



Dr. Lee E. Henderson

February 9, 1943 - July 31, 2018

Dr. Lee Ellis Henderson was born in Prairie View, Texas, on February 9, 1943. He was the second of three sons born to Duria and Mae Henderson. Lee received his primary and secondary education through the segregated Brookshire school system where he graduated valedictorian of his class in 1960.

Lee attended Prairie View A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. Guided by his father, Mr. Duria Henderson, and supported as always by his mother Mrs. Mae Henderson, Lee secured a job in Cuero, Texas where he taught all of the science courses at Daula High School. In 1964, Lee moved to Orange, Texas where he taught seventh grade life science, eighth grade earth science, and ninth grade physical science in the West Orange School District. In 1965, Lee met Shirley Fontenot and the two were married in 1966.

Lee returned to his studies and earned two Master's Degrees in 1967 from Prairie View A&M University. He earned his third Master's Degree from the University of Houston in 1968. Lee joined the United States Navy, was accepted into Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Rhode Island and, upon completion of OCS became a commissioned Lieutenant, Junior Grade.

Lieutenant Henderson was assigned to Prairie View A&M University in 1971

and assisted in starting the N.R.O.T.C. program. In time, Lee transitioned to the faculty as an instructor of biology. In 1980, Lee earned his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Houston. Dr. Henderson's faculty position in the Department of Biology was solidified. He became well-known as a lead professor of anatomy and physiology, especially for nursing majors. He also served two terms as Speaker of the Faculty Senate and was engaged fully in University life.

Committed to his community, Dr. Henderson was elected Mayor of Prairie View in 1990, a position he held for two terms spanning four years. In his spare time, Dr. Henderson dabbled in photography. His hobby grew into a part-time business. Initially opening as Econo-Thrift Photography, the business grew and Dr. Henderson continued to invest in his photography studio, which ultimately became Elle (L.E.) Photography. He retired from the University in 2008.

For many years, Dr. Henderson was a faithful member of Mount Corinth Baptist Church; however, later, he worked in the Video Production Unit at Brookhollow Baptist Church which is well-known as the Church Without Walls or "the Wall." He always joked, "I am the hardest working non-member at Brookhollow!"

Dr. Henderson is preceded in death by his father, Duria L. Henderson, and his eldest brother, Dura L. Henderson, Jr. His memory will be cherished by his wife, Shirley, and their three sons Daryl (La'Keshia), Michael (Dorothee), Cory and his daughter Lo'Quita. Deeply missing Dr. Henderson will be his grandchildren Alyssia, Royal, Daniel, Rachel, Julia, Camille, and Elliot as well as his friends, colleagues, the members of the Prairie View community.

Cemetery Details

Prairie View Cemetery

Prairie View, TX 77446

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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806 7th Street
Hempstead, TX 77445

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Lee E. Henderson*

January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Bettye H. Sapenter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lee E. Henderson*



Bettye H. Sapenter - August 16, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *RIH so miss by the Cole Family*



The Coles Family - August 09, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ *Candace Turner-Willians lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lee E. Henderson*



Candace Turner-Willians - August 06, 2018 at 04:14 PM

CH

“ *Its been years since I've thought about Dr. Henderson, but I must say he was a great man in many many ways. A great teacher, photographer, and honest friend. We are sorry for your loss and we share in your grief. We will pray for the family and friends that God will give you peace.*

Carla Robinson-Hooker

Carla Hooker - August 06, 2018 at 12:01 PM

DI

“ *Dr. Henderson was the unofficial photographer for the Biology Department when I was there. He always had a way of making us laugh so that he could get the best picture. He was always kind and patient in my interactions with him. May his soul Rest In Peace.*



Dr. Nnenna Igbo - August 05, 2018 at 12:46 PM

OG

“ *Dr. Henderson has been a professor and later became a friend to me and my husband and our daughter too. I thank you Mrs. Henderson for inviting us into your home over the years. I will miss that smile and his jokes but I know he is at peace. I pray for comfort and that you cherish all the memories. Call the Garcia's anytime you need us!*



Olevia and Alton Garcia - August 05, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ *Kimberly Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lee E. Henderson*



Kimberly Jackson - August 04, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *Dr. Henderson a great asset to PVAMU, a pleasure to work with and a great influence on my son. May God continue to bless his family.*

Reginald Garrett Sr. - August 04, 2018 at 07:05 AM



“ *Mrs. Shirley, Daryl, Micheal and Cory, I'm praying for your entire family. My condolences. Dr. Henderson was a wonderful man. He will be missed, but never forgotten.*
Erika G.

Erika Guidry - August 04, 2018 at 12:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Lee E. Henderson.*



August 02, 2018 at 03:07 PM

ML

“ Shirley, Daryl, Michael, and Cory:

This note is from Mamie and Frank Lockett who now live in Marietta, Georgia. Before Marietta, we lived in Houston and our children played with all of you. What fond memories!!!

So very sorry for your loss, but hope knowing that others share in your grief will afford you some modicum of comfort.

*A place on earth is empty,
A voice you loved is gone,
but the love you knew lives on.*

We love you and, we are praying for you and your family!

*Respectfully submitted,
Frank and Mamie Lockett
4481 Windsor Oaks Circle
Marietta, GA 30066
770-639-1355 (Mamie)
770-639-1354 (Frank)*

Mamie Lockett - August 02, 2018 at 07:40 AM

IC

“ To the family,
*I am sorry to hear of Dr. Henderson's passing.
He was a wonderful gentleman. I pray that
God will give you his family peace and
comfort. He is now able to rest and not be ill.
May God bless and keep you all now and always.*



Ida Campbell - August 02, 2018 at 07:39 AM

ES

“ My prayers go out to entire Henderson Family for your great lost. I served on city council when Lee was mayor. We all stand with you all. I also work with both of his sons in the fire department and my prayers go out to his wife and all three of boys. God will get you all threw this time and his Dad and I came up together in the same lodge. A great loss and our prayers go with you all to include his Mom. God Speed. Ell-roy

Ell-roy Stevenson - August 02, 2018 at 03:23 AM

MA

“ Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Arceneaux purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Lee E. Henderson.



Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Arceneaux - August 01, 2018 at 09:55 PM

HA

“ Lee and Duria were my best buddies from the 1950's until present. It was an honor for Lee's three sons to call me uncle Herbert. I've always felt we were not only friends but family. Going back to Texas will not be the same. Lee will surely be missed.



To Shirley, Daryl, Michael and Cory may The Lord bless you and give you peace and comfort during this time of bereavement.

Herbert and Yvonne Arceneaux

Herbert Arceneaux - August 01, 2018 at 08:47 PM

YA

Thank you

Yvonne Arceneaux - August 01, 2018 at 09:17 PM

 Cory
Henders

Just read what you said to Mom and she wanted to express her gratitude to you both.

Cory Henderson - August 01, 2018 at 10:11 PM

CP

*From the 50th Anniversary Committee for the NROTC. We would like to give our sincere love and condolence to the Henderson family. The Naval Officers and Marine Officers that have graduated throughout the program owe a great deals of gratitude for their success to Dr. Henderson. We pray for your strength, comfort and peace.
Rev. C.D Peterson -Major USMC Retired.-LCDR (Retired) Emmerson Edwards*

Christopher Peterson - August 04, 2018 at 01:19 PM