



## Henry Lee Pippins

January 2, 1952 - April 28, 2017

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

– Proverbs 3:5-6

Henry Lee Pippins was born to the late Pearlie Pippins Bennett and Lathon “Bill” Jones in Madison County, Mississippi, on January 2, 1952, and passed away peacefully on April 28, 2017. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, stepfather, Charlie Bennett, and his brothers, Dalray and Earl Bennett.

Henry, known as “Pip” by those who knew and loved him, accepted Christ at an early age and joined China Grove AME Church. He later moved his membership to St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, before finding his church home at The Village United Methodist Church in DeSoto, Texas, under the pastorage of Pastor Derek Jacobs.

He graduated from Rosa Scott High School in 1970. Henry then attended Tougaloo College and graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics. He continued his education at Jackson State University and received his Master of Science degree in Computer Science. He and Kathy were united in Holy Matrimony on May 8, 1976.

During his lifetime, Henry was employed for over twenty years with Business Information Technology (BIT) until he branched out and started his own consulting business. In doing so, he built a working relationship with Parkland Hospital which culminated into a permanent position as a senior IT analyst from 2006 to April 2017. Henry loved his career in computer science. If he had a problem, he would dream of the solution, “I figured out the problem.”

Henry was an amazing man, loving and kind-hearted. He loved traveling, entertaining, grilling, playing tennis and golf. The Dallas Cowboys was his favorite team to watch and cheer for relentlessly. But most of all, he loved being with his grandchildren who affectionately called him “Paw Paw”.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Kathy; children: Justin of Fort Worth, Texas, Jamaal of Lancaster, Texas, Hillery of Duncanville, Texas, and Darius (Tamara) of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Anaya, Lathan, Jordyn, and Ayden; sisters: Christine

(James) Carey of Muskegon, Michigan, and Catherine (Joseph) Perry of Madison, Mississippi; six brothers: Christopher (Johnnie) Jones of Madison, Mississippi, Willie (Ann) Jones of Morton, Mississippi, Charles Bennett, Michael (Diane) Bennett of Jackson, Mississippi, Victor Bennett of Madison, Mississippi, and James (Sonya) Bennett of Jackson, Mississippi; one aunt, Willie Mae (Keith) Powell of Madison, Mississippi; six brothers-in-law: Donald (Barbara) Williams of El Sobrante, California, Dr. Terry (Natalie) Williams of New York, Michael Williams of Jackson, Mississippi, Elmer T. Williams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Greg (Valarie) Williams of Jackson, Mississippi; two sisters-in-law: Sandra (Donald) Smith of Missouri City, Texas, and Jennifer McDougal of Duncanville, Texas; godson, Ramon Hodges of Mansfield, Texas; special daughter, Crystal Lewis; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

# Events

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**MAY** **Wake Service** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Mansfield Funeral Home

1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield, TX, US, 76063

**MAY** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 06:00PM

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**MAY** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First United Methodist Church of Duncanville

403 South Main Street, Duncanville, TX, US, 75116

**MAY** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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**MAY** **Burial**

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Little Bethel Memorial Park

1803 Cedar Hill Road, Duncanville, TX, US, 75137

# Comments

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“ Scott County District Baptist Association , Congress of Christian Education, Woman's Auxiliary, & Youth department extend our prayers and condolences to the family and Rev. Willie E. Jones in the lost of his brother Henry Pippins.and Because we care we send our love to the family of Brother Henry Pippins. . May the memories you shared with your love one stay with you and bring you comfort .

Jackie McDougale - May 10, 2017 at 11:45 AM

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“ Thinking of you at this difficult time: Family of Joe & Jacqueline McDougale.send our love, prayers, and condolences to the family. Memories of his kindness, smile and concern for other will always be remembered.

Jackie McDougale - May 10, 2017 at 11:15 AM

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“ The Ficklin family of Morton, Mississippi and surrounding areas send our deepest condolences and prayers to the family of Henry . Henry one of the nicest people you could ever have known.

Jackie McDougale - May 10, 2017 at 10:51 AM

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## “ From His Coworkers

Latoyia Goffney

“One of a Kind”

H- Humble- He was very modest, always helping those in need.

E- Encouraging- A true team player who would push us to be the best.

N- Noble- His personality and willingness to go over and beyond.

R- Rare- His knowledge was valued, unique, there will be no other.

Y- Youthful-His love for God, family and his co-workers will forever live in our hearts, he will truly be missed.

Shanty Jo jo

I have known Henry ever since I joined working with the PeopleSoft team in 2014. He was always very helpful and kind to me. He was such a happy person.

Even when he was not feeling well he was always very considerate of others feelings.

One thing I knew about him is that he loved his family and the outdoors, especially playing Golf.

If he knew it was going to be a sunny weekend he was all ready to play Golf.

He would say don't call me if there is a ticket, I will be too busy playing Golf!

Every summer he looked forward to taking his family in the RV to New York to watch the US Open or to meet family, we all loved hearing about his trips.

We will all miss him at work greatly.

He was such a good person and a friend.

Neomi Balderas

I worked with Henry at Parkland since 1999. We know Henry was smart, thoughtful, generous, and kind. He was a true gentleman and an exemplary family man. He had an amazing personality and sense of humor.

As a co-worker he went out of his way to help others. Whenever I stayed late without fail, he would ask, "do you need help before I leave". If I said "no", and he would respond, "good because I've already shutdown my computer".

I knew he would have booted that computer and stayed had I asked.

I miss chatting with him through our shared cubicle wall. He made me laugh every day. I always went to him for advice whether it was about work or life. He always seemed to have the best answer.

He was so much more than a co-worker. He was a mentor and dear friend. I will never forget him. He will always be in my heart.

Sampath Gorantla

I have worked with Henry at Parkland since 1998. Henry is our go-to person for any issues we faced either personal or work related. He was very generous, intelligent, kind, caring and thoughtful;

He was not just a co-worker for me. He was my mentor and my close friend. I will never forget him. He will be in our hearts always.

Deedra Wynn

Henry was one of the first people to welcome me to Parkland when I started April 2007. He and Marvin Timmons offered to take me to lunch where they filled me in on

who's who at Parkland. We instantly became friends. Although we did not work on the same team somehow every question I needed answered always ended up in his ear and 99% of the time he answered the question without any hesitations.

There was never a time when he didn't help others, whether it was a kid's fundraiser or a trip to the store to pick up a birthday or sympathy card. But my all-time favorite was when he would pick up the tab at lunch time for the group. These are examples of the joy he would bring to the workplace.

Henry was my rock at Parkland. His humor, his wisdom and ability to get to the core of the matter was priceless. He was an exceptional colleague and personal friend that I will truly miss.

**Jim Harper** - May 10, 2017 at 08:24 AM

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“ Joyce Farrar and Diane Osborne purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



**Joyce Farrar and Diane Osborne** - May 09, 2017 at 05:57 PM

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“ East MS Baptist State Convention Woman's Auxiliary purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



**East MS Baptist State Convention Woman's Auxiliary** - May 08, 2017 at 01:38 PM

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“ Milton, Brenda, Breyanna, and Milton David Grays purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



Milton, Brenda, Breyanna, and Milton David Grays - May 08, 2017 at 01:28 PM

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“ Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee Pippins



Yolanda - May 08, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Although I won't be present for Henry's home going, my prayers and love will be with you all. May the peace of God keep you all during this time.

Yolanda - May 08, 2017 at 11:42 AM

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“ From: Deborah Shaw and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



From: Deborah Shaw and Family - May 08, 2017 at 11:31 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



May 08, 2017 at 09:33 AM

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“ Calvin & Vatrice Lewis purchased the I Have You in My Heart Memorial Throw for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



**Calvin & Vatrice Lewis** - May 07, 2017 at 11:54 PM

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“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



May 07, 2017 at 11:29 AM

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“ Parkland family purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Henry Lee Pippins.



**Parkland family** - May 07, 2017 at 11:14 AM

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“ Dane Green lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee Pippins



Dane Green - May 05, 2017 at 07:45 PM

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“ 12 files added to the album Memories



Mansfield Funeral Home - May 05, 2017 at 06:25 PM

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“ Morgan McDougal lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee Pippins



Morgan McDougal - May 05, 2017 at 08:51 AM

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“ Eloise Jones lit a candle in memory of Henry Lee Pippins



**Eloise Jones** - May 03, 2017 at 03:00 PM