God's General

Apostle

Richard Daniel Henton

August 23, 1933 - October 22, 2015

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalms 116:15
Celebrating The Legacy, Life and Ministry of Apostle Richard Daniel Henton

Monument Of Faith Church Family Celebration
Held at: Monument of Faith Evangelistic Church
2750 West Columbus Avenue - Chicago, IL 60652

Friday, October 30, 2015
Visitation: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Service: 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

National Service:
Held at: House of Hope
752 E 114th St, Chicago, IL 60628
Pastor Mark Anthony Henton, Officiating
Pastor James T. Meeks, Host Pastor

Saturday, October 31, 2015
Visitation: 9:00 am
Service: 10:00 am
The Legacy of Apostle Richard Daniel Henton

Apostle Richard D. Henton began his life as the youngest child born to the union of Mary Lee and Armister Eric Henton on August 23, 1933.

Apostle Henton grew up on the south side of Chicago, Il. He received his formal education through the Chicago Public School system and attended Wendell Phillips High School where he received the call of God into the ministry.

Apostle Henton distinctly recalled God’s call of him to enter the ministry in 1948. “I was 15-years old at the time in my division class. The Lord’s call was loud and clear, reaching the depths of my soul. I, thereafter, began preaching the Gospel of Christ.”

After his call to the ministry, Evangelist Henton voraciously studied the bible and engaged himself in fasting and prayer, which was the foundation of his ministry. Being ordained as an elder in 1949 by Rev. Frank A. Whitmore of the Star of Bethlehem, Evangelist Henton continued being mentored by Amelia Anderson of the Boosters For Christ. The early years of his ministry was characterized by his anointed preaching and evangelizing.

He was impacted by such great leaders as the late Amelia Anderson, Bishop H.W. Goldsberry, Bishop E.E. Cleveland, Sr. (his father in the gospel), Apostle Auturo Skinner, and Prophetess Hattie B. Jones.

Apostle Richard D. Henton has become one of the most prolific speakers of our day. He has been in ministry for sixty-six (66) years and has been a pastor for fifty (50) of those years. With an approximate membership of close to five thousand (5,000). Dr. Henton is also the founder of the R. D. Henton Breakthrough Ministry and is the executive producer of the Breakthrough Telecast. This weekly program has aired on systems throughout the world such as The Word Network, The Total Living Network, WJYS/TV62 and WEDE TV34.

The R.D. Henton Breakthrough Ministry has an extensive media library of well over 6,000 audio, video, CD and DVD’s, which are a vast extension of his outreach ministry that reaches the world.
The Legacy Continues

Even though Apostle Henton was a faithful pastor, he is known to many as their “TV Evangelist” and has ministered at various conferences, convocations, conventions and mass meetings for many decades in several major cities throughout America. He has been the keynote speaker for many ministries: “The Promise Keepers,” Bishop T. D. Jakes, Azusa with Bishop Carlton Pearson, Morris Cerrullo, the late Bishop O. T. Jones, Sr., the late Rev. R.W. Shambach, the late Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson, Bishop Charles Blake, Morehouse University, the Church of God In Christ AIM Convention and many others.

Apostle Henton has held special services in the city where he was born and raised and still lives (Chicago) with turn-away crowds after 10,000 seats were filled at the U.I.C. Pavilion.

Dr. Henton has three Doctorate of Divinity degrees and has been the recipient of numerous certificates of merit, letters from United States Presidents, given keys to many cities by their mayors, and honored by congressmen and dignitaries alike. He was the recipient of two very special awards in Chicago: N’Digo Foundation Recipient of N’Faith Award and the Luminary Senior Citizen Hall of Faith Award presented to him by the Former Mayor, Richard M. Daley.

On Thursday, October 22, 2015 Apostle Henton made his transition. His parents Mary and Armister Eric; two brothers; Donald Emmitt and Armister, Jr.; one sister, Marion; two sons Richard Timothy and Phillip, all preceded him in death.

