



## Mr. Daren Matthew Henry

July 1, 1965 - July 17, 2025

Daren Matthew Henry was born on July 1, 1965, in Washington, D.C., to the late Thelma Octavia Perkins & Walter Robert Henry, Jr. Daren went home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2025.

Daren was reared in the District of Columbia and attended DC public schools. His family home was on Q Street where he had a lot of joyful memories. Daren graduated from Dunbar High School in 1983 and later earned a trade school certificate in Drafting.

Daren loved his family and had a special love for his older sister, Sharon, who played the motherly role in her brothers' lives.

Daren had two children, Mandissa and Mason from a previous relationship.

Daren enjoyed working in Office Services for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). For 14 years, he was very dedicated to his work. There, he would meet his future wife, Sherese Ellis. Their favorite lunch dates were at Red Mei, Austin Grill, King Street Blues and most favorite, Bittersweet. (Daren loved Bittersweet's carrot cake cupcake!) On January 22, 2010, he and Sherese Ellis married. They had two children, Kendall and Kennedy. From this union, Daren gained a stepdaughter, Kyertsten, whom he loved as his own. He adored all his children and enjoyed giving them wise

advice. He stood very firm with his beliefs and expectations for them.

Daren enjoyed watching TV with his family, going to the movies, collecting comic books, drawing, and watching Anime. Daren also loved collecting Asian artifacts as well as unique jewelry. Daren loved good cooking and loved when Sherese would "make his belly happy."

Throughout Daren's battle with cancer, Sylvia Ellis (mother-in-law) and Denise Hill cared for him being very dedicated to assisting with Daren's needs as much as possible. Daren was extraordinarily strong. With a humble spirit, he fought tooth and nails to the end.

Sherese: "I admired his efforts. He was so grateful for all that anyone did for him. That is what truly warmed my heart about him. Daren and I would often reflect on the times when the kids were babies. I will truly miss those talks and laughter. I will miss his sarcastic remarks and his jokes."

Daren was preceded in death by his parents: Thelma Octavia Perkins and Walter Robert Henry, Jr., and his sister, Sharon Smith. He leaves to cherish his memory his stepmother: Veronica Henry, his mother-in-law: Sylvia Ellis, his wife: Sherese Renee Henry; five children: Mandissa Henry-Hill, Mason Hill-Henry, Kyersten Ellis-Kemp "stepdaughter", Kendall Henry, and Kennedy Henry; five grandchildren: Diamond Henry, Miymiy Henry, Kairo Henry, Averii Henry, and Greycen Barnes; three siblings: Dean Blackstone, Derek Perkins, Walter Henry III; one brother-in-law: Francis Smith; one uncle: John Henry; one aunt: Ellen Lee; and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Daren's legacy will live on through the lives he touched and the compassion he embodied. May his memory be a blessing, and may he rest in eternal peace

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Daren Matthew Henry*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - August 05, 2025 at 02:05 PM

VJ

“ *I admired the love you demonstrated towards your wife and your children. You will be missed. Rest in peace.*  
*Verniece L. Joseph*

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**Verniece L. Joseph** - August 04, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *Pure Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. Daren Matthew Henry.*



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August 04, 2025 at 12:30 PM

SP

“ *Mr. Henry, truly grateful to have worked beside you for so many years. You left a lasting wonderful touch on this earth and honored to call you a friend.*

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**Spears** - August 01, 2025 at 10:15 AM

AS

“ We wish to express our deepest condolences to you, the kids and the rest of the family members. Please know that our thoughts are with you during this time of grief.

*God's grace is the source of comfort, hope, peace, strength, love and joy. As we go through life we will experience many things that can cause pain to our hearts. The good news is that God's grace is there for us when we are hurting or grieving over the loss of a loved one who has passed away. It is important to remember that all things work together for good to those who love God.*

*Andre and Shorty*

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**Andre & Shorty** - August 01, 2025 at 10:06 AM

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“ Antron & Avis Holland lit a candle in memory of Daren Henry



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**Antron & Avis Holland** - July 31, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Daren Matthew Henry.

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July 31, 2025 at 04:46 PM