



Henry Lee McKenzie

March 4, 1951 - March 24, 2026

In loving remembrance of Henry Lee McKenzie, who graced our lives with his warmth and compassion, we gather to celebrate his beautiful journey on this earth. Born on March 4, 1951, in Talladega, Alabama, to the cherished union of L.C. McKenzie and Mae Wilma Garrett McKenzie, Henry lived a life that intertwined faith, service, and love.

From a young age, Henry embraced the light of Christ at Lily Hill Baptist Church, his faith guiding him throughout his life. Following his education within the Talladega City School System, where he thrived at Westside High School, Henry answered the call of duty by enlisting in the U.S. Army. With a commendable spirit, he served his country with dedication, specializing in Chaparral CRM systems, and receiving multiple decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Marksman, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After his honorable discharge, Henry embarked on a successful career in the poultry industry at Tyson Foods, where he became a pillar of hard work and dedication. Upon retiring, he poured his heart into the Isiah House, selflessly assisting those in need within his community-an embodiment of his generous spirit.

Henry was not only a devoted father and friend but a vibrant force of joy in our

lives. Known for his soulful dancing, quick laughter, and soul food culinary skills that could warm any heart, he never met a stranger, leaving behind a legacy of kindness. His passion for life shone brightly in every bicycle ride he took through the neighborhood and every basketball game he played with friends.

On the afternoon of March 24, 2026, at the age of 75, Mr. Henry Lee McKenzie answered the Master's call while receiving care at Bill Nichols Veteran's Home in Alexander City, Alabama, surrounded by his beloved family. He now joins his parents, L.C. and Mae Wilma, his brother William, his sisters Joyce Davis, Mattie Pope, and Elizabeth McKenzie, and his niece, Oneika McKenzie, resting in eternal peace.

Henry's light continues to shine through his daughter, LaToya (Schuylar) Dates; his sons, Calvin Garrett and Dion (Lisa) Suttle; his devoted sisters, Margie (Robert) Briskey and Barbara Curry; his brother, Johnny McKenzie; twelve grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and a multitude of cherished relatives and friends who will forever hold his spirit close to their hearts.

As we reflect on Henry's life, let us honor his memory with the same joy he brought to us. May we dance to the rhythm of his laughter, savor his soul food in our hearts, and continue to serve our communities as he did-a legacy of love and kindness that will forever guide us.

Cemetery Details

Midway Memory Gardens

27950 SR - 21 N
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

APR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Missionary Baptist Church
40684 AL-21
Munford, AL 36268

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Latressa C Mcmillian lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee McKenzie*



Latressa C Mcmillian - May 08 at 02:00 PM

KC

“ *Kathleen Carter lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee McKenzie*



Kathleen Carter - March 30 at 09:44 AM

AL

“ *Aletta lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee McKenzie*



Aletta - March 28 at 02:16 PM

AC

“ *My sincere condolences to the Mckenzie family.*



Allison Coleman Chatman - March 28 at 12:46 PM

LP

“ *Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee McKenzie*



lori pope - March 28 at 12:33 AM

RH

“ *To one of the kindest people you could ever meet. Thanks for dropping wisdom when I would visit my uncle Will. Rest well.*

Ronnie Hawkins - March 27 at 03:06 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry Lee McKenzie*



Barbara Harmon - March 26 at 05:37 PM

TM

“ *My My My uncle this has really got me here never thought I would lose you this soon we are really gonna miss you just remember auntie Hen is waiting on you up there y'all singing with the angels love you so much RIP love you forever Tracy Mytavion Tay and Justin Hunley*

Tracy Hunley McCluney - March 24 at 10:09 PM

JR

Sending prayers to you and your family Elaine Reynolds family

Joy Reynolds - March 25 at 06:24 AM

RH

Sending our prayers to Henry Lee family during this difficult time. My peace and strength touch everyone who shared a laugh or kind word form a caring kind gentlemen.

Ronnie and Cynthia Hawkins

Ronnie Hawkins - March 25 at 05:50 PM