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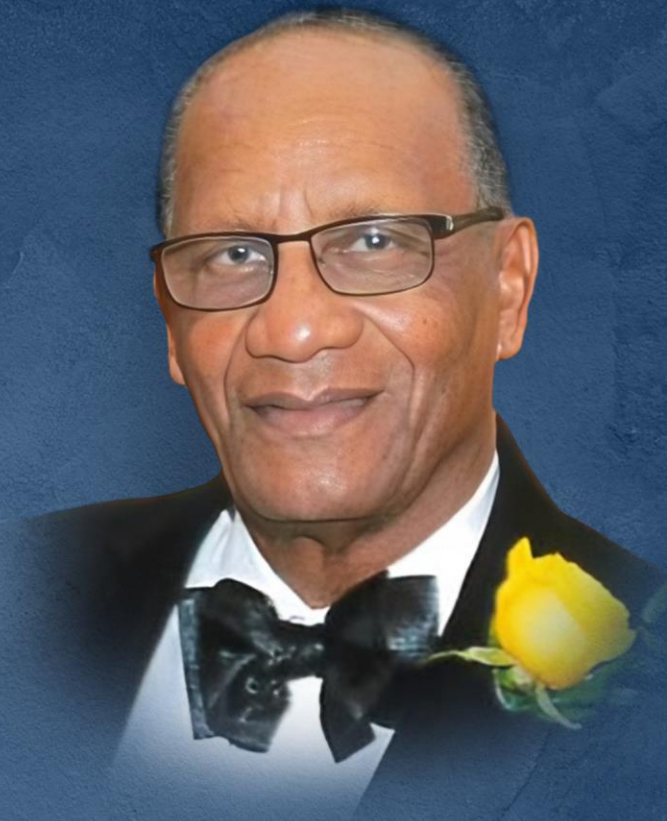
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The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Martin de Porres Building Fund (2229 Hampton Street. Columbia, S.C. 29204).

A Memorial Mass Celebrating the Life of

Mr. LeRoy Henry



Saturday, August 3, 2024
11:00 A.M.

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
2229 Hampton Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Father Michael Okere
-Celebrant-

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Reflections of the Life of Mr. LeRoy Henry

Mr. LeRoy Henry, the eldest son of eight children was born to the union of the late Jesse and Rosa Henry on March 2, 1941. He passed away peacefully in his home with family on Sunday, July 7, 2024.

Growing up in a close-knit family, LeRoy learned the importance of unity and support. He shared a special bond with each of his siblings. They would spend their days in State Park playing and working together, building memories that would last a lifetime. Affectionately called “Bro,” as the eldest boy, LeRoy took on the role of protector and mentor setting the example for his brothers and sisters.

LeRoy graduated from Hanberry High School and went on to study at Benedict College. Leaving there, he embarked on a military career as an Air Traffic Controller at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. Transitioning out of the Air Force, he moved to a successful career with the US Postal Service. His journey began as a City Carrier at the Eau Claire Post Office, providing him with invaluable leadership experience that would ultimately pave the way for his professional growth and advancement. Progressing in his career, LeRoy moved up the ranks from a City Carrier Technician to a Delivery Service Supervisor, eventually becoming a Superintendent for Postal Operations at the Columbia Main Post Office. He then took on the role of Manager of Station Branch Operations and quickly advanced to Area Manager. He served as Acting Postmaster in Dalzell and Fort Mill S.C., ultimately leading to his final appointment of Postmaster of Orangeburg, S.C. in 1989. He held that position until his retirement in 1992. Although his professional achievements and accolades at the post office were impressive, his most significant leadership legacy was the substantial number of minorities he supported, promoted, and helped progress through the ranks during his time at the postal service.

LeRoy enjoyed sports. In his younger years he played softball, tennis, and bowling, but his favorite sport was golf. In fact, when he retired golfing became his career. Whether playing with his son, brothers, nephews, or friends, he was serious about the sport—playing it and introducing young people to it. He volunteered his time with Odessey Golf Foundation an organization focused on teaching youth golf. In addition to golfing, he busied himself with gardening. For him, gardening was a spiritual act of service. He took pride in nurturing seeds and growing them into crops of sustenance for family and community. LeRoy’s unwavering commitment to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church was evidenced through his multifaceted service, including his roles as President of the Parish Council, member of the Finance Committee, dedicated Lector, instructor of the Catechumenate Program, and an active member of the Knights of Peter Claver Fourth Degree St. Benedict de Moor Assembly, and Third Degree Fr. Paul Williams Council 380.

LeRoy was fiercely competitive. He met his match when he met his soulmate of 46 years, Bernetha. He was her “Henry” and she was his “Neet.” Theirs was a love story of resilience, joy, triumph, laughter, and fun. Together they formed a blended family of five. LeRoy and Bernetha were known for their social gatherings. LeRoy’s love language was cooking. At every Henry hosted event you would find LeRoy on the grill or in the kitchen and Bernetha working the crowd. The trademark of a Bernetha and LeRoy Henry event was great food and great fun.

LeRoy and Bernetha traveled extensively throughout the U.S. —never missing the national Postal Conventions. Outside of the conventions, the couple set out to see as much of the United States as possible. One of their most memorable trips was driving cross country. They loved it so much they did it twice—the second time with his brother, Sam Henry and sister-in-love, Juanita Henry. LeRoy would get a second lease on life in 2014 with a successful heart transplant. With his new 24-year-old heart beating strong in his chest, LeRoy was a new man. The successful heart transplant surgery had given him a second chance in life, and he was determined to make the most of it. After his recovery, LeRoy took each day as a gift cherishing every moment and opportunity that came his way. He embraced life with a newfound vigor and zest, making sure to fill his days with joy, laughter, and meaningful experiences. He did so with some of his favorite people bearing witness –his children and grandchildren.

LeRoy found the greatest joy and fulfillment in his role as “Papa” to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He treasured the sound of their laughter, the sparkle in their eyes, and the love they shared with him. Being a “Papa” was LeRoy’s most cherished title, and he knew that his legacy would live through the generations he had influenced and loved so deeply.

His legacy lives on through his beloved soulmate, Bernetha Henry; his five children, Tuesday Thompson, Sonya Gbenyon (Arnoldo), Marlease Henry, Toya Sykes (Kevin), and Shadrick LeRoi Henry (Nicole); five grandchildren, Colin Robinson (Sahara), William Sykes (Shaakirah), Jontae Henry, Kaiya Sykes, Clarke Henry, and Carsyn Henry; three great-grandchildren, Kayden Weathers, Ava Henry, and Jayda Henry. His memory will be cherished by his sisters and brothers, Evelyn Henry Bookhart, Samuel D. Henry (Juanita), Jessie Henry Chandler (James), Marion Henry, Betty Henry Johnson (William), and Jerry C. Henry; his sisters and brother-in-law, Elizabeth Murphy (Melvin), Grovetta P. White, and Grover C. Philips(Betty); one aunt, Ida Mae Henry; along with a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Henry.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Hank Bilal, Minister of Music
Opening Prayer.....	Father Michael Okere
First Reading.....	Revelations 21:1-5a,6b-7.....Arnoldo Gbenyon
Responsorial Psalm.....	Psalm 27.....Juanita Henry Refrain: “The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation”
Second Reading.....	1 John 3:1-3.....Katrina Lorick
Gospel.....	John 6:51-58.....Deacon
Homily.....	Father Michael Okere
Intercession.....	Katrina Lorick
Presentation of Gifts.....	Kaiya Sykes Clarke Henry Carsyn Henry
Offertory Hymn	“The Goodness of God”.....Nicole Henry
The Lord’s Prayer.....	Nicole Henry
Communion Hymn.....	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”.....Charlotte House
Tributes (Three Minutes, Please).....	Samuel Henry and Jessie Chandler Karl Boston Larry Jones Marlease Henry LeRoi Henry
Concluding Prayer	
Final Commendation	
Recessional Hymn.....	“Let The Church Say Amen”.....Michael Poulard



Committal, Benediction, and Inurnment

11:00 a.m., Monday, August 5, 2024
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina