



*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.*

—Psalm 23



#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*The family of Henry “Mac” McDowell wishes to express their heartfelt thanks for your prayers, comforting words, and support during this time of sorrow. Your kindness and presence have been a great comfort.*

*A very special thank you to Valerie McCollum for your companionship to Henry. He truly appreciated your presence and the time you shared together. The family is grateful for the support you provided over the years.*

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Henry Earl McDowell*



**SUNRISE**  
June 21, 1938  
Linden, Texas

**SUNSET**  
June 24, 2025  
Portland, Oregon

#### FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 11:00am  
Viewing at 10:00am — 10:45am

5625 NE Fremont Street, Portland, Oregon 97213

## Obituary

Henry "Mac" McDowell was born on June 21, 1938, in Linden, Texas, and passed away peacefully on June 24, 2025, in Portland, Oregon, surrounded by his loving family. Henry was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. His life was a testament to hard work, kindness, and devotion to those he loved.

He graduated from Fairview High School in 1957 with high honors in music, a talent and passion that remained close to his heart. After high school, Henry relocated to Portland, Oregon, where he began a long and proud career as a longshoreman. Throughout the decades, he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his dedication, reliability, and leadership.

Mac found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved rising early to enjoy a cup of coffee while either agreeing with CNN or debating with FOX News. He loved to travel and read his newspaper, always eager to stay informed and explore new places. During the quiet hours of the day, he enjoyed sitting on the porch watching hummingbirds fly by, happily sipping sugar water. He found peace working in his yard, especially when planting flowers and tending to his garden. And he never passed up a slice of his favorite red velvet cake from Sammy's Cheesecake of Atlanta, Georgia. Always ready with a warm smile, a helping hand, or words of encouragement, Henry's generosity, sense of humor, and quiet strength left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Henry is survived by his devoted daughter, Deborah Raines; his cherished grandchildren; his sister, Alma Jean Reese; his nieces, Debra Rodgers, Lynn West, and Robbie West; his nephews, Kenny West, Duane Rodgers, and Alton McDowell; his special companion, Valerie McCollum; and a host of other relatives and special friends who will forever cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lee and Estella McDowell; his wife, Bettie Lou Overton McDowell; his parents, Roxie Fae Ward and stepfather Robert George Ward; his sons, Terry Wayne Overton and Ricky Overton; and his sister, Fayrine West.

**Henry's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.**

## Order of Service

Presiding.....Pastor J.W. Mathew Hennessee

Prayer ..... Dion Spencer

Scripture Readings..... Old Testament — Psalm 23  
New Testament — 2 Timothy 4:6-8  
Read by Dion Spencer

Musical Selection ..... Sister Eva Miles

Reading of Obituary & Acknowledgments..... Deborah Hicks-Steen

### *Expressions by Family & Friends* (Please Limit to 2 Minutes)

Slide Show Tribute ..... Marquis Stoudamire

Musical Selection ..... Sister Eva Miles

Eulogy.....Pastor J.W. Mathew Hennessee

### *Viewing*

Musical Selection ..... "Take Me to the King"

### Pallbearers

Isiaba Raines

Marquis Stoudamire

Kenneth West

Arthur Preston

Daniel West

Dion Spencer

### Honorary Pallbearers

Felton McDowell

Narvy James

Tony O. Taylor Jr.

Carzell McDowell

Alton McDowell

Ricky Overton