

THE DASH

a poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates
on the tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that
first came the date of birth
and spoke of the following date
with tears.

But he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time
that they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not,
how much we own,
the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to
change?

For you never know
how much time is left
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
and show appreciation more,
And love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
and more often wear a smile,
Remembering this special dash
Might only last a little while

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...

Would you be proud
of the things they say
about how you spent YOUR dash?



IN LOVING MEMORY OF HENRY LEE HOWARD



HOME GOING CELEBRATION

SUNRISE

MARCH 24, 1941

SUNSET

JULY 17, 2019

**"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes
him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into
judgment but has passed from death to life."**

John 5:24

OBITUARY

Henry Lee Howard was born March 24, 1941 to Ed Lee and Henrietta Howard in Oakfield, Georgia. He had two brothers William Seymour and Eddie Howard two sisters Sallie Mae Thomas and Geraldine Banks.

A longtime resident of Sylvester, GA, Henry joins his brothers, sisters and his daughter, Beverly Howard in eternal rest.

He leaves behind his wife of 26 years Dorothy Howard.

His two daughters Lisa and Loretta Howard; his stepdaughter Lenore Day and her husband Aaron.

His four sons Cliff Howard, Eugene Howard and his wife Raheisha, Nathaniel Howard and his wife Lateisha and Henry Howard, Jr. and his wife Cynthia; his two stepsons Cory Petersen and Sammie Davis.

Henry is also survived by a host of grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren as well as extended family and beloved friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection.....Retha Gulley

Prayer

Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalm 23

New Testament.....John 5:24

Reflections.....Open

Selection.....Retha Gulley

Words of Comfort.....Rev. George Tift

Recessional

A post-service repast will be held at the home of Dorothy Howard. The address is 5908 Jenkins Rd., Albany, GA 31705

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation for your kind expressions of sympathy. We sincerely thank you!

Funeral services are provided by

