



Henry L. Kenion Sr.

May 28, 1938 - July 10, 2024

Henry L. Kenion, Sr. was born on May 28, 1938, to the late Mary Elizer Lay and Daniel Frazier Kenion in Kensington, GA, and later moved to Kentucky when he was ten years old. He accepted Christ at an early age. Henry served in the United States Air Force for several years as an airplane mechanic, as well as in the reserves after receiving an honorable discharge from his full active duty. He loved to talk about his experiences of traveling the world while in the service. After his military career, Henry's professional background included working at WLEX television station (Lex18) for nearly 40 years. During his tenure there, he was a camera man, director, and an audio person, along with other positions and duties assigned. Henry was highly active in his Lexington community and was a long-time member of both the Georgetown Street Neighborhood Association and the Black & Williams Neighborhood Community Center Board, in which he held several positions, along with serving on many other committees. He also enjoyed fishing

– mostly with his wife, was an avid reader, loved to cook, and had a passion for researching various things that was of interest to him, but especially a deep love of the history of his family. He was known by his grandchildren as “G-Daddy.” Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lucy (Price), who he affectionately called “My Honey”; a daughter, Velda Kenion; a son, Ronald Mason; a grandson, Todd Kenion; a great grandson, Markel Allen; two sisters, Virginia (Kenion) Sales and Mary (Kenion) Varnado; and a multitude of brother and sister in laws.

He leaves to cherish his memory, four sons, Donald Mason (Winchester, KY), James and Charles Mason (Lexington, KY), and Henry (Brenda) Kenion, Jr. (Louisville, KY); two daughters, Helen Kenion (Nicholasville, KY) and Janet Kenion (Lexington, KY); nineteen grandchildren; fifty-eight great grandchildren;

and six great great grandchildren; one sister, Angela Drake (Lexington, KY); one

brother, Michael Drake (Charlotte, NC); a close military friend, Haywood Fergusen; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. He will be dearly missed, as he was a true advocate, change agent, and community warrior for the city of Lexington.

Cemetery Details

Camp Nelson National Cemetery- Nicholasville, Kentucky

Previous Events

Service

JUL **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Bracktown

Visitation: 10:00 AM until time of service.

Tribute Wall



“ *I will never forget you Mr. Henry. Love you and miss you. 💜*

Misty Berry - July 19, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ *Henry was the finest. My husband and I both worked with Henry at WLEX, and counted him as a true friend. In recent years, he always made a point to give us a call to catch up. So good to see him July 8th at the WLEX get together. We'll truly miss him. Janelda and Ron Mitchell*

Janelda Gresham Mitchell - July 18, 2024 at 02:36 PM