



Crystal Juanita Henderson

October 14, 1943 - November 10, 2022

Ms. Crystal Juanita Henderson made her transition on November 10th, 2022. Please encourage the Henderson family with words of love and encouragement on our Tribute page. To send flowers, or a memorial gift, to the family of Crystal Henderson please visit our Sympathy Store. Zoom Instructions For Livestream 1. Go to Kempfuneralhome.com. 2. Click on your loved one's photo or use the search bar and type in your loved one's name. 3. You are now on their Tribute Page. 4. You should see a tab labeled photo & videos (or it may be labeled media, depending on your device). Select that tab. 5. Just before the service starts, you will see an icon labeled Webcast (or it may be labeled external video, depending on your device). Select the icon. 6. You will begin to launch into the zoom meeting.

Crystal Juanita Henderson was born on October 14, 1943 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Rev. Anderson Benjamin Chavis and Williette Harrell. She was one of four siblings.

During her early childhood, she and her parents migrated to Detroit, MI in 1947, where she would spend the rest of her life. She was educated in the Detroit Public School system, graduating from Keating Elementary School in June 1956, Foch Junior High School in June 1958, and the High School of Commerce in June of 1961. During her high school years, she had a co-operative training job as a Records Clerk at Michigan Medical Service from

February 1960 to June 1961. On this job, she received excellent ratings in attendance, attitude, cooperation, and work habits. Upon graduation she earned a certification in Medical Secretarial Training from the University of Detroit's Institute for Business Service. During her teen years, she was also active in social circles and was a beautiful debutante.

Crystal accepted Christ at a very young age. She was active in East Lake Baptist Church where her father served as associate minister and later as interim pastor. While at East Lake Baptist Church, she sang in the Gospel Chorus—a well-known choir that performed concerts in the church and in many venues throughout the city. She loved singing gospel songs and remembered lyrics to many gospel songs and hymns throughout her life.

As a young adult, she met and married George Ralph Henderson on December 4, 1965. They were blessed with two children, Terrence Albert and Maurice Sean.

After spending a short time as a medical secretary, she started her employment with the Detroit Police Department in the late 1960s until her retirement in May 1995. She served as secretary for numerous Deputy Police Chiefs at various precincts and police headquarters. She excelled in office administration skills with great proficiency in shorthand, which set her apart from other office and clerical workers. She was a member of the AFSCME union and maintained her membership in the Detroit Retired City Employees Association throughout her retirement.

In the mid-1970's, Crystal's son Maurice, who was baptized at East Lake Baptist Church, started walking up the street to the neighborhood church on the corner of their street. Crystal and their entire family eventually joined Immanuel Lutheran Church. Crystal was very active in the church choir, women's auxiliary, and Church Council. She attended numerous church

retreats on behalf of the church. She became a part-time volunteer by regularly completing secretarial tasks and financial bookkeeping for the church. For lack of a better title, she served as a guardian for the church by having a key to the church and opening and closing the church on various occasions and emergencies.

God called Crystal home to be with Him and her other beloved family members on November 10, 2022. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and brother Anderson Jr. She leaves to celebrate her life of victory to: her husband, George R.; two sons, Terrence A. and Maurice S.; two grandchildren, Na'Tashia Nicole and Durand Lee (Troya); two great-grandchildren Zahara Amaree Akira and Josiah Gabriel Amir; two sisters, Edith Newsome and Andrea Vantias; two nephews Tony Vantias and Marco Chavis; one niece, Lisa Vantias; a host of cousins, and many loving family and friends.

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8301 Richmond Highway
Ste. 200
Alexandria, VA 22309
Toll Free: 1-888-491-9859
(703) 317-9881 | Fax: (703) 659-6231
<https://indianyouth.org/>
Email: info@indianyouth.org
Donation link: <https://indianyouth.org/give/>

Boys Town
PO Box 8000

Boys Town, NE 68010

800-217-3700

<https://www.boystown.org>

Email: helpkids@hope.boystown.org

Donation link: https://support.boystown.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2280&2280.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T&_gl=1*1jkacoa*_ga*MTMxNjMzNDA1NC4xNjY4NTM2ODUx*_ga_LR5Y032XEE*MTY2ODUzNjg1MS4xLjEuMTY2ODUzNzAxOS4wLjAuMA..

National Museum of African-American History & Culture

1400 Constitution Ave NW,

Washington, DC 20560

844.750.3012

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

Email: NMAAHCinfo@si.edu

Donation link: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/connect/ways-give>

Previous Events

Strolling Visitation

NOV **18.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
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Family/Friends Time

NOV **19.** 3:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **19.** 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast Funeral Service in memory of Crystal Juanita Henderson*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 19, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ *Your friends at Experience Grand Rapids purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Crystal Juanita Henderson.*



Your friends at Experience Grand Rapids - November 30, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Crystal Juanita Henderson.*



November 19, 2022 at 01:15 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crystal Juanita Henderson.



November 18, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ BPA National Center Staff purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Crystal Juanita Henderson.



BPA National Center Staff - November 17, 2022 at 11:48 PM



“ With Deepest Sympathy, The Leavell Family would like to send their condolences and love. Mr. & Mrs. James Preston Leavell

Kecia Goodwin-Leavell - November 17, 2022 at 03:57 PM



Our condolences for the Henderson family. Our prayers are with you.

Lorie Mays - November 18, 2022 at 05:16 PM



Kecia & Family, Thank you so much for the love and support. I truly truly appreciate it. My mother always enjoyed spending time with you during holiday cookouts and celebrations. Thank you for sending your condolences.

Maurice S. Henderson - November 18, 2022 at 08:19 PM

MH

Thank you so much Lorie. My mother and our entire family loves you and the Mays family. Thank you for your prayers, support, and friendship. Love, Maurice

Maurice S. Henderson - November 18, 2022 at 08:24 PM

SF

Our condolences o the family. Continued prayers for all of you.

Sonia Parker-Campbell & family - November 19, 2022 at 02:01 PM

MH

Thank you very much Sonia. I truly appreciate your support and prayers.

Maurice S. Henderson - November 22, 2022 at 11:13 AM

CA

“ Courtney, Kelly & your friends at Amway purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Crystal Juanita Henderson.



Courtney, Kelly & your friends at Amway - November 17, 2022 at 11:25 AM

TF

“ The Scotland/Fennicks family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Crystal Juanita Henderson.



The Scotland/Fennicks family - November 15, 2022 at 07:25 PM

JF

“ To the Henderson Family:

Prayers and Praises are lifted for you in time of release and yet rejoicing. Crystal is at rest and not in pain, which means she's with our Precious Savior. Know that the love of those around you that she poured into is the lifeline to her external existence. She lives on in and through each of you. Let her spirit soar through each of you every day...in every way. May God's richest blessings be yours continually.



JoAnne Fennicks - November 15, 2022 at 07:10 PM

MH

JoAnne and the Fennicks & Scotland family, Our family have none you all of my life and pretty much the majority of my mother's life. Looking back at a ton of photos from all the way back in the 1960s, it brought back such great memories of my mother's time with you and the Fennicks and Scotland families. She always enjoyed her time in the church and all her church friends. Thank you for decades of friendship you shared with my mother. We are most appreciative of the flowers and your condolences. Love, Maurice & Family.

Maurice S. Henderson - November 18, 2022 at 08:20 PM

SC

“ Sherrie Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Crystal Juanita Henderson



Sherrie Cook - November 15, 2022 at 03:54 PM

MH

Sherrie, Thank you for the virtual memory and the card that you sent via mail. I truly appreciate you and thank you for taking time to send your condolences. It means a lot to me and my family. Love, Maurice

Maurice S. Henderson - November 18, 2022 at 08:21 PM