

Celebrating the Life of

HENRY E. GREENUP

MAY 7, 1921 — JAN 16, 2017

A HOMEGOING



TUESDAY

JANUARY 24, 2017

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

HARLEM, NY

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

HOMEGOING SERVICE

INTERMENT

WALDEN CEMETERY

WHICHAM, GA

SATURDAY

JANUARY 28, 2017

ST. STEPHEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WHICHAM, GA

CLOUD FUNERAL HOME

HENRY E. GREENUP HOMEGOING

Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III – *Officiating*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 – 6:00 PM

PRELUDE

Mr. James Davis, Jr.

PROCESSIONAL

Ministers • Officers • Family

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon, We Are Going to See the King”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

New Testament – Revelations 21:1–7

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SOLO

“Going Up Yonder” – Duet by Veronica Dawkins and Apryl Sashay

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

TRIBUTE REMARKS

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel

Deacon Paul Brady

100 Black Men of New York, Inc.

The Greenup Family

THE OBITUARY

Kristene Pichon

SOLO

“Precious Lord” – Mr. James Davis, Jr.

EULOGY

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

“When the Saints Go Marching In”



To honor Henry's deep roots back to New Orleans, after the recessional, a traditional New Orleans Jazz Funeral procession will commence from the lobby. A Second Line March of the band, the family, and mourners will follow, passing his home and concluding at the repast. The repast will be held at Londel's Supper Club, 2620 Frederick Douglass Boulevard at 140th Street, New York, NY.

The jazz funeral tradition grew to become New Orleans' most honored of funeral ceremonies. The music and dancing of the jazz funeral is intended to both help the deceased find their way to heaven and to celebrate the final release from the bounds of earthly life.



HENRY'S TREASURE CHEST



YOU WOULD MOSTLY HEAR HIM SAY:

"Hey Baby".

HIS ABSOLUTELY FAVORITE FOOD:

Yams

HIS MOST OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY TRAITS:

His charismatic way of "never meeting a stranger" along with his charm and winning smile.

HIS FAVORITE PASTTIME:

Watching and reading the stock market reports.

HIS FAVORITE PLACES ON EARTH:

New Orleans, LA, Johannesburg, South Africa, New York, New York and Whigham, Georgia

HIS GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN OUR EYES:

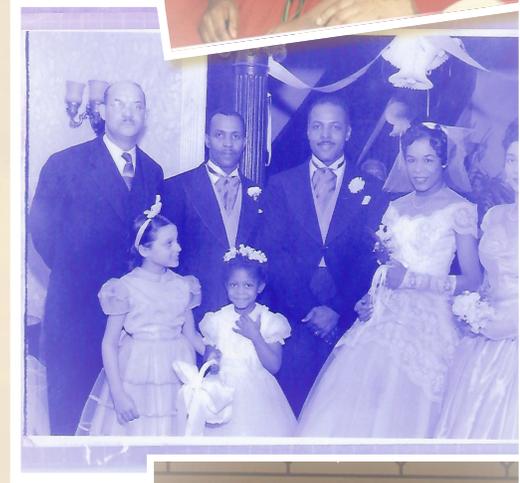
Being a devoted father to Valencia and Dennis, and an outstanding entrepreneurial role model.

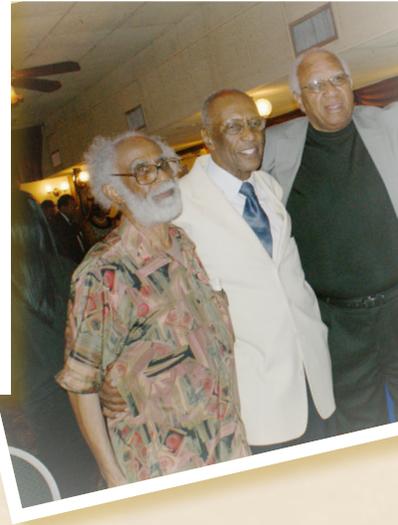
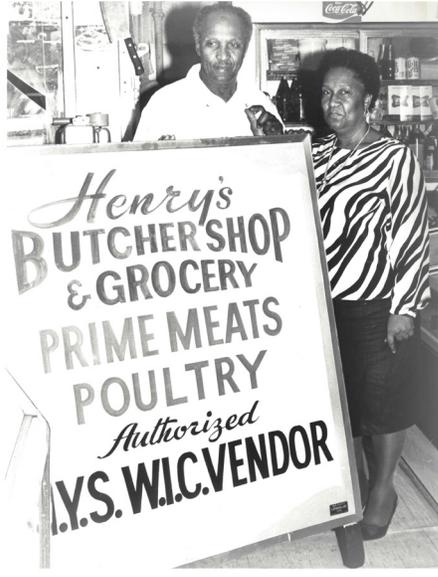
AS A YOUNG BOY, HE ALWAYS:

Rode horses bare back, protected his younger siblings and found innovative ways of making pocket change.

The treasure chest was opened to share personal and warm memories of Henry E. Greenup

-THE FAMILY





OBITUARY

Henry Edward Greenup, often known as “Hank,” “Mr. Greenup,” “Brother Henry,” “Brother Greenup,” “Mr. G.,” “Mr. Henry,” “Ironman,” “Mr. Seventh Avenue,” “Unc,” and “Daddy,” lived a good life. He was born on May 7, 1921 to Wallace and Emiline Greenup in Baton Rouge, LA, and he was the eighth of eleven children. Henry grew up on a large farm that his parents owned, riding horses, herding cows, and eating fresh fruits and vegetables. As a teen, his parents charged him with the responsibility of earning his own money by managing his own parcel on the family farm and making deliveries. His childhood on the farm instilled the values of land, natural food, and self-reliance.

