



Mr. Henry Lee King

January 30, 1953 - September 16, 2018

UTICA - Mr. Henry Lee King, age 65, went home to heaven and was received into the arms of his wife and son on Sunday, September 16, 2018 when he passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of his home.

Born in Marked Tree, Arkansas on January 30, 1953, Henry was the son of the late Eddie and Georgia (Gilmore) King. On March 21, 1973 he wed the former Nancy Marie Dorsey with whom he shared 35 years prior to her passing on March 6, 2008. Their marriage was a real union of love; she cared for him, and he loved her to his last day. His family takes comfort in knowing they are reunited, forever.

Henry began his working life with the Conrail Railroad as a cook. He then took a position at the Human Technologies Corporation. In 2002 he began working with the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority as a junior sorter. He loved his job and he did it well and with pride. He was currently still on the job and he planned to retire in January.

A loving, high-spirited man, Henry always had a smile on his face. His family was his everything, and as a dad, he was a good provider and role model. He conducted himself in a way his loved ones admired and respected. Humor was a big part of his life, especially when he would re-enact professional wrestlers jumping and running around the house, ... while Nancy was yelling in the background to "Cut it out!" He enjoyed eating as well as cooking, and he was good at both. He favored soul food. He enjoyed TV shows, especially Walker, Texas Ranger, the Sci-Fi Channel, and WWF where the Rock

(Dwayne Johnson) was his man. He loved his automobiles. Although no one could drive them but him, he always kept his watchful and prideful eye on his cars. Henry enjoyed taking a ride with his family to the countryside, the Canal Park, Sylvan Beach for cookouts, and his favorite place to eat — Voss, where he often took his wife for a date. He was the life of the party, and he loved music and dancing. His favorite artists were Marvin Gaye, Al Green, James Brown, and Michael Jackson. The sound of these performers caused him to have his own swag. Holidays were also important and he always brought his famous mashed potatoes, with just enough lumps! Best of all, he was an involved “paw-paw”. He loved his grandbabies and treated each one with equal love. And his only great-granddaughter, Myria’Je, stole his heart! His parents and his wife led Henry to know the Lord, and once he went, he embraced the Lord’s word and the uplifting music of the congregation. Henry’s family was one of the first to praise the Lord at Friendship Baptist Church and he held a great respect for Pastor March who welcomed them to a home of worship and a community of faith and friendship.

Henry is survived by his children and their loved ones, Henry Lee and Jennifer Dorsey, Sonya King, who her daddy always referred to as daughter and Paris Wilmott, and McKenzie and Amanda King. He was preceded by his son, Lamont King who was always in his heart. He also leaves his cherished grandchildren, Mahleka Dorsey, Quinten Dorsey, Colby Dorsey, Ephraim Dorsey, Novelyn Dorsey; Shakyla King; Bella King, Mickey King, and Santino King; his siblings and their loves, Willie King Sr., Minnie King, Bessie Tolbert, Nannie King and Ricky Spight, Tommy King, Davy King, Janie and Henry Oliver, Donna King, Billy King, and Mae King; uncle and aunt, Fred Lee and Dorothy Gilmore who were pillars of his family; a host of many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, Dorris Miles who was a sister friend to both Henry and Nancy; and his roommates Daniel Copeland, Kenneth LaFlower, Nija (Boz) Memic and Melonie Davis. He was predeceased by his brother, Deacon Eddie “Babe” King, Jr. who passed away on May 3, 2018; his uncle, Willie James Clark; aunts, Gertrude Gilmore, and

Florence Gilmore; brother-in-law, Al Tolbert, Sr.; sisters-in-law, Sandra King, and Charmaine Robinson; cousin, Cassandra Ford; and nephew, Aaron Eaddy

The family extends their heartfelt appreciation to the Utica Police Department, Sgt. Samuel Geddes and Officer Kayla Goldstein, and the personnel of Rescue I, for their kindness and compassion during a difficult time.

Visitation will be held Monday from 10:00-12:00 noon at Friendship Baptist Church, 1004 Albany St in Utica. Henry's Home Going Celebration will commence on Monday at 12:00 noon at the church upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. Charles March officiating the ceremony. Interment will follow graveside at New Forest Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
1004 Albany St.
Utica, NY 13501

Celebration of Life

SEP 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Henry came to see me the same day my mom passed it meant so much to me that he came to see about me. He lifted my spirits and had me laughing almost forgetting my grief. I thank God for him. I just recently seen Henry at Michael Walsh and he greeted me with so much love . Henry hugged me so tight and the smile he had on face was like the Sunshine. I will always cherish that moment. Glad he knew I Loved Him . You will be Missed SIP

Tajuana Ford - September 21, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ My treasured memory of my brother Henry King was when his wife Nancy King was alive and we were on the porch talking and my sister in law seen a dog a couple houses away and "she said to us that she was going into the house cause of that dog. She was always, afraid of dogs. As the dog got closer to the house we all sort of ran into our apartments to close our doors cause I lived right next door to them but Henry was being a little too slow so she ran into her apartment and slammed the door leaving my brother out on the porch banging on the door saying Nancy let me in ! So after the dog had gone passed we came back out onto the porch laughing out behinds off. He said to here why you shut me out when the dog could have bitten me ? She said you just would have been bitten. You should have been faster. We laughed and laughed about that incident. I laughed so hatd my stomach hurted. We talked and laughed about that incident often. Now that both are gone that is one of the most treasured memory I have of both of them. I wish you all could have seen the way it happened , you all would been in tears cause she did not play when it came to dogs that she knew nothing about .lol❤️❤️❤️

Bessie Tolbert - September 20, 2018 at 04:02 AM

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What a beautiful memory Ms. Bessie. God bless

Kathleen Rios - September 20, 2018 at 09:15 AM

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I first met the King's @ Christopher Columbus Jr. High when my twin Girard and I first attended after going to catholic schools up to that point! It was a daunting experience with so many kids, etc.! But, Tommy King made it all better with his constant laughing, etc. He always had us going! I remember Mr. King and his several children riding in their station wagon and getting dropped off in the morning to school! Those were some of the best days growing up in E. Utica. Sorry for your loss...I'm sure Henry will be missed! Peace and prayers, and thanks for the memories!

Gerald Plante - September 21, 2018 at 07:42 AM

 Todd Johnson

Henry your smile and that corner seat, on the porch when you lived on High Street will SHINE FOREVER...SIP

Todd Johnson - September 21, 2018 at 11:40 AM