

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Pallbearers

Brian Scott
Duane Cosby
Sully Ismail

Dawud Grady
Harlan Cosby
Jamal Ormond

Big Mike

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

With grateful hearts, the Cosby family wishes to acknowledge and deeply appreciate the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to us during the homegoing of our beloved Henry Cosby.

We are especially thankful for the meals prepared, warm embraces, fervent prayers, thoughtful messages, visits, phone calls, conversations, and walks shared with us during this difficult season. Every gesture, whether great or small, has lifted our spirits and strengthened our hearts.

Though we cannot repay your kindness, we are committed to paying it forward, so that the seed of Christ's love you have planted in us may continue to blossom and bring beauty, hope, and light to others along life's journey. To God be the glory.

May the memory of Henry live on in each of us through acts of love, compassion, and service within our families and communities. As we honor his legacy, let us help someone in need, speak a kind word, extend a helping hand, and generously share the love he so freely gave.

Henry's voice may now be silent, but his spirit lives on in all who were blessed to know and love him.

-The Cosby Family

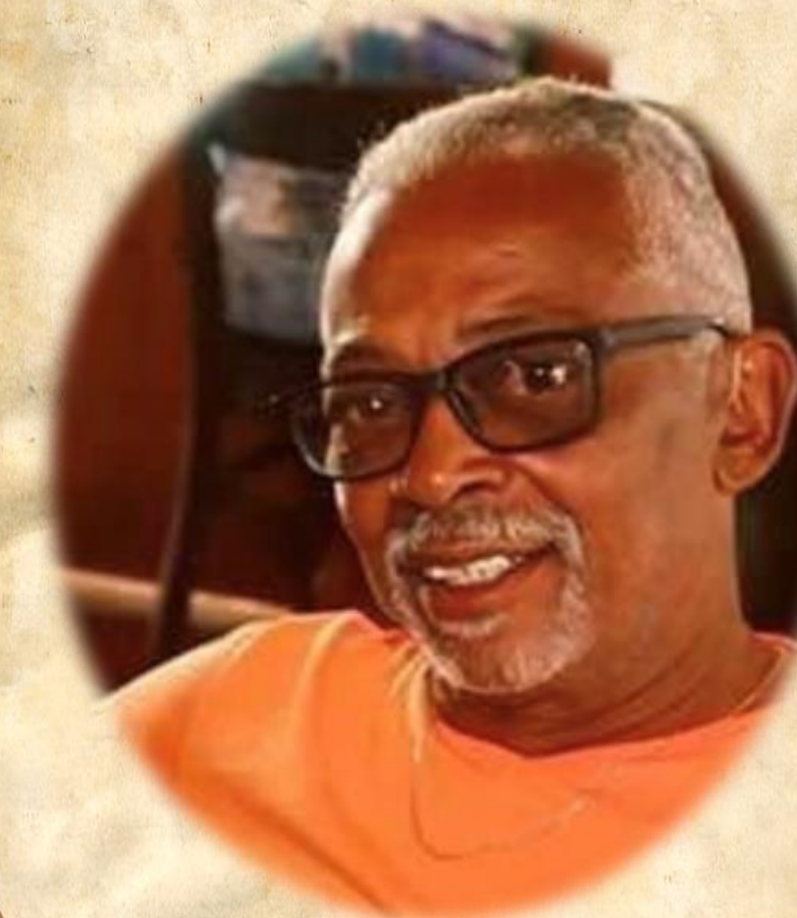
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Home Going Services In Loving Memory of Mr. Henry Tyrone Cosby



Thursday, June 11, 2026
12:00 noon

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Pastor Brian Thomas
-Officiating-

Obituary

Mr. Henry Tyrone Cosby, Jr. affectionately known as “Hank” or “Gangsta H,” was born October 30, 1954, in Orange, New Jersey to the late Henry Cosby, Sr. and Alberta Jones Cosby. Henry peacefully departed this life on Monday, June 1, 2026, comforted in the loving arms of his devoted wife, Lynn.

