



Mr. Henry Paige Kemp Sr.

February 9, 1925 - December 1, 2022

Henry P. Kemp was a native Virginian, born and raised on the campus of Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, in 1925, where his dad was employed for over forty years. At a very early age, his parents recognized those God-given gifts of creative thinking and technical construction skills. When the college era presented itself he chose the Building Construction–Architectural program at Hampton’s world famous trade school to prepare himself for his life’s work. In addition to his heavy technical programs he found time to participate in varsity tennis, track, basketball, choir, quartette, creative dance group, Omicron Social Club, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The complete college package strongly prepared him for the world of work.

He graduated from Hampton Institute with a B.S. Degree in Building Construction in 1947. He also received an M.S. Degree in Industrial Education from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas in 1975. He immediately began a career in education, and the architectural and construction fields. He taught drafting, basic wood work, art and construction techniques at the Mayo Underwood School in Frankfort, Kentucky while simultaneously operating a building construction business. During this period he met and married the love of his life, Mary B. Brown in 1950, (now deceased), a union which lasted sixty-one years and produced three off-spring. Henry (deceased); Teresa and Darryl, both residents of Prairie View.

In 1959 Henry accepted employment at Prairie View College to continue teaching in his technical area of training and experience. He found his way to Mount Corinth Baptist Church in Heavenly Hempstead. In 1960 he moved his family to Prairie View from Frankfort, Kentucky. They joined their dad at Mount Corinth and remained active in all phases of church programs and in the community. Henry sang in the choir and worked in many areas enhancing the church with his architectural skills. He served as a trustee for many years. Henry loved teaching. During this time he worked various jobs. After leaving Prairie View College he worked for Dow Chemical as a technical draftsman, then briefly taught drafting at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. Tired of the long commute, he ended his career at Waller High School. He taught drafting and coached tennis. He describes his time at Waller High School as the best years of his life.

Henry was married to the late Mary B. Brown for 61 years. He is survived by daughter Teresa R. Kemp Nickleberry, son Darryl R. Kemp and two grandchildren, Traci Nickleberry and Andrea Nickleberry.

Cemetery Details

Prairie View Cemetery

Prairie View, TX 77446

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Singleton & Sons Funeral Home
627 New Orleans
Hempstead, TX 77445
(979) 826-2425
info@singletonandsonsfh.com
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com>

Omega Service

DEC 9. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church
806 7th Street
Hempstead, TX 77445

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Henry Paige Kemp Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Andrea, you have my sincere condolences!*



Teresa Simpson - December 10, 2022 at 03:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Henry Paige Kemp Sr..*



December 09, 2022 at 12:40 PM

FE

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Kemp Family on the passing of the patriarch - Mr. Henry P. Kemp.*



Mr. Kemp was a man of many talents and the artistic guru for fraternal paraphernalia and sorority trinkets. He was the go to person for the pledge medallions. My first meeting Mr. Kemp was to commission the construction of the base for the Chapter's Scrap Book - a first for him, they were popular back in the 70's. Mr. Kemp provided a sample cover that was outstanding. He stated that since Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was the oldest fraternity, he thought an antique black raised bubble finish with old gold English letters was appropriate. It was a masterpiece and became a standard design. I also have a personal clock made by Mr. Kemp that will be cherished forever.

I enjoyed many moments with Mr. Kemp in regard to leadership, respect, playing tennis and just being a great human being and a good sense of humor.

God's grace and mercy endures forever. Frederick V. Roberts

Frederick V Roberts Esquire - December 08, 2022 at 02:42 PM

ET

“ *Mr. Kemp invested heavily in the growth of Prairie View A&M University. Nothing was he ever asked to do no matter how inconvenient for him did he refuse to do with joy and that warm smile. Mr. Kemp, a University treasure.*

Will miss him dearly.

Dr. Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith Provost Emerita and Professor

E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith - December 08, 2022 at 11:48 AM

DM

“ *My condolences to you.*



Diane McGowan - December 07, 2022 at 01:15 PM

CA

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY AND LOTS OF LOVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE ANDERSON FAMILY

CARTER - December 10, 2022 at 09:20 AM

DH

“ *Condolences to the Kemp Family!!! Praying for strength for the Family!*



Demetria Howard - December 07, 2022 at 09:38 AM

AW

“ *Oh Mr. Kemp. How very sorry I am to hear of your passing but have no doubt you are walking hand in hand with your love in the kingdom of Heaven. Thank you for always having a kind word, a teaching moment, and a soft smile. You made me feel welcome and important. You showed love and commitment to your students. Seeing over the years always made me happy and I loved being able to hug your neck and that of Mrs. Kemp. May you rest in peace and embrace the joys of the eternity you have earned. With much love, Angela (Spennath) Williamson*

Angela Williamson - December 06, 2022 at 05:49 PM

GT

“ TO: THE KEMP FAMILY

FROM: GLORIA MARIE THOMPSON

I have respectful and great memories of Mr. Kemp. We traveled to TSU in the 70's. Mr. Matthews and I are the only one who are still living who car pooled from Waller County. Mr. Kemp was a wonderful person to know. He was part of my Church Family at Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church. He was honored yearly during our Seniors Appreciation Sunday. He made items for the Hempstead-PV Alumni Chapter of which I am the President. His knowledge and talents for being a craftsmen for organizations was simply amazing. His talents and humbleness will be greatly missed.

I pray that the Family will accept God's Will and know that it was his time to be reunited with his Father in Heaven.

*With Sympathy,
Gloria Marie Thompson*

Gloria Marie Thompson - December 06, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Henry Paige Kemp Sr..



December 06, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *From the Greater Houston Chapter, NHAA we offer condolences to Mr. Henry Kemp, class of 1947.*

Yoruba Mutakabbir - December 06, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Dear Darryl,
I am very sorry for your loss. It is hard to loose a parent. You were very close to your dad and it will take time to get beyond your hurt. I pray for your strength and peace. God will keep you and bless you with all that you need, just call upon him and trust him. May your memories keep you upbeat. May God bless you now and always.*



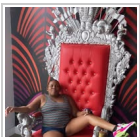
Ida M Beal Campbell - December 04, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Kathryn Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Paige Kemp Sr.*



Kathryn Thompson - December 04, 2022 at 03:06 AM



“ *Renita Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Paige Kemp Sr.*



Renita Hodges - December 03, 2022 at 11:53 AM

ES

“ *My prayers to the entire Kemp family.
I now have several items that Mr. KEMP AND I WILL HAVE THEM
TO REMEMBER HIM AND HIS WIFE.
IT WAS MY HONOR TO WORK WITH BOTH OF THEM AND HIS
DAUGHTER AT WALLER ISD.
WE ALWAYS SHARED CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH EACH OTHER
EACH YEAR.
I WILL MISS YOU MR. KEMP. RIP OLD FRIEND.
ELL-ROY*

Ell-roy Stevenson - December 03, 2022 at 11:46 AM

SW

“ *PRAYERS and CONDOLENCES to the
FAMILY AND FRIENDS of Mr. Kemp. May
GOD CONTINUE to BLESS and KEEP you.
MUCH LOVE, Watson Family of Waller, Tx*



Sandra Watson-Wenzy - December 03, 2022 at 11:12 AM

EM

“ *Sending prayers to the family, Mr. Kemp was like a second Father to me, the Kemps lived next door to the Bell family for years, Mr. Kemp was also a member to the Prairie View Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association. He Presented Black History Month programs to our members every Year I will continue to keep the Family in my prayers during this time of Barevement.
Andrea Bell Miller*

Esel Andrea Bell Miller - December 03, 2022 at 07:52 AM