



## Deacon Henry Lee Rankin

May 3, 1942 - October 11, 2014

RANKIN, Deacon Henry Lee - age 72, passed away Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Genesys Health Park-Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, October 18, 2014 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Deacon Rankin will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday.

Deacon Henry Lee "Workhorse" Rankin began his journey of life on May 3, 1942, in Waynesboro, MS. He was the son of the late Sylvester and Annie Lee Rankins. He attended the Wayne County School District and graduated from Riverview High School C/O 1961. In 1966, he relocated to Flint, MI and began working for General Motors and became a Supervisor at Fisher Body. He was a very dedicated worker and rendered faithfully for 33 ½ years and retired in 1999. On October 10, 1987, he was joined in Holy Matrimony to Ann Brown, with this union they were blessed with two sons. Deacon Rankin accepted the Lord as his Savior at an early age. He served on the Deacon Board and sang in the choir at Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Waynesboro, MS. He loved the Lord and was committed to do his will. Upon arrival to Flint, MI, he joined Mt Hermon Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Albin Henry. He later moved his membership to

New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist under the leadership of the late Bishop Odis A Floyd. There he served as a Deacon and sang in the choir recording two songs, Yes Lord and Well Done. Min. A. Jeffery LaValley stated, "Rankin was faithful, supportive and an example as a choir member to others". In 1985, he joined Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Anderson Fields where he served as Chairman of Deacon Board for a number of years and a Lead Singer of the Gospel Chorus and Male Chorus. He was also the Youth Choir Coordinator. In 1999, he joined House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart and served on the Deacon Board and remained a member until his death. Deacon Rankins was affiliated with several gospel groups though out the years. He began singing with Doves of the South in Waynesboro, MS at 16 years old. After moving to Flint, he sung with the Flint Allstars, Paramounts, Southern Trumpant, Guiding Lights, Gospel Southerners and The Flint Cavaliers. The Flint Cavaliers CD "Live in Concert" was released in 1999 with the hit song, "Have You Ever Been Burden", which was #11 on the Top 20 Gospel Billboard Chart. The Flint Cavaliers CD was also nomined for a Stellar Award and Soul Train Award. The Cavaliers toured the East Coast, West Coast and South appearing on stage with Canton Spiritual, Shirley Caesar, Mighty Clouds of Joy, Jackson Southerners, Lee Williams, William Brothers, Doc McKenzie, Will Neal Johnson and Gospel Keynotes, Lumzy Singers, Bolton Brothers, Spencer Taylor and Highway QC's, Five Blind Boys and many other Gospel artist. Deacon Henry L. Rankins was truly a LEGEND in his own time.

Deacon Henry Lee Rankin "Workhorse" leaves to cherish his precious memories to his devoted and loving wife Ann Rankin. Four daughters: Glendina(Vernon) Martin of Columbus Ga; Bernice(Ervin) Jordan, Carolyn Rankin, all of Waynesboro, MS and Tawana (Clifford) Howard of Shubuta, Ms. Three sons: Curtis Davis of Waynesboro, MS; Henry D(Janice) Rankin and DeAndre Rankin, all of Waynesboro, MS. Nineteen grandchildren: Kayla,

Yvaes (Samantha), Alban, Ocion, Yareasia (Antron), Kurtrell, LaShala, Kiara, LaRicho, Chavaurius, Kyaira, Dollie, Jaron, Jazmyn, William, Henry, Nicole, Jalen and Elijah. Thirteen great grandchildren: Kaylee, Cindeyia, Destiney, Kasia, Breasia, Brianna, Brendan, Antwan, Kennadi, Korbin, Kaden, Aden, Kamille. One sister: Argell McGill of Waynesboro, Ms. Seven sister in-laws: Lucille Leavey, Hattie Lee (Odis) Strickland of Portland, Ore; Lorea Golden, Ruth (Curtis) Mitchell, Bobbie (William) Davis all of Flint MI; Donnie Currie of Milwaukee, WI; Lena (Lewis) Tolbert of Antioch, TN. Five brother in-laws: Richard (Kim) Arrington, Charles (Ethel) Brown, Ricky Brown, all of Flint. MI; Larry (Clinteria) Loper of Erie, Penn and John D. Brown of Las Vegas, NV. Special niece: Annie Coleman of Waynesboro, MS along with a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins. Many friends including special friends Billy Pugh, Robert "Slim"(Dot) Davis, Riverview Class Of 1961, William(Mary) Flippen, James(Bernice) Kiff, Harpo Hopson, Robert Nelson, Sam(Beth) Walker, Ann Nelson, David Brazil, Al and Aaron Malone, Vera Jones and Family, Joe and Annie Jordan and Mother Davis "Dancing Doll", Minister Dave and Eloise Beltone, Carter McWright and Coworkers of MTA.

Deacon Rankin was proceeded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Annie Lee Rankins; brothers, Johnnie and Ed Rankins and sister, Bettie Jean Lindsay.

Our heartfelt gratitude and special thanks to Reverence Home Health & Hospice and the 2nd floor doctors and nurse staff of Genesys Health Park, Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart and the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church family, The Flint Cavaliers and the other groups the payed tribute to Deacon Henry Rankin "The Workhorse" and Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Choir.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church  
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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OCT **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church  
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Deacon Henry Lee Rankin

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ I miss you paw paw💔 it's kill everyday to see that your not coming back, I will never hear you call me nig again , till I meet you again paw paw❤️.

nicole - August 06, 2019 at 02:59 AM



“ PawPaw! I WAS & FOREVER WILL BE YOUR #1 FAN!! I love & miss you dearly old man!!! It's been a long couple years without my friend, but I'll tell you all about it when I see you again!!!!🥹💯🥰



LaShala McGill - August 05, 2017 at 06:53 AM



“ I really really miss you soooo much. I wish you were here to see your great grandson. He favors you a lot. Rest in Heaven Paw and i'll see you soon. - Love Kiki

Kiara Rankin - July 19, 2017 at 06:51 PM

ES

“ *Ebony Shaquita lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Ebony Shaquita** - January 25, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ *Jackie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Jackie Thompson** - January 09, 2015 at 09:34 PM

RM

“ *Ronald Moore lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Ronald Moore** - October 18, 2014 at 03:49 PM

GW

“ *Sending my prayers and love to my family. May God bless you all.*  
*Gloria West*

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**Gloria West** - October 18, 2014 at 02:33 PM

RM

“ Reshonde Moore-Shields lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Reshonde Moore-Shields - October 18, 2014 at 09:04 AM

AW

“ Sending our condolences and prayers to the family. From April West and Sharon McCarty in Bossier city, LA.



April West - October 17, 2014 at 11:33 PM



“ I remember how Rank song during devotional services and cut up with the choir, and the Cavaliers at Second Friendship while growing up. I loved how he was devoted to his wife Ann who's spirit was always beautiful. The Bible says two people had to be equally yoked and they were perfect for each other. And can two walk together unless they agree. This match was made in Heaven. And Rank loved his children. I am going to miss his Holy Ghost power singing! Love Always Doreatha Swift & Family. Remember: Absent from the body, present with the Lord!

Denise Sunshine - October 17, 2014 at 07:58 PM

SB

“What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us”- Helen Keller...

*Mrs. Bernice and family. We were deeply sadden by the news of your father passing. Our heart felt condolenses to you and your family!*

*Love you,  
Shonda B & Dr. Linda Johnson*

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**Shonda Burre** - October 17, 2014 at 03:10 PM

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“May the good Lord keep you all in his loving arms! Deacon Henry may be absent from the body but he will always be with you in spirit! Lean on the Lord and he will bring you through this sorrowful time in your lives. Much love

*Rev. James & Annie Holloway*

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**Rev. James L. Holloway ,Jr.** - October 17, 2014 at 12:46 PM

CC

“PEACE BE UNTO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY,  
FOR GOD KNOW WHEN IT IS TIME FOR HIS  
CHILD TO COME HOME. I PRAY FOR YOUR  
SORROW TO BE LEFTED AND JOY  
RESTORED IN IT'S PLACE. HENRY RANKIN  
WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.



**COUNTESS CABELL**

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**countess cabell** - October 17, 2014 at 11:37 AM



“ *May God comfort you in your time of need. Mr. Rankin is home singing for the LORD now. May God continue to bless you and your family at your time of need.*



*Merriweather*

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**san merriweather** - October 17, 2014 at 11:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin.*



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October 16, 2014 at 08:09 PM



“ *On behalf of the Waynesboro Group Homes, we send you our heartfelt condolences and our love as you go through this difficult time. God is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalms 34:18.*

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**Glenda Marshall** - October 16, 2014 at 01:14 PM



“ *To the family, we know God is able your cuz Elder Roger West, God bless.*

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**Roger West Sr.** - October 16, 2014 at 04:41 AM



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**Roger West Sr.** - October 16, 2014 at 04:41 AM

DJ

“ *Dorothy Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



**Dorothy Jones** - October 15, 2014 at 09:16 PM

LP

“ *Laschet Pringle lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



**Laschet Pringle** - October 15, 2014 at 08:02 PM

GM

“ *On behalf of the Marshall Family, we send our condolences. Continue to lean on God but each other as well. Mr. Henry will forever live in your hearts. We love you all and just remember, No matter how hard things seems, God won't put anymore on you than you can bear. Glenda, LaShell, Ireland, Kayden and Jayden.*

**Glenda Marshall** - October 15, 2014 at 06:56 PM

LS

“ Linn & Royal Alexander Sr sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Linn & Royal Alexander Sr - October 15, 2014 at 06:33 PM

CR

“ Carl And Verma Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Carl and Verma Rosborough - October 15, 2014 at 06:22 PM

VH

“ Valerie Humphries lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Valerie Humphries - October 15, 2014 at 04:25 PM

LB

“ Lasongia Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Lasongia Bell - October 15, 2014 at 04:00 PM

LB

“ Youth United 4 Christ sends our deepest sympathy to you all during this sorrowful yet joyful time in your lives. We know that words cannot remove the pain or hurt you may be feeling right now, but we just wanted to let you all know that we are thinking about you and our prayers are with you.