Apostle Richard D. Henton is survived by his wife (Helen); two sons, Pastor Mark A. Henton (fiance’ Grace), Pastor John S. Henton (LaWanda); two daughters, Amelia, and Melodie Henton-Herrera (Ricardo “Ahmaniah”); one brother, Vernal Henton; stepchildren: Ted Buckner, Tyrone Tonsey Crosby, Dakota Booker, Dora (Cornelius) Shabazz and Malcolm Marlon Buckner; and a host of other relatives, family and friends.
A Loving Tribute To My Husband

My Dearest Richard,

Thank you for being a friend and my partner in life. I’ll always be grateful and proud that I’m your wife. In life I loved you dearly, in death I’ll do the same.

It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn’t go alone; for part of me went with you that early Thursday morning that God called you home.

Honey, I’m happy you have peaceful rest. In this life, you have certainly passed the final test. I know you are in a better place now, so I must release you in the hand of God. Although I’m releasing you, I know you will always be by my side.

Your Devoted Wife,
Helen
Order of Service
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015
7:00PM - 9:30PM

Musical Prelude
Willie Harmon, Minister of Music
Facilitator
Elder Juanita Roberts

Family Processional

Clergy Processional

Congregational Hymn
“O How I Love Jesus”

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
Psalms 91
Elder Ramond Nalls
New Testament
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Sister Marion Nalls

Prayer
Elder James Bratcher

Musical Selections
Monument of Faith Mass Choir

A Wife’s Tribute
Lady Helen J. Henton

Remarks
Bishop Willie Loyd
Monument of Faith – Joliet
Bishop W. J. Chambliss
Pastor Emeritus Miracle Revival Center COGIC
Apostle Donald L. Alford
Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral
The Barrett Sisters

Musical Selection

Family Remarks
F. Melodie Henton-Herrera
Ted Buckner

Musical Selection
Sister Delores Washington

Remarks
Dr. Rosemary Gage
Board of Elders
Deacon Charles Hedgspeth
Deacon Board President
Elder Donald Meeks
Public Relations
Order of Service

Friday, October 30, 2015
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Musical Selections
Monument of Faith Reunion Choir

Remarks
Minister Randy Glass &
The Breakthrough Staff
(Former and Present)
Sis. Ruby Cloud
Breakthrough Nurses
Bro. Willie Harmon
Minister of Music

Obituary Reading
Elder Juanita Roberts

Acknowledgements
Sister Shirley Green

Remarks
Elder Vance Washington
Male Ministers
Elder Annie Owens
Women’s Ministry
Minister Darryl Crater
Mentor Ministry
Mother Bobbie Jean Owens
Mother’s Ministry
Sister Katie Wadley
Church Nurses

Musical Medley
Ricky Dillard &
The Levite’s Reunion Choir

Remarks
Minister Adelaide Williams
Altar Worker’s Ministry
Minister Daisy Langston
Telephone Ministry
Brother Anthony Graham
Head of Security
Sister Pam Watson
Sunday School Ministry

Video Presentation
Dr. John S. Henton

Musical Selection
Evangelist Lemmie Battle
Order of Service
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015
7:00PM - 9:30PM

Remarks
MICA Ministry Pastors
Apostle Linda Sherrill
*International Deliverance*
Apostle Steve Pettis
*Better Life International*
Pastors Gary & Linda Stern
*Peace of God Outreach Church*
Pastor Lloyd Brown
*International Deliverance Center*

Musical Selection
Sis. Nettie Guy

Remarks
Evang. Demetria Smith
*Singles Ministry*
Elder Edward Green
*Mariage Ministry*
Cetrina Williams
*Hospitality Ministry*
Min. Stanley Buford
*Men’s Ministry*
Min. Toconna Hazzard
*Usher Ministry*

Musical Selection
Monument of Faith Reunion Choir

Closing Remarks
Pastor Mark A. Henton

Benediction/Recessional
Order of Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015
10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

Instrumental Prelude

Procession of Presbytery

Family Procession

Procession of Presbytery

Call To Worship

“All Hail the Power”
Queenie Lenox

Final Viewing (Family Only)

“Christ is the Answer”
Elder DeAndre Patterson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Prophet Edgar Aaron
Everybody's Bible Church, Chicago, IL

