



John Edward Henry

July 9, 1940 - February 9, 2015

John Edward Henry, age 74 of Gainesville, VA died at his residence on February 9, 2015.

He was born on July 9, 1940 in Urbana, Illinois son of the later Ethel Frances Ray and Edward Albert Henry.

John was the retired Director of Finances for Prince William County/Manassas Adult Detention Center and was also a retired Lt. Col. with the United States Air Force. He was a member of Virginia Gun Collectors Association and The Air Force Association. He was an avid car and motorcycle enthusiast and loved being outdoors and farming.

Survivors include his loving wife Susan A. Henry; his children Jay Edward Henry and husband Marc Cote, Heather Anne Engman and Benjamin Edward Henry and April Collins. He is also survived by his 3 grandchildren Johanna Engman, Elyse Henry and Corinne Henry.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 2:30 PM until 4:30 PM at which time services will be held at 4:30 PM. Interment at Quantico National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations in memory of Mr. John E. Henry (8794249) with notifications to Mrs. Susan A. Henry be made to Nature Conservancy-4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203 USA. Phone 800-626-6860. <http://www.nature.org/membership-giving/more-ways-to-give/memorial-giving.xml>

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Service

FEB 14. 4:30 AM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
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Visitation

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Tribute Wall

PF

“ *Pamela Ford lit a candle in memory of John Edward Henry*



Pamela Ford - February 14, 2015 at 03:01 PM

GD

“ *Greg DeShields lit a candle in memory of John Edward Henry*



Greg DeShields - February 14, 2015 at 03:00 PM

CG

“ *Sue, Ben, Heather, Jay,*

I have such fond memories of the families together for all the holidays. I recall John having such a good time hiding Easter eggs for all of us kids. He was so good at it. He would always hide the eggs full of money in the most unique places. It's a small memory, but one I will always treasure.

Chris Grandjean

Chris Grandjean - February 14, 2015 at 12:54 PM

LW

“ Sue, Jay, Heather & Ben,
Just got a text from Sandy that she was on her way to D.C. Since she told me about John's passing, the memories have been flooding over me, so, so many of when you lived in Colorado Springs so VERY long ago.
My thoughts are with all of you, including your extended family i.e. Kathleen, Mark, Steven, Sandy, and all their families.
LOVE, LOVE, LOVE TO YOU SUE! and Scott sends his love also.
Linda Marsh Wells

LINDA WELLS - February 13, 2015 at 04:49 PM

JM

“ John Henry was part of the Frank's Auto Service family for many years. There were days when he would come out and just talk with us for awhile, he always had great stories to tell. He was a good hearted person that would go out of his way to help a friend.

We will miss seeing his happy and smiling face.

Frank Michalek, Wayne Hanback, and Susan Covington

Jhenny Michalek - February 13, 2015 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ At birth we board a train and meet our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey. Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

God speed John.

Jim Bobbitt

Jim Bobbitt - February 13, 2015 at 12:53 PM

SG

“ Sharon Gill lit a candle in memory of John Edward Henry



Sharon Gill - February 12, 2015 at 01:59 PM

BM

“ Sue Henry and Family,

I have been a security officer at Lake Manassas for 13 years and in my capacity you aren't supposed to have favorites when it comes to residents but Mr. Henry forced me to break that rule due to the kindness and warmth he exuded. He always had time to stop and talk about his life and family and inquire about mine. A proud father and grandfather who brightened my day whenever he passed by the gatehouse, I will truly miss him. My family and I send our prayers and ask God to bless you in this time of sadness.

Brian Mills

Brian Mills - February 12, 2015 at 01:39 PM

SD

“ Shirley Dilworth lit a candle in memory of John Edward Henry



Shirley Dilworth - February 12, 2015 at 08:05 AM

RH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Roy Harbour - February 11, 2015 at 10:59 PM

RH

“ While on an Itazuke Skeet team trip to Tachikawa Air Base Japan. Our Itazuke skeet range needed gun powder for reloading our shotgun shells. John and I bought a keg of gun powder from the Tachikawa Skeet club and then wondered how we would get it back to Itazuke. We came up with the idea of taking it to a Japanese lamp store and had them wrap it up to look like it was a table lamp. We put it on the military transport plane and took turns keeping our feet on top of the "lamp box" so it would not fall over. We arrived at Itazuke safely and no one (including the plane pilot) ever knew there was an explosive on board. A little Dangerous? Sure, but we were able to keep shooting those clay pigeons.

Roy Harbour - February 11, 2015 at 10:31 PM

RH

“ Roy Harbour purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of John Edward Henry.



Roy Harbour - February 11, 2015 at 10:07 PM


Johanna
Devon

“ I am so sad to learn John has left us. He was an unbelievable human being. i shall never forget his quiet gentleness. May you rest in peace. You are loved and will be missed by many.
Johanna Devon

Johanna Devon - February 11, 2015 at 07:41 PM

AB

“ *Dear Sue and family,
My heart is very sadden for all of you on the loss of John. He will
truly be missed. His laugh when he got tickled made us all laugh.
Please let Sonny and me know if there is anything that we can do to
help you in any way. RIP John. Love Alma and Sonny Bettis*

Alma and Sonny Bettis - February 11, 2015 at 01:16 PM