



## Henry J. Samuels

April 24, 1920 - May 22, 2014

Henry J. Samuels (Sonny) was born April 24, 1920 in Marion, South Carolina. He was the youngest of 3 children from the union of the late James Samuel and Rebecca Thompson Samuels. He was baptized at an early age at the First Church of God and Christ. The family relocated to the Pittsburgh area and he attended Gladstone High School and played football during his high school years.

Henry was united in marriage to Laura Josephine Wheeler and from this union 7 children were born. He was a faithful and dedicated employee for over 45 years at the Duquesne Works of the United States Steel Corporation, where he was a supervisor in the Dorothy 6 blast furnace. In his later years, and after his wife's passing, he remarried Norma Leftwich.

After his retirement, Henry kept busy. He regularly went to the mall to walk. He loved listening to jazz, was an avid bowler and regularly traveled to bowling tournaments. An excellent cook, his favorite dish was macaroni and cheese (he would not share his recipe with anyone). He loved oldsmobiles and shopping for clothes, with a genuine fondness for Kangol hats. Once he was given a knockoff hat; he laughed and said "whom do you think you are fooling?".

In his later years, Henry joined Park Place A.M.E. Church. He did not attend church regularly but prayed and read his bible daily. His favorite gospel singer was James Cleveland.

On May 22, 2014, Henry Samuels, at the age of 94, went home to be with the

Lord. He exemplified strength and courage to his family.

He is preceded in death by his first and second wife: Laura J. Samuels and Norma J. Samules; siblings; Esther Williams and William Samuels; and granddaughter, Misty Leftwich.

He leaves to honor and cherish his memory his beloved children: Yvonne Perry, Patricia (Reynolds) Corbin, Henrietta Samuels, Jacqueline S. Brooks, Henry J. Samuels, Jr., Laura Jean Samuels, William Cornell Samuels, Vicki Leftwich, and Kristi Leftwich; devoted nephew, Irwin Williams; 4 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 9 great great grandchildren; other relatives and good friends too numerous to mention. We love you, Dad.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Cemetery

Homestead, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Park Place A.M.E. Church  
215 East 10th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120

## Service

**MAY 29.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Henry J. Samuels*

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January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Henry J. Samuels*

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January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *My family lived at 958 broadview drive door to the Samuels. My parents Fred and Mildred Andrews and sister Clara have passed on but I remember playing with the children out front and in the circle. Bless you all Barbara Andrews Lewis*



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**Barbara Lewis** - May 28, 2014 at 12:22 PM