New Testament

Pastor Anthony Mallett
First Christian Assembly Full Gospel Church, Chicago, IL

Prayer

Pastor Kimberly Ray-Gavin
Church on the Rock, Matteson, IL

Pastoral Greeting

Rev. James T. Meeks - Host Pastor
Salem Baptist Church, Chicago, IL

A Wife’s Tribute

Lady Helen J. Henton

Video Presentation

Program Facilitators

Elder DeAndre Patterson
Destiny Worship Center, Chicago, IL

Dr. Ray Berryhill
Resurrected Life Church International, Chicago, IL

Bishop Rory Marshall
Nehemiah Urban Church Ministries, Chicago, IL

Choir Selection

Monument of Faith Reunion Choir
“Stretch Out”
Order of Service

Saturday, October 31, 2015
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Clergy Remarks
Rev. Dr. Clay Evans – Founder, Pastor Emeritus
Fellowship Baptist Church, Chicago, IL
Dr. Bill Winston
Living World Christian Center, Forest Park, IL

Remarks
Monument of Faith Church Leadership
Daisy A. Henton
Church Administrator

Musical Tribute
Evangelist Shirley Green
“Marvelous”

Remarks
Deacon Charles Hedgspeth
Deacon Board President
Dr. Rosemary Gage
Board of Elders

Musical Tribute
Bishop Rance Allen
New Bethel Ministries, Toledo, OH
“Heaven Bound”

Description of Five-Fold Ministry
Multifaceted Ministry of Apostle Richard Henton
(The Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher and Friend)

The Apostle
Bishop Darrell Hines
Christian Faith Fellowship Church, Milwaukee, WI
Bishop Noel Jones
City of Refuge, Los Angeles, CA
Apostle Rodney J. Washington
Titus Harvest Dome Spectrum Church, Jacksonville, FL

Musical Tribute
Pastor Shirley Caesar
Mt. Calvary Word of Faith Church, Raleigh, NC
“Sweeping Through the City”

The Prophet
Apostle Dana Carson
The R.O.C.K., Houston, TX
Prophet Brian Carn
Brian Carn Ministries, Jacksonville, FL
Order of Service
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015
10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

Musical Tribute
Bishop Marvin Sapp
Lighthouse Full Life Center, Grand Rapids, MI
“One Thing”

The Evangelist
Apostle Christine Liddell
Power For Living Ministries, Brentwood, CA
Bishop Claude O. Timmons
Love Cathedral Community Church, Chicago, IL
Evangelist Regina Mosley-O’Bryant
Pilgrim Rest Church of God In Christ, Grenada, MS
Bishop Richard “Mr. Clean” White
Gospel Temple Church of God In Church, Conley, GA

Musical Tribute
Tiffany (TiffJoy) McGhee
South Holland, IL
“Amazing”

The Pastor
Bishop Willie J. Campbell
St. James Church of God In Christ, Chicago, IL
Bishop Larry D. Trotter
Sweet Holy Spirit, Chicago, IL
Bishop Liston Page
Highway Church, Paterson, NJ

Choir Selection
Monument of Faith Reunion Choir
“Amazing Grace”

The Teacher
Bishop Horace E. Smith, MD
Apostolic Faith Church, Chicago, IL
Dr. Byron T. Brazier
Apostolic Church of God, Chicago, IL

Musical Tribute
Dr. Edwin Hawkins
Oakland, CA
“Going To A Place”
Order of Service

Saturday, October 31, 2015
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The Friend
Bishop Ernestine C. Reems
Center of Hope Community Church, Oakland, CA
Bishop Samuel Carruth
Holy Light Church Deliverance, Portsmouth, VA
Apostle Kenneth Porter
Community Bible Ministries, Philadelphia, PA
Bishop James Everett, Jr.
Jesus Is Coming Ministries, Irvington, NJ

Musical Tribute
Keith Pringle
Los Angeles, CA
“Perfect Peace”

Family Tribute
F. Melodie Henton-Herrera
Daughter
Dr. John S. Henton
Son

Sermonic Musical Tribute
Bishop Marvin Winans
Perfecting Church, Detroit, MI
“Never Grow Old”