Henry received his primary education in a one-room schoolhouse, where he took advantage of hearing the teacher’s more advanced lessons to his schoolmates. He later attended McKinley High School in Baton Rouge, LA. Industrious since childhood, he made deliveries on his bike to Louisiana State University and chauffeured for wealthy families around town. During the Great Depression, the family lost its farm and Henry moved to New Orleans, where he worked as a longshoreman.

In 1944, he enlisted in a segregated army by joining the 673rd Ordnance Ammunition Company as a cook’s helper. He fought in the Campaign of Rhineland during World War II, where the 673rd saw combat in the European Theater and the Philippines Islands. During his time in the service, he was trained as a military marksman and meat cutter. He also proudly received the Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations Bronze Service Star, the World War II Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. Always industrious, Henry was able to amply support his family while he was away. He came up with ingenious ways to make extra money to send home. He discovered he could make a good profit by saving and selling his disbursements from the canteen, as well as loaning money and hosting poker games. After choosing to serve his country during a time of rampant racism and a segregated army, he joined a distinguished group of African American trailblazers. These men fought to eliminate the walls and barriers of the Jim Crow Era to make a better United States of America. Henry was discharged as a corporal in an integrated army in 1948.

Shortly after retiring from the Armed Forces, Henry came to visit his friends in New York City. While walking down the street in Brooklyn, they were approached by a woman whose real estate salesmen were all off at war and she thought he would be good for her burgeoning real estate business. He took the job and made a new home for himself in New York City. Over the decades Henry took advantage of the GI Bill to further his education and hone his entrepreneurial skills. In addition to the training and certifications he received while in the military, Henry also attended Brooklyn College. He became a real estate agent, the first Black salesperson for Sterling Meat Packing, and their representative to the Meat Packers Association.



The skills Henry obtained as a representative encouraged him to open “Henry’s Butcher Shop and Grocery.” The business, located on Lenox Avenue, was the first Kosher meat market in Harlem. The market soon became a staple in the community as well as an apprentice center where he offered young butchers training and mentoring.

Henry saw the many needs of his community and strived to meet them. He owned and operated nightclubs and restaurants in downtown Manhattan and Harlem. At one point, he also managed the famous Harlem restaurant, Wells, the home of chicken and waffles. Henry partnered with Harlem Hospital in launching the Women, Infant & Children (WIC) Baby Formula Program and successfully provided affordable and quality housing in Harlem for the past forty years.

Henry Greenup was a treasured member of Harlem’s historic Abyssinian Baptist Church, where he served on the Senior Men’s Usher Board as well as an active participant of the Brotherhood. Mr. Greenup remained true to his family values of giving back through his community involvement, philanthropy, and encouragement. This was reflected in his membership in various national and local organizations such as The Masonic Order of the Shriners and the founding chapter of 100 Black Men of New York, Inc. His career and personal life were distinctly marked by acts of sacrifice, selflessness, and courage as well as concern for both his own and the international community.

In addition to this full and prosperous life, Henry was a loving and supportive family man, a devoted husband and father. He was predeceased by his parents Wallace and Emiline Greenup; his brothers Wallace, Lawrence, Fred, and Jeff Greenup; his sisters Alice Greenup, Carol Greenup, Rosa Lee Woods, and Lenora Walden; his wife, Vivian Sherman-Greenup; his son, Dennis Greenup and previous wife Joyce Greenup. He is survived by his loving daughter, Valencia Sherman-Greenup; his sister, Virgie Hopkins; his brother, David Greenup; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many close friends who will miss him dearly.

Henry Greenup’s life will be celebrated with services in both Harlem, New York and Whigham, Georgia. He will be laid to rest next to his wife, Vivian, in Whigham, Georgia. May they rest in peace together.

HENRY E. GREENUP HOMEGOING

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, Whigham, GA

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Eugene Sherman, Jr. – Officiating

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017 – 2:00 PM

PROCESSIONAL

MINISTERS • OFFICERS • PALLBEARERS • FAMILY

VIEWING OF FAREWELL

OPENING HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon, We Are Going to See the King”

PASTORAL OPENING REMARKS

Reverend Dr. Eugene Sherman, Jr.

SOLO

“Just Over in the Gloryland” – Willie Carswell

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament – Revelations 21:1-7

WORDS OF COMFORT

Reverend Michelle L. Madison

OBITUARY

LaNesha Hammonds

TRIBUTES, REMARKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SOLO

“*Going Up Yonder*” – Stephanie Campbell

EULOGY

Reverend Dr. Eugene Sherman, Jr.

RECESSIONAL

“*When the Saints Go Marching In*”

INTERMENT

Walden Cemetery

The family will receive friends for the repast at the St. Stephen Fellowship Hall.

Death Is Nothing At All

Death is nothing at all.
It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you,
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just round the corner.

All is well.
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

Henry Scott-Holland

The Greenup family extends thanks for your abundant love and support during the illness and loss of our beloved family member. We are pleased you have joined us to celebrate the life of Henry E. Greenup. You have provided great comfort and are sincerely appreciated.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III and the Abyssinian Baptist Church Family

Rev. Dr. Eugene Sherman, Jr., and the St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church Family

Pianist During Final Viewing in New York, Annie Taylor Greenup

Piano Accompanists During Georgia Funeral Provided by Mabel Sherman and Eugene Sherman, III

All Program Participants

Pallbearers who include: nephews, cousins, brothers from Prince Hall Free Masons, One Hundred Black Men of New York, Inc., The Abyssinian Baptist Church Brotherhood, and close friends.

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