



Richard D. Henry, Jr.

February 17, 1933 - March 9, 2018

Richard D. Henry Jr. was born 17 Feb 1933 in New York City and departed this life on March 9th. 2018. He was the fourth sibling born to the late Richard and Susan Henry. He was raised on West 63rd street near West End Avenue in a neighborhood known affectionately to its residents as, the “60s”. Richard, his brothers Gerard and Carlton and Sister Loretta grew up in a loving family community where almost everyone was a relative. He attended Saint Cyprians Episcopal Church as a child. Richard attended New York City public schools. He joined the military at age 17. He served a highly distinguished 20 yr. career In the United States Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Richard met the love of his life Alfreda (Jackson) in New York 1955. They were wed on August 31, 1957. Richard’s military career included tours of duty at Loring AFB Maine, Korea, Japan, and Patrick AFB Fla. Richard’s final assignment in 1969 brought them to the Upper Peninsula of MI, K.I. Sawyer AFB. Richard & Alfreda purchased a home in Gwinn, Michigan where they raised their sons. Richard III and Darryl who became wonderful, kind and caring men. He was very proud of them and their accomplishments. He also took great delight in his grandchildren Kristin, Darryl Jr. and Daylin.

Richard was a proud no nonsense mentor who empowered others and therefore found his calling in the Air Force first, as an Air Force Food Services Specialist. He later cross-trained and excelled in the Services Club Management Field. His exemplary business organizational skills were lauded by Base Commanders, Senior Leadership, employees and patrons. Known as

“Mr. Henry” (no first name allowed) he coordinated numerous high level Non Commissioned and Officer Club Functions, Dances, Specialty Events and managed daily operations. After retirement he moved right into the same responsibility role as civilian Club Manager coupled with the Class Six Liquor Store Manager where he maintained the same high level job performance and customer service. Sawyer AFB entertainment never skipped a beat. He hired, trained and mentored his employees as if they were part of his own family. He also gave back to the community by serving as the Gwinn Miner’s Baseball coach, served on the Gwinn High School Booster Club board, chaperoned High School dances and was an active member/officer of the local chapter Lions/Kiwanis Clubs. Richard’s competitive nature was critical in the success of his boys’ participation in sports. Richard and Alfreda created a great platform for their kids, dreams, aspirations and desires. Everyone was welcome in the Henry House. Richard hosted several Super bowl parties for family friends.

His profound strong will, resourcefulness, and high energy level were just a part of the many ways he gave of himself to others and his family. Richard was a sharp dresser who worked extremely hard at his craft. He commanded respect, dignity and professionalism in all his endeavors. Richard’s theme saying was “There is no time for nonsense in the work place”. “The only thing that should be going on in your 9-5 is providing a good days work and I don’t want to hear about anything else”.

After his retirement from the AF and his civilian job Richard’s hobbies included cooking, maintaining the landscape, listening to music and watching sporting events on TV. He traveled with Alfreda to all her Teachers out of town Teaching Seminars, visited his sons and just enjoyed life with his Queen Alfreda. As a friend he enriched the lives of those who knew him with his gentle spirit and caring ways. Many enriching discussions occurred at the Gwinn Post Office and the local grocery stores. Richard is preceded in death by his wife Alfreda, parents, Brothers Gerard, Carlton, and Sister Loretta. Richard is survived by his children MSgt (Ret) Richard III (Connie) of San

Antonio, Texas, and Darryl (Sharon) of Chicago, Illinois, his grandchildren Kristin (Derrick), Darryl Jr., and Daylin, Nieces Theresa and Carole, Nephew/Godson Edwin, Michael C, Elliott, and Stuart, several Great Nieces and Great Nephews other close relatives Charlotte Lightner, Sandra Humphreys, Gail David, Barbara Ann Pyfrom, Alfonzo Pyfrom, and other extended family and friends. Richard was a Man of great class and dignity, a husband, father, Uncle, friend, and mentor/coach. He was truly a blessing to all who knew him. These are what he was, but he was so much more. He made his transition to joyfully join the Lord on March 9, 2018 in the presence of his loving family at Seasons Alzheimer's Care and Assisted Living where he lived from 8 Nov 2016 till his passing. Visitation will be held Friday Mar 23, 2018 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Eternity Funeral Home Bronx New York. A Funeral Memorial Service will be celebrated immediately following viewing with Rev. Jeffrey L. Smith of Bethlehem Temple Missionary Baptist Church officiating. Interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the Name of Alfreda R. Henry to Hunter College Foundation, 695 Park Ave., Room E1314 New York, NY 10065 or Seasons Alzheimer's Care and Assisted Living, 8245 Old Tezel Rd. San Antonio TX 78250. Memories of Mr. Richard Henry may be shared at www.MissionParks.com (San Antonio).

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

4419 Webster Avenue
Bonx, NY 10470

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eternity Funeral Home
725 East Gun Hill Road
Broxn, NY 10467

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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725 East Gun Hill Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Richard D. Henry, Jr..*



March 22, 2018 at 09:22 AM



“ *I made deliveries to Mr. Henry's Class 6 Store in the 1980's at KI Sawyer AFB, Mi. His obituary is spot on. Mr. Henry was very comfortable with who he was and he ran a tight ship. He was very professional and his store was always clean and organized. I ran in to Mr. Henry in a grocery store a few years back, had a nice conversation with him. The world needs more people like Mr. Henry. This man was a class act. The world lost a true gentleman...*

Steven Holman - March 19, 2018 at 12:40 PM

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“ *While I did not personally know Mr. Henry, I know Richard III who is my co-worker. Richard III exhibits the very traits described in his fathers obituary, and I’m proud to know him.*



Richard III kept his immediate San Antonio friends (his extended family) well informed of Mr. Henry’s progress after his move to San Antonio, and leading up to his Heavenly transition, so we felt we knew Mr. Henry through Richard III.

Blessings and Prayers.

The Lord Bless and Keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. Numbers 6:24-25

Be Encouraged

Daron Phillips - March 16, 2018 at 08:42 PM