

When I Am Gone

By: Marie Henry

When I am gone, release me, let me go;

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears;

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love; you can only guess

How much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love each of you have shown,

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,

So keep the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear.

All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

"Welcome Home."

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

My Letter to Marie (My BFF)

My Dear Marie (My BFF),

Some people come into your life and slowly become a part of it, but you became a part of my heart. We shared many conversations, lots of secrets, and moments that probably didn't mean anything to other people, but meant everything to us.

You knew my crazy side, my quiet side, and the side I don't show everyone. The best part of it all was that

I never had to pretend around you— I could just be Theresa (Tee).

When I look back at the chapters of my life, your name will be in the memories that I will cherish forever and ever. My life changed because of you, and when you left, a piece of my heart went with you.

Rest easy and fly high, my best friend forever.

Love Always, Your BFF, Theresa (Tee) Shell Wilson



Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of MS. MARIE HENRY



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

**LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINISTER JEFFERY C. GIBSON, SR.
-OFFICIATING-**

Obituary of Ms. Marie Henry

Ms. Marie Henry was born on May 4, 1956, in Columbia, South Carolina (Richland County). She was the oldest child of Emma Jane Henry and the late Arthur Henry Jr. Growing up, she learned the importance of putting God first, the value of family and education, and the foundation of a great work ethic. She departed this life peacefully on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

Ms. Henry was educated in the public school system of Richland County, South Carolina, and proudly graduated from C.A. Johnson High School, Class of 1974. She then furthered her education by attending Columbia Junior College.

She built a successful career, serving as the District Manager of Check into Check, until her retirement in 2013. Marie had a remarkable eye for beauty and elegance. She found immense joy in fine jewelry, stylish clothing, and the little luxuries that made life sparkle. Above all else, she cherished her family, who remained the absolute center of her world.

Marie was preceded in death by her beloved father, Arthur Henry Jr.; and her nephew, Antwan Henry.

Ms. Marie Henry leaves to cherish her precious memory: her mother, Emma Jane Henry; her devoted life partner, James Brown; her loving brothers, Danny Henry, Earl (Delorse) Henry, Greg (Torchia) Henry, and Melvin Henry; her beloved sisters, Linda Henry, Emily Henry, Gaisha Henry, and Wilhelmina (Clifton) General.

She is also lovingly remembered by her chosen daughters, Lavonda (Dwayne) Bush and Danita Chisholm; and her nieces and nephews: DeAndre (Dana) Henry, Candice General, Clifshon General, Ceira General, Camisha General, Greg Henry Jr., Malcolm Henry, Kayla Henry, Trimelva Coleman, Melvin Coleman, and Tyve Coleman.

She leaves behind a host of adoring great-nieces, great-nephews, and many other beloved family members and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude.....	“It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye to Yesterday” Recording By: Boyz II Men
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Musical Selection.....	Ms. Rachel Hall
Old Testament.....	Reverend Johnny C. Bush Sr.
New Testament.....	Bishop Reginald Steele Sr.
Poem.....	Ms. Trinity Green
Musical Selection.....	Mr. Andre Brown
Reflections.....	Mrs. Cathy Burns-Mitchum (Friend) Melvin Henry (Family)
Legacy Poem.....	Ms. Kymberly Henry-Myers “When I Am Gone”
Words of Comfort.....	Minister Jeffery C. Gibson, Sr.
Musical Selection.....	Ms. Rachel Hall
Closing Prayer	
Benediction	
Recessional.....	“Take Me to the King” Recording By: Tamela Mann
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and
Interment
Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina