



Henry Lovejoy

October 8, 1937 - March 25, 2024

Henry (Hank) Lovejoy, 86, passed away Monday, March 25, 2024, at his residence in Fairfield. Henry was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, and was the son of Frank and Flora Mae (Lovejoy) Washington. He was the third eldest of eight children, four boys and four girls.

Henry has always been an industrious family man. As a youth, he worked as a paper carrier and as a clerk in Nelson Grocery Store. Shortly after graduating from A.H. Parker High School, Henry joined the US Air Force and served for eight years working as a truck and aircraft mechanic, earning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award during his service. After honorably separating from the US Air Force, Henry spent the rest of his career working as an aircraft mechanic and electrician in the civil service; retiring after 40 years of employment.

A lover of sports, he was an avid golfer, 49ER Fan, member of the three hundred Bowler's club, past president of the Friday Night Mix Four Bowling League and a Lifetime Tri City Elks Lodge 1662 Member. He enjoyed being the center of attention. He was witty and never met a stranger. He loved dancing, singing and listening to jazz and R&B music. His favorite foods were hamburgers and pork chops. He was a car and airplane enthusiast and loved spending time with family. Henry gave his life to Christ at an early age and remained true to his faith.

While enlisted in the US Air Force Henry met and married Chung Soon Park in 1950, who passed away several years later. To this union were born two children; son, Donald Lovejoy (Park), and daughter (name unknown) who passed away shortly after birth. In 1971, Henry met Pat Wiggins. To this union were born two daughters: Melaniece and Nakita Lovejoy. Then in May of 1980, Henry married his wife of 43 years, Shelia (Long) Lovejoy. To this union was born a son, Henry Lovejoy Jr., and a bonus son Michael Verissimo. Henry had a soft spot for his furry friends, Tina Marie, and Lacey, treating each like the valuable family member they were. You would often find Tina Marie in tow wherever Henry went.

Henry is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Flora Washington, brothers Clarence "Sonny" Lovejoy, Eddie Eugene Lovejoy and sister Dorothy Mae Taylor. He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Shelia (Long) Lovejoy; his daughters, Melaniece Lovejoy White (Donald), Nakita Harris (Richard); his sons Henry Lovejoy Jr. (Sherone), Donald Lovejoy, Michael Verissimo; Siblings, Mary Kelley, Barbara Lomax, Flora Jean Sanders, Melvin Lovejoy (Ella); grandchildren, Jamarri Lovejoy, Savannah Harris, Landon Harris, Henry Lovejoy III, Marisa Verissimo, Amierah (Mimi) White and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends.

Viewing and Funeral Service will be held at Fairfield Funeral Home, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. Fairfield, CA 94533.

Visiting hours are Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 4-7 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, April 5, 2024 at 10 a.m.

There will be no reception following the service.

Interment: Henry's final resting place will be at Elmwood Cemetery and Mausoleum, Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Fairfield Funeral Home
1750 Pennsylvania Ave.
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 425-1041
info@fairfieldfuneral-home.com
<http://www.fairfieldfuneral-home.com/>

No food or drinks allowed inside chapel area or funeral home.

Funeral Service

APR 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Burial / Committal Service

APR 7. 1:00 PM.

Elmwood Cemetery and Mausoleum
Birmingham, AL

Elmwood Cemetery and Mausoleum, Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

MI

“ *missk. lit a candle in memory of Henry Lovejoy*



missk. - April 27, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Henry Lovejoy.*



April 04, 2024 at 12:45 PM

MF

“ *Melvin & Ella Lovejoy and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry Lovejoy.*



Melvin & Ella Lovejoy and family. - April 04, 2024 at 09:50 AM

VB

“ *Venay B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Lovejoy.*

Venay B. - April 04, 2024 at 07:06 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Henry Lovejoy.*



April 03, 2024 at 03:34 AM

KE

“ Kendra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Lovejoy.

Kendra - April 03, 2024 at 03:34 AM

AT

“ I (Annette) called him Daddy, He loved watching the 49er. In the 70's, he enjoyed watching Mash, Good Times, Barney Miler, & Carol Burnett shows . As a child I never could understand why he would call me Dummy, until later on in life. It was because he didn't understand certain homework subjects. And would inform me to start paying attention. He wanted me to learn how to overcome the difficulties that comes in life's journey nothing is going to be given or handed to me. He wanted me to learn how to use common sense. I am glad that he was able to experience happiness given to him from my Big sister Melaniece Lovejoy- White and her husband Donald White. They took him places that gave him joy and happiness. Now God, said, its time Henry(Hank) for you to experience eternal life after breakfast. Henry/Hank left us with memories that will never die, and will live within our hearts until we our called to joining our ancestors.



Annette Tillman - April 02, 2024 at 11:00 AM

LA

“ Love Flora Jean & Niece Adrienne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry Lovejoy.



Love Flora Jean & Niece Adrienne - March 31, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry Lovejoy.



March 30, 2024 at 11:26 AM

LH

“ Limelight Family & Alfie Hardwick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Lovejoy.

Limelight Family & Alfie Hardwick - March 30, 2024 at 11:26 AM

SF

“ Sonny Lovejoy and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Henry Lovejoy.



Sonny Lovejoy and family - March 29, 2024 at 07:42 PM

SF

“ Sonny Lovejoy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Lovejoy.

Sonny Lovejoy and family - March 29, 2024 at 07:42 PM

MA

“ Marie Alex purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Henry Lovejoy.



Marie Alex - March 27, 2024 at 06:06 PM

TO

“ tony lit a candle in memory of Henry Lovejoy



tony - March 27, 2024 at 02:27 PM

OL

Sending condolences and praying for the Lovejoy families! ❤️ 🙏

Omega O Levins - March 27, 2024 at 10:04 PM