate and cherish his memories: children-Georgia Eagles Marlin Eagles, Ronald Henderson, Sandra Lovings Cedell Lovings, Sally Luter Edward Luter, and John Henderson Kimberly Dorn. Siblings-Clonie Glasco San Antonio, Fred Henderson Tennessee, Gordon Henderson Calif, Emma Lee Yokum, and Carl Henderson Calif. Grandchildren: 16, Great Grandchildren 24 and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends