



Hannah R. Henry (Randall)

April 8, 1913 - January 21, 2021

Mrs. Hannah Randall Henry was born in Odessa, DE, to the late Thomas and Hannah Whittington Randall. Her father was a Methodist minister and her mother was a housewife. She was the fifth child of five girls and four boys.

Mrs. Henry's elementary schooling took place in Olivet Hill, Galena, in Kent County, Maryland. She graduated from Garnett High School, Chestertown, MD. In 1930, she attended Bowie Normal School, graduating with a teaching certificate, in 1932. After attending summer school and taking management extension courses, she received her Bachelor of Science degree, in Elementary Education, from Morgan State College, in 1952.

All of Mrs. Henry's teaching was done in Caroline County beginning in 1934, in a one room school in Pinetown, MD. In 1935, she was transferred to Federalsburg, MD where she taught in the primary grades for four years. She was then transferred to Ridgley Elementary School. When the schools were integrated, she was the first African American teacher assigned to the previously all white Ridgley Elementary School, where she taught until she retired, in 1975. She gave a total of 41 years of dedicated service to the Caroline County School System.

In June 1936, Hannah was united in holy matrimony to the love of her life, Mr. Colbert Henry, by her father, Rev. Thomas Randall. The beautiful union lasted

for 65 years until Mr. Henry's passing in October 2001. They helped raise two nieces and two nephews, Mrs. Mary "Betty" Coles of Philadelphia, PA, Mrs. Constance Wilkerson of Goldsboro, MD, the late Mr. George Randall of Baltimore, MD and the late Mr. Marvin Henry of Philadelphia, PA.

Mrs. Henry accepted Christ at an early age. She joined Trinity AME Church in 1936, where she served as church secretary for 36 years. She also served as Sunday school teacher, choir member, trustee, steward, stewardess and president of the Missionary Society. In her spare time Mrs. Henry served in various branches of the Women's Missionary Society. She was devoted to the Lord and her church, her faith was unwavering.

Mrs. Henry was known to have a huge heart and a giving spirit, not only with her family, but within her community. She displayed this with her tremendous community involvement, earning numerous accolades. Her involvement included being a member of the Board of Directors Mental Health, American Cancer Society, Caroline County Library, The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, and Caroline County Retired Teachers Association. Mrs. Henry earned a League Award in 1978, Sojourner Truth Award in 1986, and an appreciation for social concern from the Christy Outreach Club in 1989. In 2009, the Trinity AME Church added her name to the Lottie Brooks Society, The society is now known as the Lottie Brooks/Hannah Henry Missionary Society.

Mrs. Henry's enjoyments were, spending time with family, listening to her church sermons, working on her puzzles, watching her soaps and game shows. Let us not forget her love for sweets!

In July 2007, Mrs. Henry moved with her niece, Mary "Betty" Coles, to Philadelphia, PA where she resided until her passing. She was preceded in death by her siblings; husband, Colbert Henry and nephews, George Randall

and Marvin Henry.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Randall; nieces, Mrs. Mary "Betty" Coles and Mrs. Constance Wilkerson; and a nephew, Mr. Ellis Harcum; along with a host of great nieces, great nephews, and countless loved ones and friends.

Mrs. Henry, a virtuous woman, exemplified God's greatest commandment, Luke 10:27: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and," Love your neighbor as yourself." Mrs. Henry's Godly influence will forever remain in our hearts.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I will always have fond memories of my first grade teacher who who instilled in me a burning desire and a love of learning that has lasted a lifetime. Later in life I got to know and love her as "Aunt Hannah" through my Aunt Connie. I know she will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her. Carolyn Ann Wilkerson

Carolyn Wilkerson - February 04, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CF

“ I cannot begin to calculate the impact Mrs . Hannah Henry had on my life. As my first grade teacher she planted the seeds that helped me develop my abilities for life long learning and thinking. She made it exciting for me as I vividly remember her encouragement and acknowledgement as inspiring. Her great presence as a member and leader of Trinity AME Church which my mother made sure that I and my siblings attended in our formative years was a second venue that exposed me to Mrs Henry\u2019s leadership and commitment to her community. To her family I extend my sincere condolences on her passing. It was my privilege to attend her centennial birthday celebration and I felt her grace, presence of mind and manner had not diminished over the many years. WITH THANKS AND RESPECT FOR HER LIFE WELL LIVED, CECIL FLAMER

Cecil Flamer - February 04, 2021 at 10:25 AM

AB

“ My heart felt condolences are extended to the Family of Sister Hannah. Being new to the area I did not have the pleasure of teaching skills in the classroom. But as becoming acquainted with her later I have been blessed to learn from her in numerous ways. I praise God for her inspirational living example of a virtuous woman full of grace and wisdom. May she forever rest in power in her eternal home. Continue to be blessed, treasure your memories and thank God for the time He shared her with us here. Blessings and Peace Alfreda Dennis-Bowyer, Bethel AME Church Church Hill, MD

Alfreda Dennis Bowyer - February 03, 2021 at 12:40 PM

LD

“ May you Rest In Peace Aunt Hannah. We love you!

Love, Kevin, Mia, Ciara & Dominic - February 02, 2021 at 07:50 PM

GB

“ Aunt Hannah, My memories of you are so beautiful, gracious and full of love! As a young girl through my teens, you set my example of what a strong black woman should be, and for this 2019m so thankful! Your example gave me the strength to go for my dreams! I've always felt that you encouraged me to dream large, achieve much, but always to give love to many! I will always be grateful that you were a part of our family! RIP - Dearest Aunt Hannah!

Grace Boardley Burris - February 01, 2021 at 02:38 PM

LJ

“ To the family of Mrs. Hannah Henry January 30, 2021 \u2013 My Favor Teacher It was the year 1938 and I was six years old, when I entered Federalsburg Elementary school. It was a three-room building and my teacher was Mrs. Hannah Henry. She became my favor teacher. I idolized her. I even tried to walk like her. I wanted to be just like her and I told my mother I was going to be a teacher just like Mrs. Henry. I ended up teaching for over forty years, with the hope of inspiring students the way she inspired me. Every year for the past 10 years, I\u2019ve been sending her flowers for her birthday. I never forgot my first-grade teacher and I never will. At this time there is no greater remedy to ease the sorrow of today, than the remembrance of good friends and the good times of yesterday. As you walk through this time of loss, may you know that the Lord walks with you and he will comfort you. With caring hearts and deepest sympathy. Lillie M. Johnson

Lillie Johnson - January 31, 2021 at 11:07 PM

LJ

“ To the family of Mrs Hannah Henry, She was a treasure and inspired so many.

Lillie M. Johnson - January 31, 2021 at 10:12 PM

JD

“ Aunt Hannah: You have earned your wings, and crown, for a life well lived. Always in our Hearts, Joanne & Spencer Henry

Joanne & Spencer Henry (Middletown, DE) - January 29, 2021 at 02:39 PM

HS

“ Forever in my heart Love Ellis

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - January 29, 2021 at 01:54 PM

HS

“ Rest in Paradise Aunt Hannah. Love Byron, Jamie and Jayden.

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - January 28, 2021 at 05:44 PM

BD

“ Forever always in my heart

Bunny and Deborah - January 27, 2021 at 10:16 AM

RD

“ "Hannah Henry" Gave so many gifts of knowledge to so many in her life. We will never forget her! Hannah Henry Circle

Rodney Dobson - January 27, 2021 at 08:49 AM

LJ

“ "LORD LEAD US"LORD, When We Are Feeling Lost And Cannot Find Our Way, Our FAITH In You Leads Us, As We Grieve And Pray.For Your KINGDOM Holds A PEACE This World Cannot Give,And With You Now, In HEAVEN, OUR LOVED ONE ALWAYS LIVES!!Mrs. Hannah Henry's life That She Lived Definitely Will Always Speak For Her. She Was A Phenomenal Woman, Living The Example Of JESUS!! Although We Will Miss Her, We Know That She Is With JESUS!! "The Saying That Is Written Will Come True:Death Has Been Swallowed Up In Victory." (1Corinthians 15:54)

Lorraine Jenkins - January 26, 2021 at 06:30 PM

RK

“ Mrs. Hannah Henry will always be remembered. She has touched the lives of so many people in a positive way. Prayers and Thoughts to the Family. (PSALM 23) "The LORD is my Shepard)

Ruth King - January 26, 2021 at 06:12 PM

LH

“ *Sending my Condolences to the family. Mrs Henry was my first grade teacher at RES and as an adult she continued to teach me important things in life. She will be greatly missed. Simply a lady of class.*

Lynn Holland - January 25, 2021 at 06:46 PM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Henry family. Rest peacefully Mrs. Henry.*

Shelly Parker - January 25, 2021 at 06:28 PM

HS

“ *With Deepest Sympathy. Ridgely Historical Society*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - January 25, 2021 at 01:42 PM