Henry received his education through the Union School System in New Jersey. With his charismatic wit and independent spirit, he often joked that he decided the system was not quite as smart as he was. Nevertheless, after fulfilling all requirements set forth by the State of New Jersey, he proudly earned his high school diploma. As a young man, Henry worked alongside his father in the family confectionery store in Newark, New Jersey. He later answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army. During his military service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, and qualified as a Marksman with the M16 rifle, before receiving an honorable discharge.

In 1978, Henry began a distinguished railroad career with Conrail, as a Conductor. He later transitioned to New Jersey Transit Rail Operations, where fate introduced him to the love of his life, Lynn. The two were united in marriage in 1996, and built a life grounded in love, laughter, and family. Together, they welcomed three sons; Petty Officer Second Class Brandon Cosby, Bre’von Cosby, and Bryan Cosby. These sons joined Henry’s beloved children, Gregory Ellis, Jennifer Cosby, and Jessica Cosby.

In 2007, Henry and Lynn relocated to Columbia, South Carolina. There, he launched his own trucking company, Little Smiley’s, lovingly named in honor of his father. He later continued his trucking career with his extended family, L&R Trucking Company. Although he “retired” in 2011, those who knew Henry understood that retirement was merely a suggestion. A true master of many trades, he worked as a self-made contractor and skilled craftsman. He could build, repair, or create nearly anything, taking immense pride in the quality of his work. While many called him “Jack of all trades,” Henry preferred to be recognized simply as someone who knew how to get things done, and done right.

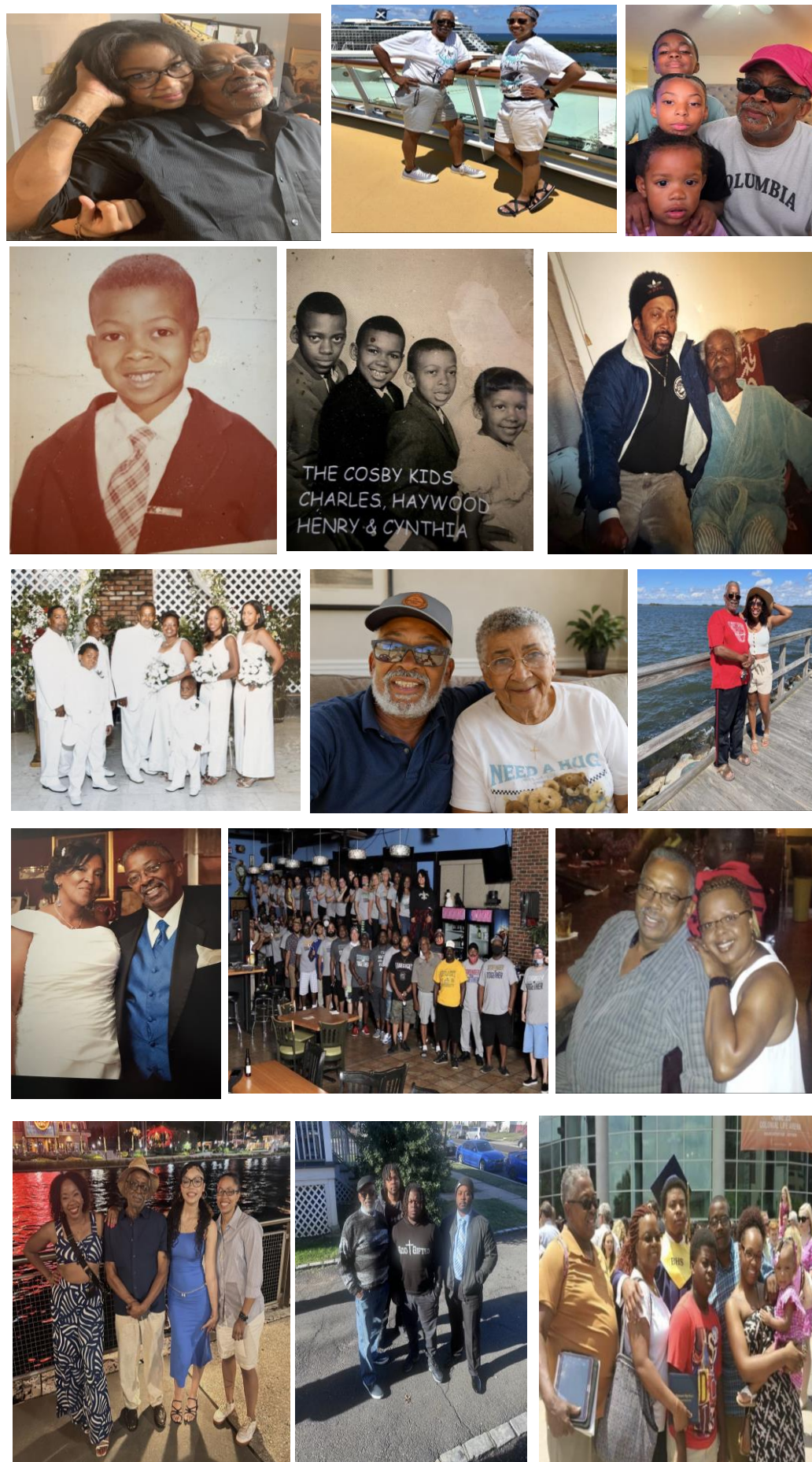
Henry was known for doing things his way, which, according to him, was the only way. One of his favorite sayings was, “You know my name, but you don’t know who I am.” He was truly one of a kind-generous, dependable, and always willing to lend a helping hand. Whether assisting family, friends, neighbors, or customers, Henry found joy in helping others, and making sure every job was completed with excellence. He also enjoyed working with United Events Services and Party Time Entertainment, where he thrived among people and formed countless friendships. His outgoing nature, infectious personality, and warm spirit made him loved by many.