Love,  
YU4C

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**Lasongia Bell** - October 15, 2014 at 03:59 PM

PL

“ Paul & Shidonna Lofton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



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**Paul & Shidonna Lofton** - October 15, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ Erica Currie sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



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**Erica Currie** - October 15, 2014 at 01:50 PM



“ Erica Currie lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Erica Currie - October 15, 2014 at 01:49 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was my favorite boss in all my years at GM. I am sending prayers.

Joanie Loree - October 15, 2014 at 12:42 PM



“ Bridgette Strickland lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Bridgette Strickland - October 15, 2014 at 12:33 PM



“ Ellis Calvert lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Ellis Calvert - October 15, 2014 at 11:03 AM



To Ann and the entire Rankin family.you have my deepest sympathy.We go back to second friendship.

Ellis Calvert - October 15, 2014 at 11:10 AM

Lisa  
Rice

“ *Lisa Rice lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



Lisa Rice - October 15, 2014 at 10:14 AM

Mychelle  
BlackDiam

“ *Mychelle BlackDiamond lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



Mychelle BlackDiamond - October 15, 2014 at 01:19 AM

AL

“ *Angee Libbett lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



Angee Libbett - October 14, 2014 at 11:15 PM

AL

“ *I can remember as a little girl hearing him sing in 2nd friendship choir with my mom and others, I loved to hear him sing "if a robin can say thank you, you can do it to" My condolences and prayers go up and out to the entire family.*

Angee Libbett - October 14, 2014 at 11:13 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Carol Gardner** - October 14, 2014 at 09:38 PM

DJ

“ *Deacon Jerry Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Deacon Jerry Johnson** - October 14, 2014 at 09:37 PM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Mary & Diane Williams** - October 14, 2014 at 01:53 PM

DM

“ *Denise Morrow lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Denise Morrow** - October 14, 2014 at 11:27 AM

IH

“ To The My Very Best Friend Tawana And The Entire Rankin Family. Uncle Rankin And Aunt Ann Means A Lot to our Family. We Love You All! We Certainly Will Keep You Lifted Up In Prayer Before God.



Iretta Hardy - October 14, 2014 at 10:47 AM

IH

“ Iretta Hardy lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Iretta Hardy - October 14, 2014 at 10:41 AM

LC

“ Lillian Chandler lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Lillian Chandler - October 14, 2014 at 08:02 AM

GB

“ To the family, & all sisters & brothers in Christ. I send my condolences to each of you from my heart. I have been blessed down through the years of Mr. RANKINS great musical gift which God bestowed upon him. He truly carried the anointing very well. To hear his voice sing with power, that helped encourage me in my walk with the Lord. Truly he will be missed by many. May you hold on to God's unchanging hand. Let him lead & guide you through this hour of your love one's departing this life, to his home on high. You will understand it better by and by...

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**Gloria Blacksure** - October 14, 2014 at 08:01 AM



“ Grandpa, you will be sooooo missed!

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**Jazmyn Matthews** - October 13, 2014 at 10:49 PM



“ Grandpa, I'm sorry that I couldn't have been there during your last moments on this earth. I am really hurting right now. You truly were a blessing to me. I couldn't begin to describe how the little things you would say to me meant the world to me. I miss your voice, I miss the way you would stutter when you would get excited, I miss hearing you say "GO HEAD, BOY!!", and I miss knowing that I could talk to you without feeling the urgency to get off the phone. I could talk to you for hours and I wish I could have another moment with you. I love you with all of my heart.

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**Jaron Matthews** - October 13, 2014 at 09:01 PM

GW

“ Gary And Mary Wicks lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Gary and Mary Wicks - October 13, 2014 at 08:51 PM

HE

“ I had predger been on. A lot of programs with. Bro Rankin. A was with the mighty. Voice of Wonder of Detroit. My condolences to the Rankin. Family. May he. R.i.p

hermancarrington - October 13, 2014 at 08:13 PM

MD

“ To our dear family our hearts are with you reaching out with out stretch arms of love. Lightning a candle in memory of our cousin Deacon Henry Lee Rankin. May the Lord be with you.



Melvin and Phyllis Dawson - October 13, 2014 at 05:52 PM

CH

“ Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin



Calvin and Pamela Hightower - October 13, 2014 at 05:19 PM

WB

“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Wanda Baker** - October 13, 2014 at 04:59 PM

Mary  
Renee

“ *Mary Renee lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**Mary Renee** - October 13, 2014 at 04:05 PM

JO

“ *JohannaAndersonHouston lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Lee Rankin*



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**JohannaAndersonHouston** - October 13, 2014 at 04:00 PM