Obituary
Read in Silence

Eulogy
Pastor Mark A. Henton
Monument of Faith Evangelistic Church, Chicago, IL

Postlude
Bishop Marvin Winans
Perfecting Church, Detroit, MI
“Let the Church Say Amen”

Benediction/ Recessional
Celebrating Sixty-Six Years of Ministry

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding Jer. 3:15

“I thank God that He brought me out on the wheel of time for such a time as this. God made me a Gospel preacher and I wouldn’t stoop to be a king.” Apostle R.D. Henton
A Monument of Faith

Monument of Faith Deliverance Center
6848 South Racine
Chicago

Monument of Faith Evangelistic Church
7359 S. Chappel
Chicago, IL

Monument of Faith World Breakthrough Ministries
2750 West Columbus
Chicago, IL
Ministering To The Needs Of The People

Breakthrough Ministries at U.I.C. Pavilion
3 Consecutive Years Over 10,000 In Attendance

Promise Keepers at Silver Dome - Pontiac Michigan
Over 50,000 Men in Attendance
Family Tributes

It has been such an experience to have the pleasure to be the son of one who has impacted not only a nation but also nations of people. He, being a willing vessel to serve God’s purpose, became a trailblazing, faith shaping leader and icon to so many that now have the ability to do the same. Truly one of God’s Generals, he leaves not just a legacy but also the blueprint of true Christian Charisma and Character. I shall always drink from the fountain of Christian knowledge and wisdom because of my father’s teachings. Like many of you that may read this, he did not simply lead us to the Book but taught me how to eat and digest the Word through his ability of prolific didacticism. He earned the titles of “General of the Gospel,” and some even coined him as the “Pope of Pentecost,” but the greatest title he ever earned was the title of DAD. Apostle R.D. Henton, many say he was a giant among men, I say he was a man who knew how to walk tall.

Your Son, Pastor John Steven Henton

To me you’ve always been a giant, and all I wanted was to shadow your greatness. You’ve changed a countless number of lives; more importantly, the word you preached changed me. You were not just my dad but my Pastor and Apostle. Your smile of approval was the strength that allowed me to stand in adversity. When others did not believe, you believed in me. I hear the words in my ear saying, “Mark, take this church to the next level.” I saw you as a mountain standing strong. I saw you as the sun shining ever so bright. I saw you as the foundation standing firm and sure. Now that you’re gone, the mountain wasn’t moved, the sun hasn’t stopped shining, and the foundation is still in place. Thank you for leaving me with what I needed to continue. I will forever miss you and always love you. Your son, Mark
There are no words that can express the God-given relationship and love my dad showed and expressed. Daddy had his own way of expressing his love. His smiles were wide and full of joy, and he lived life happy and full. This picture expresses the love and joy he shared being my dad. Not only was he a wonderful dad, but a great grandfather. Thank you Jesus for allowing and choosing me to be his daughter. Your loving daughter, Amelia

Reverend, Apostle, Preacher

For the past 36 years it has been a joy not only working for you but serving you. As a young child I was amazed at how you would expound on the word of God and how the Lord would use you when you would minister to the needs of others. You could make me laugh, make me feel conviction and encourage me to keep holding on all in the same message.

You were a five-star blessing in my life. My Pastor, My Evangelist, My Teacher, My Employer, and My Spiritual Father. I’m reminded how you would chastise me as my Boss then minister to me as an Evangelist and take me out to dinner as a father. Words can’t describe how much I will miss you Apostle, but I will miss those late nights when you would call and say, “Listen, I know it’s late, I’m not gone keep you, but I have a brainstorm” or driving you to preach, setting up the equipment, working the altar making sure you were taken care of afterwards and then driving you back home.

Love, Your Spiritual Son, Randy
Father, you are and will forever be a great man. You gave so much knowledge, and I’m so glad I understand eternal life. I hold every earthly moment close to my heart. I guess it was time to let you start eternal life. Nah, I’m going to be honest, wasn’t ready to let you go. Missing your warm heart feels like I’m out in the cold.

I just wanted to fight for you like you fought for so many others, ease your hurt and pain, but God already had that covered. When we would talk, it was always profound. Even if we disagreed, we left on good grounds.

Thank you for teaching what was right, honest and fair; always loving the Most High and showing His children that you care.

So many lives you’ve touched,
So many loved you so much,
So many in a sinful rut,
So many had given up and lost trust,
So many despised living,
So many didn’t have the heart (forgiving),
So many tuned in on the TV,
So many got on the bus,
So many traveled miles.
WHY?
Because you never gave up.

So many came to salvation,
So many things revealed,
So many divine revelations,
So many lives healed.

Thank you for being down, humble and loving the people.
You never frowned up at the alcoholic for
You knew their soul was feeble

So many times they would ask
“Rev., could you help a brother or sister out?”
You never hesitated to help and reach in your pocket and
Give to a stranger; never thinking about self.

That’s the man I will always remember. Holy, sanctified, and a real Member of the Body of Christ.

I thank the Father today for your life and legacy but most importantly
The anointing that was upon you.
You passed it on, Dad!
When It Comes To My Brother

Richard loved God more than anyone I’ve known. The sermons that he preached were delivered in such a way that anyone listening to them could understand the message. Just as equally important if not more so were the songs that he selected to accompany his ministry. After I began working with the music department in the mid-1960’s, he gave me one essential directive. He said, “I want you to play for me while I’m preaching because the audio response level to the message from the audience makes me change the key in which I’m preaching. I want you to keep me in key and follow me while I preach.” I was given a chance to serve. Little did I know that would make me a leader. His ministry impacted my life as I traveled with my brother throughout the world for over 50 years. He was a gift to the body of Christ. I’m going to miss him dearly. 

Vernal Henton, Minister of Music, Emeritus

Reflections from the Breakthrough Staff

Apostle Henton would often say, “We are a family.” This meant we were fortunate to work very close with the Apostle. He encouraged us to excel in our different fields. “Keep working at it,” he would often say. Sometimes we worked late hours, well into the early morning, which helped develop and cultivate a spirit of excellence. We saw in our leader his faith, tenacity and love for the ministry, which inspired us to serve and help fulfill the vision God gave him. One recurring theme that helped drive our purpose was, “God isn’t finished, so we have to be ready for the next move of God.” Apostle’s guidance will be greatly missed.
Longevity

The hand of God was seen on Apostle Richard D. Henton’s life at an early age. The early years of ministry were dedicated to evangelism as he traveled the world preaching the word of God and ministering to the needs of people. Since its inception in 1964, the Monument Of Faith Evangelistic Church has grown tremendously. With prayer, supplication, dedication, and strong leadership, the church continues to grow as a testament to its name and purpose as given to Pastor Henton in its beginning.

In March 1976, the church aired its first weekly radio broadcast which further exposed the ministry of Apostle Henton to thousands of listeners. Indeed, the Breakthrough Hour has been a welcomed and well-received addition to Christian Broadcasting. With its soaring popularity, many followers were delighted to learn that its well-beloved radio broadcast would soon be seen on WCFC/TV38. In 1978, The Breakthrough Hour transmitted via satellite into thousands of homes for the first time. For well over a decade, The Breakthrough Hour was the top rated telecast consistently before the television station was sold. Apostle Henton is the author of six books, and to his credit has recorded over six thousand sermons on several types of media. His books are entitled: Christian Warfare; I Command You To Live; God’s Chosen Children Of Destiny; And God’s Masterpiece: A Pattern For The Family, Armed For Spiritual Warfare, and The Experience, Episode and Encounter of the Holy Ghost.
Ministry In Broad Strokes

Founded The Monument Of Faith Church At 6848 S. Racine
Purchased Administration Building Adjacent To The Church
Purchased Former Church At 7359 S. Chappel
Pastor Henton Received A Doctorate Of Divinity From Trinity
Hall College And Seminary
After Only 4 Years At Chappel Church The Mortgage Was Burned
Pastor Henton Received His Doctor Of Divinity Degree
In An Academic Vesper Service
Aired Our First Live Radio Broadcast
250 Voice Choir Traveled To Washington, DC To Sing At
The Inaugural Ceremony For Former President Jimmy Carter
Aired Our First Television Broadcast
Established The R.D. Henton Evangelistic Foundation
Acquired Property At 8101 S. LaSalle For The R.D. Henton Academy
Established R.D. Henton Logos Bible College
Converted The Former R.D. Henton Academy To
The Breakthrough Cultural Family Christian Center
Breakthrough Ministry Broadcasts On World Wide
Christian Radio
Television Ministry Expands To Over 633 Television
Stations On The New Inspirational Network
Citywide Breakthrough Crusade At UIC Pavilion
Over 10,000 Attended.
Pastor Henton Received A Doctorate In Missiology
Acquired 13.5 Acres Of Land For Expanded Ministry
Pastor Henton Received A Doctorate In Pastoral Ministry
Pastor Henton Received A Doctorate In Pastoral Studies
Moved Into First Phase Of New Church Facility
Dr. Richard D. Henton Is Elevated to The Office Of An Apostle
Establishes And Implements M.I.C.A. (Monument International
Church Assemblies) (Chicago, IL)
Television Ministry Expands To Include The Word Network
(Worldwide Satellite And Cable)
The strength of a people can always be defined by how they handle adversity and transition. For over 50 years our Apostle has led us faithfully, and we will forever remember him and the things that he taught us. We will build on this foundation. God will carry us to great heights by blessing all we set our hands to do. Let us stand together in unity and continue the work that God has laid to our charge.

With love and care,

Pastor Mark Henton
I’ll See You In The Rapture
Honorary Pallbearers

Apostle Donald Alford
Bishop William Allen
Bishop Roy Brown
Pastor William Bryant
Bishop Samuel Carruth
Bishop Willie J. Chambliss
John Roland Cox
Pastor Clay Evans
Pastor J. Louis Felton
Bishop Roy Ferguson
Minister Randy Glass
Brother Anthony Graham
Elder Edward Green
Pastor John Hannah
Bishop Mark Hatcher
Deacon Charles Hedgspeth
Bishop William Hudson, III
Apostle Steve Jones
Minister Phillip Lowery
Bishop Timothy Byron McGhee
Pastor Douglas Moye
Brother Brian Pickett
Bishop Richard Taylor
Pastor Maceo Woods

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the entire Henton family, we wish to express our deep appreciation to all brothers and sisters in Christ who have stood with us during our hour of bereavement. We indeed appreciate your personal visits, prayers, assistance and valuable advice, and more especially to all those who took out their precious time to support and visit with us. May the Almighty God reward your kindness with greater measure.

And to all our guests, may the Good Lord bless you and keep you and bring you back to your respective homes safely in Jesus Name. Amen. Thank you all so much. —The Henton Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Leak and Sons Funeral Home
7838 South Cottage Grove Avenue - Chicago, Illinois 60619
(773) 846-6567

Interment
Monday, November 2, 2015
Processional from Monument of Faith Church at 9:00am
Evergreen Cemetery and Mausoleum
3401 West 87th Street - Evergreen Park, IL
(708) 433-9501

Repast
Dinner will be served immediately following
the home going in the Monument of Faith Sanctuary

Program Committee
Pastor Mark Henton, Pastor DeAndre Patterson, Dr. Ray Berryhill
Barbara Barrett, Richard Jackson, Regina Carter, John Cox
Christ is the Answer
Apostle Henton's Theme Song

While you're on your knees praying
God sends an angel and puts him on the run
By the time you've finished praying
The things you've been praying for is already done

Christ is the answer
Trust my Lord today
Let him make a way
You may be high
You may be low
You may be rich
You may be poor
This one thing I do know
That Christ is the answer for you.

Life down here on earth is so uncertain
There are pitfalls along life's way
There is an answer to all your problems
And that is why you will hear me say

Christ is the answer
Trust my Lord today
Let him make a way
You may be high
You may be low
You may be rich
You may be poor
This one thing I do know
That Christ is the answer for you.

“God was real to me as a young teenager, and that’s why I’ll serve him all the days of my life.”

Apostle R.D. Henton