

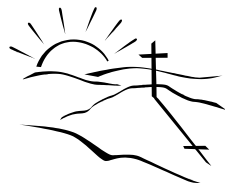
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The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

The Family of Michael Henley

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



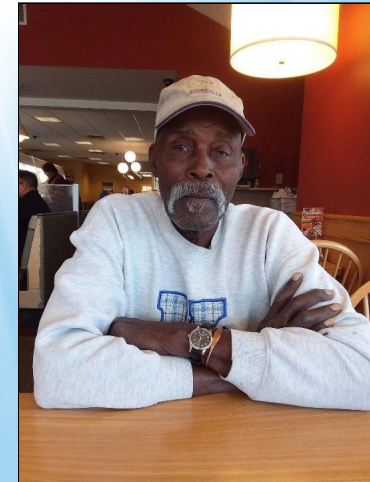
John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."



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Celebrating the Life and Spirit of



Michael Roland Henley

August 25, 1940 – November 21, 2023

Memorial Service

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Turfway Park Recreation Room

7500 Turfway Road

Florence, KY 41042

And

Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 4:30pm

Café Biz618

10850 Lincoln Trail

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

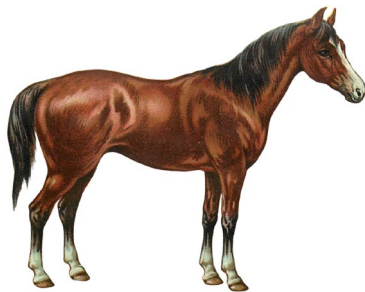
Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Words of Reflection...Family & Friends

Closing Prayer



When I am gone, release me – let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you love,
you can only guess, how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each have shown,
but now it is time I travelled alone.
So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust
It is only for a while that we must part
so bless those memories within your heart.
I will not be far away, for life goes on.
so if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.
Then when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile and “Welcome Home”

Obituary

Michael was born in St. Louis, Missouri to the parents of Eddie Lee and Bettie Lee Henley. He was the third of nine siblings. Michael, as his childhood name and lovingly called “Buckwheat” or “Buck” by his family.

He attended the E. St. Louis School District 189 until he had dreams of and a determination of wanting to become a Racing Horse Trainer & Groomer and entered the workforce at the early age of 16 years old starting at Cahokia Down Racetrack, Alton, IL now Cahokia Heights, IL and then he go on to Chicago, LA, OH, MI, ID to name a few of the state racetracks he worked in. Mike had expressed his love for horses racing since 1956 and has dedicated over 67 years working at various racing venues, such as: Fair Grounds, Balmoral, Arlington, Hawthorne, Kentucky Derby and Thistledown... but he made his home at Turfway Racetrack, Florence, KY working between Belterra Racetrack in Cincinnati, Ohio. During his stay at those racetracks Mike met, helped, and trained many new workers coming on the job at those racetracks. And of the many horse owners & jockeys, employers, managers, and co-workers he found some to become like family to him. Mike expressed his love for horses and become one of best and most respected and loved for his knowledge, experience and skills as the "Trainers of his time"; many of horse owners has been in the "Winners Circle" and many a time due to Mike being their trainer, as would James Johnson at Thistledown. Mike became a Security Professional after he retired from being a Horse Trainer and Groomer.

Michael is preceded in transitioning by his parents Eddie and Bettie Henley, sister, Sarah E. Watson, and brothers, Eddie Jr., Bruce Orlando, and Andrew Lee Henley.

Michael departed this life on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

His memories will be cherished by two daughters, Berlinda Maxwell of Chicago Heights, Illinois and Churiese Whitfield of New Orleans, LA; two brothers, Walter D. Henley of E. St. Louis, Illinois and Daryl J. Henley; two sisters, Mamie L. Johnson of Cahokia Heights, Illinois and Leola H. Holmes of E. St. Louis, Illinois; co-workers and special friends Christina Gorth and Amy Carmichael and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. Mike loved his horses, family and friends!