A faithful member of Northstar Church, Henry enjoyed a wide variety of hobbies and interests. He loved cars, boats, fishing, karaoke, dancing, and simply relaxing at home. However, his greatest passion was golf. He spent many happy hours on the course at his favorite place, The Windemere Club. Among the many family members and friends, he enjoyed golfing with one special companion that stood out; a young man he affectionately called “Sully,” whom he proudly referred to as his adopted grandson. For Henry, tee time was always the best time. In addition to his parents, Henry was preceded in death by his two brothers, Charles Howard and Hayward Cosby, Kyle and Darien; and his beloved son, Gregory Ellis.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories to be treasured by: his devoted wife, Lynn Grady-Cosby; children, Jennifer Cosby, Jessica Cosby, with their mother Rhonda, Petty Officer Second Class Brandon Cosby, Bre’von Cosby, and Bryan Cosby; sister, Cynthia Cosby; brother, Harlan Cosby; sisters-in-love, Jennifer, Shakira, and Lakeisha; brothers-in-love, Jeffery, Dre, Dawud, and Rakim; daughters-in-love, Nesha (Holly) and Rhoshon; eight grandchildren, Shanaya, Khatia, Accacia, Jenesis, Zy’Aire, Lauryn, Brandon, Jr., and Layla; seven great grandchildren, Malena, Melanie, Treasure, Kahmari, Egypt, and Khamir; 21 nieces and nephews, Rhashonna, Kim (Lance), Bobby (Alanna), Duane (Cassie), Mann, Raymond, Albriana, Harlan, Jr., Bri’ean, Renee, Tia, Scottie, Kalia (Mario), Meka, DJ, Naz, Naddi, Vell, Bira, Akira, and Michael; a host of great nieces, a great-great nephew, cousins, extended family members, and countless friends, whose lives were enriched by knowing him.

Henry’s life was marked by service, hard work, laughter, generosity, and an unwavering love for his family. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
 “How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Readings.....Pastor Brian Thomas
 Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 New Testament – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Prayer.....Pastor Brian Thomas

Selection..... “Wind Beneath My Wings”
 Recording By: Better Midler

Remarks.....Ms. Jennifer Cosby & Ms. Jessica Cosby
 Mrs. Cynthia Cosby-Woods

Sermonic Selection.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
 “I Shall Wear A Crown”

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Brian Thomas

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 P.M./ Fort Jackson National Cemetery
 4170 Percival Road
 Columbia, South Carolina