

## *He is Gone*

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived,  
You can close your eyes  
and pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes  
and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,  
You can cry and close your mind  
be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he would want:  
smile, open your eyes,  
love and go on.

## WORDS OF THANKS

The family of the late Henry Rayford would like to extend our gratitude and sincere appreciation to all who has bestowed love, prayers, thoughts, consolation, phone calls and any act of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. A special thank you to his granddaughter Chasity Jackson for her dedication and care she exhibited toward the end of his life. May God continue to Bless and Keep you is our prayer.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Henry* **RAYFORD**

*Earthly Sent*  
December 24, 1943

*Heavenly Received*  
September 24, 2023



Saturday, October 7, 2023  
11:00 am

**NEW JERUSALEM MINISTRIES**  
7220 First Street | Mobile, Alabama 36608

Apostle Sylvester Trotter - Officiating Pastor

The Journey of  
*Mr. Henry Rayford*

Mr. Henry Rayford was a native and resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, born December 24, 1943 to the late Dave and Mattie Rayford of Mobile, Alabama. He departed this life on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother George Rayford and three sisters, Rosa Lee Mitchell, Odessa Sims and Annie Mae Wilkes.

He leaves to cherish his memories his two daughters Monica Travis and Nashira (Thomas) Freeman of Panama City, Florida and six grandchildren. Two brothers, Robert Rayford and Jesse Rayford. Seven sisters, Lou Ida Washington, Lillian (Sylvester) Trotter, Elnora Rayford, Juanita (Michael) Taylor, Barbara Richardson, Brenda Rayford and Helen (Joseph) Philon all of Mobile; and a host of other caring relatives and friends will all miss him dearly.



*Order of Celebration*



Processional..... Ministers and Family

*Reading of the Holy Scriptures*

Old Testament and New Testament  
Ministers

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection .....Kendra Jackson,  
Nicole Huff and Trinity Huff

*Expressions*

Please limit to 2 minutes

*\*Open to Family and Friends\**

Acknowledgements

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection.....Congregation

*Eulogy*..... Apostle Sylvester Trotter

Closing Prayer and Benediction

