

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY  
OF  
Mr. Henry Lawson Jr.



Sunrise 12/26/1935 – Sunset 09/26/2023

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
106 E. Hamilton Street  
Jackson, MS 39202

11:00 a.m.

Marshall McGee, Pastor

Minister Willie Lee Thompson, Eulogist

## OBITUARY

Mr. Henry Lawson, Jr. was born December 26, 1935, in Copiah County, Mississippi to the late Pauline D. Dillard and late Henry Weston. At an early age he confessed his life to Christ and established membership with Sharon Grove Church. Later he united with Greater Livingston Church and New Hope M.B. Church under the leadership of Pastor Marshall McGee, where he served faithfully until his health weakened.

One of Henry Lawson's greatest passion was welding. He touched so many lives from countless hours of working in his beloved shop and worked until his health declined. When not at home, he was most likely at the shop, which he owned for over fifty years. His work was truly intricate and unique, with his most beloved and treasured work being the welding of Love, Amusement, strong Work ethic, Sincerity, Oneness and Nonstop jokes to comprise the LAWSON family is by far his greatest passion and accomplishment. He touched so many lives from countless hours of working in his beloved shop and worked until his health declined.

Henry was joined in Holy Matrimony to the Late Hazel Smith and to this union one daughter was born. He later married Annie Mae Thompson and to this union five children were born.

Mr. Henry leaves to cherish his memory a faithful and loving wife Annie Mae Lawson of Jackson, MS; six children; Henrietta Lawson-Johnson of Edwards, MS; Mary (Michael) Harris of Jackson, MS; Henry Earl (Beverly) Lawson of Edwards, MS; Dr. Kathia Lawson-Polk of Jackson, MS; James Henry (Loretta) Lawson of Bolton, MS; Willie (Shenice) Lawson of Orange Park, FL; sixteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren: two sisters OT Edwards and Mary Davis (Bobby) both of Jackson, MS: one brother Earnest Weston of Jackson, MS and a host of relatives and friends.

We know you have been sick for a while.

We know God knows what's best.

We had the chance to share the joy,  
the laughter and love you had to offer.

We know God knows just how much we can bear.

God has released our father.  
from all suffering and pain.

God summons Henry Lawson Jr.

“Come home my child  
for we have a home for you  
free of all pain and suffering  
a home of joy and peace.”

so, rest well my dear, dear father.

We love you--

Your children

# Order of Service

Program Director  
Sis. Dorothy Davis

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION

New Hope Choir

SCRIPUTURE (OLD & NEW)

Psalms 27:1 & 13-14  
1st Corinthians 15:51-58

Minister Delon Dillon Jr.  
Minister Henry Whitherspoon

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Marshall McGee Jr.

SELECTION

New Hope Choir

EXPRESSIONS: (2 minutes)

Family  
Church Member  
Friend

Mr. C.L. Lowe  
COL. Frederick Brown  
Bro. Robert Webster

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTION(S)

SOLO

Sis. L.G. Whitherspoon

EULOGY

Assoc. Minister Willie Thompson  
Greater Livingston M.B. Church

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## Acknowledgement

The family of the late Henry Lawson, Jr. wishes to express their deepest appreciation to each and every one for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness of their loved one and also during their hours of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you.

**Honorary Pallbearers**

New Hope Deacons

**Active Pallbearers**

James Lawson, Jr    Charles Graham  
Octavius Graham    Courtney Polk  
Christopher Polk    Eli Polk  
James Williams

**Flower Bearers**

Friends of the Family

**Interment**

Garden Memory Park

**Repass**

New Hope Fellowship Hall

**Miss Me – But Let Me Go**

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free.  
Miss me a little – but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
**Miss me - but let me go**

For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
**Miss me - but let me go**

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