

Come Going Celebration
Robert Henderson

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Saturday November 20, 2021

Visitation 12:00 - 1:00 PM


Service 1:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

210 Village Drive • Lexington NC 27292

Reverend T.E Kilgore, Pastor

The Master Called



*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown



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Mr. Robert “Booman” Henderson entered this world on February 1, 1931. He was the ninth of twelve children born to the late John Henderson and Druscilla Owen Henderson. While in eleventh grade, he received an offer to play baseball for the Asheville Blues, a traveling team for the Negro Baseball League. Henderson played for three years. After graduation from Dunbar High School in 1952, he enlisted in the United States Army, discharging in 1959. While serving, he married the love of his life and best friend, the late Annie Inetta Knotts. To this union, two daughters were born: Gilvon and Allanna. He also fathered a son, Alexander. After a brief stay in New York, Henderson returned to Lexington where he began working for Coble Dairy as an outside salesman. In 1975, he joined the Davidson County Sheriff’s Department becoming their first Black deputy. Continuing to break barriers, Henderson was promoted to Sergeant in 1977 and Lieutenant in 1986. He retired in 1993.

Beginning in 1991, many citizens became familiar with Henderson at the Davidson County Public Library in Lexington where he served as Head of Security. He always greeted patrons with a smile and was often seen interacting with residents of all ages. Henderson retired from the library in 2020. During the civil rights era, Henderson became interested in politics and community service. This led him to campaign for a position as a Constable which is now known as a County Commissioner. Refusing to limit his service to politics, Henderson has been a member of and held governing positions within many organizations including the NAACP, Banks-Miller Post 255, Davidson County Community Action (DCCA), Lexington Housing Authority (LHA), the North Carolina Retired Peace Officers Association and the BoWeavils Golf League. At First Baptist Church (Village Drive), where he had been a member for years, he served as treasurer and chairman of the trustee board.

For his commitment to the community, the trailblazing veteran was awarded with many accolades over the years. Awards include: a plaque from former Lexington Mayor, the late Richard Thomas, recognizing his 20 years of service on the LHA Board of Directors (four as vice chairperson), appreciation plaques from First Baptist Church, Davidson County Democratic Party and DCCA, the Shoaf/Crump Community Service Award from the NAACP, recognition for 60 years of continuous membership with the American Legion. Henderson was proceeded in death by his wife, his daughter, Gilvon, parents, 10 of his 11 siblings and a niece whom he raised as a daughter, Anna Henderson.

Left to cherish precious memories are: daughter, Allanna (Timothy) Bellamy; son, Alexander (Georgia) Carter, grandsons Adrian LaShun Henderson, whom he raised as a son, Justin Carter and O.J. (April) Gray; granddaughters, LaKesha Henderson, whom he raised as a daughter, and Morgan Carter; great-grandson and great grand-daughter Ta’Quartney (Tanashia) Jordan and Keazia Henderson-Ballard, whom he helped raise, and a great-granddaughter Yuriah Gray, devoted great-grandson Devon Henderson, who he raised, Landyn Henderson, who he also helped raise; great-grandsons, Jacob Gray and Josiah Carter; great-great-grandson Ja’Noah Henderson-Durant; great-great-granddaughter, Neytiri Jordan; sister, Louise Owens; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Henderson; brother-in-law, Garrett “Bo” Knotts; great-nephew, whom he raised, Eric Henderson; dedicated friends, Bishop S.T. Green, Cindy Norman, Judy Reed, and Leon Hargrave; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, neighbors, and friends.

In the book, ‘Lost in the Shuffle II: More Stories That Need to be Told,’ Henderson stated: “I want to be remembered as someone who loved Davidson County...I mean really loved this place. I was willing to do whatever it took to make it great for all people. In lieu of flowers and to honor the legacy of Robert Henderson, donations for the Robert Henderson Scholarship will be accepted.

Order of Service

The Processional

Reception of Friends

12:00pm-1:00pm

Officiant, Reverend T.E. Kilgore

Guest Organist, Reverend Kurt Campbell

Eulogist, Reverend Daryl Napper

Selection First Baptist Church Choir

Call to Worship

Scriptures

Old Testament Bishop Greg Hargrave

New Testament Reverend David Henderson

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Glenn Pettiford

Solo Christy Evans

Resolutions First Baptist Church - Deacon Vonzell Terry

Banks-Miller Post 255 – Bruce Cross

NAACP – Nandra Gant

Remarks(Two minute limit) Davidson County Public Library – Judy Reed

NAACP – David Norman

Banks-Miller Post 255 – Donald Holt, Sr.

Community – Frederick Craven

Neighborhood – June Britt

Family Tribute Bonnie Henderson, Niecy Henderson

Selection First Baptist Church Choir

The Eulogy Rev. Daryl Napper

Recessional

Interment

Lexington City Cemetery

Flower Bearers

Ladies Auxiliary of Banks-Miller Post 255

Casket Bearers

Friends and Family





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Acknowledgments

The family would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends for their well wishes, words of comfort, prayers and other acts of kindness during this time of sorrow.

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