



Evelyn Henderson

September 9, 1926 - April 17, 2022

MRS. HENDERSON'S SERVICE WILL BE LIVESTREAMED HERE ON OUR WEBSITE

EVELYN C. YOUNG HENDERSON, born September 9, 1926, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 17th at 5:18 pm at the age of 95. She was born in Dallas, Texas. She moved to Winnsboro, Texas, at the age of six. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gus Young and Maud Stanley Young, her husband Johnnie L. Henderson, her son Johnnie Jr., sister Madeline Young Leath and brother Joe Young. She is survived by her daughter, Jayne Huffman and husband Bruce, daughter-in-law Glenda Henderson, grandsons: Matthew Henderson and Wesley Albin Henderson and wife Stephanie, her granddaughter, Jessica Gardner and husband Reed, and her great-grandchildren: Ezra and Kennedy Gardner, and Kathryn Albin Henderson and soon-to-be Joshua Albin Henderson due in June.

Evelyn and the love of her life, Johnnie L. Henderson, married in 1947 during their junior year at East Texas State Teachers College (now called Texas A&M University in Commerce).

Becoming a wife and a mother to her two children, Johnnie Jr. and Jayne was

the most important part of her life. Even though she was a teacher, she always had time to attend the activities of her children and later grandchildren, traveling to see the many basketball games, track meets, and band performances.

Evelyn became a teacher and during her career of 35 years, she taught in Avery, Rylie, Royse City, Forney, Stephenville, W.W. Samuell in Dallas, and returned to Forney for the last 12 years of her teaching career. She and her husband often said they probably held a unique record as they returned to three of the schools a second time. After retiring in 1985, she assisted her husband as the Director of Texas Association of Private and Parochial schools for seven years. This work directed all academic, music, art, sports events at the State-level (similar to UIL). In 2008 before her husband's death, TAPPS honored Johnnie and Evelyn with an award called the Henderson Cup to be presented to the top schools in the five divisions.

Evelyn received many earthly honors in her teaching career. She served on the local, state, and national committees and as an officer for Career Education (VOE/OEA). She sponsored many students to contests and her students performed with great success often competing against schools with much larger enrollments. Her favorite saying to her student was, "You are a winner if you try, but if you do not try, you lose already." One of her greatest joys after retirement was former students returning to see her, or calling and asking for advice. She often said she was blessed with hundreds of children. When a school was named after her husband and her, she adopted the many teachers and children who taught and attended Henderson Elementary. She enjoyed giving a "pep talk" to the teachers on the first day of school each year.

Evelyn continued teaching a Bible Study Class at First Baptist Church Forney until 2018. She continued interest in her church, community, state, and nation. She was an avid reader and never lost touch with the changes happening in

the world in which she lived.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Friday, April 22, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Forney with interment to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest by her beloved husband, Johnnie Henderson.

Her family will receive friends 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Thursday, April 21, at First Baptist Church in Forney.

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to First Baptist Higher Ground 2.0 Building Fund at <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/firspo101t7> or Forney Education Foundation (FEF) at <https://forneyisdoundation.org/donate> for grants for teachers.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St.
Forney, TX 75126

Funeral Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn Henderson*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 21, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Evelyn Henderson*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *She was my VOE/OEA teacher. She landed me my first insurance job. To this day I am currently working in the insurance corporate world. She taught me so much about the professional world, how to speak, what to say and not to say when interviewing for a job. She was one of Forney ISD's BEST!!!!*

She was an inspiration to me. She was so kind, gentle and humble. Heaven has truly gained an angel. May you rest in peace and you will be missed.

Elaine Werning-Moss

Elaine Moss - April 21, 2022 at 11:56 AM



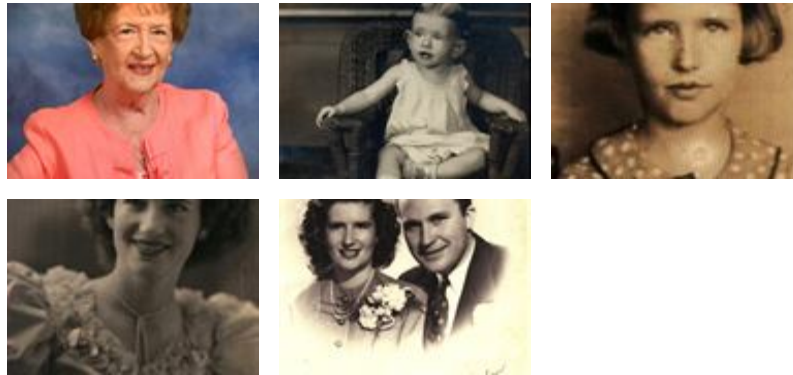
“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Evelyn Henderson.*



April 21, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *106 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 20, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Commerce Middle School Faculty & Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Evelyn Henderson.*



Commerce Middle School Faculty & Staff - April 20, 2022 at 08:13 AM

KM

“ I went to Eastfield college in 1970, at the BSU there meet lifelong friends an one was her son Johnnie. Mrs Henderson always supported us an encouraged us on in our college yrs. She was a beautiful lady an a loving person to all who came her way. Here are the Eastfield BSUer’s




kim maples - April 19, 2022 at 11:52 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Evelyn Henderson.



April 19, 2022 at 09:10 PM

 Peggy
Lemons

“ *She was my VOE teacher the first year the class was available. She was so organized and precise in her instructions she was a good teacher. In class we had to rotate which machine we used, the filing system we worked on erase all the notes on the cares when we were finished.*

I remember our group to the see the Sound of Music in a dinner theater. Yvonne DeCarlo was in it, and also having the only Egg Sale as a fund raiser I ever participated in and several meetings/parties in her home,

Goodbye

Peggy Lemons - April 19, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn Henderson.*



April 19, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evelyn Henderson.*



April 19, 2022 at 02:12 PM

KB

“ Oh what a sweet spirit Evelyn Henderson had! She touched the life of so many during the time God blessed us with her presence. She was a woman of purpose with a plan, and set such a wonderful example for us all to live by. Now, she resides in Glory in her eternal home with Jesus. I was blessed to know her and get to call her my friend.

Karen Brockway - April 19, 2022 at 12:19 PM

SM

“ Jane and family, The Hendersons have been a part of the McCord family ever since I married Debbie. Evelyn and Johnnie were just like another set of in-laws who were loved and cherished. Both Evelyn and Johnnie to active interests in Mindy and Matt as they grew up and shared their lives with us when we lived in Korea and beyond.

Living in Forney two times during furlough was especially sweet as we had the opportunity to really visit with your folks. We love the entire Henderson family and grieve with you during this time of sorrow. Although we know their eternal home, we will still miss them.

Condolences and we are praying that you'll experience His Peace and Presence during these days.

Steve, Shelley, Mindy, & Matt McCord

Steve McCord - April 19, 2022 at 08:53 AM

RC

“*Jane and Family: RE: Your Mom--- What a wonderful, graceful lady and an inspiration to all who knew her. God bless her. Yes, like so many more, she was my typing teacher in high school. Evelyn and Coach Henderson set the standards for how to be good neighbors, leaders in the FBC in Forney, they focused on education and discipline and set examples every day on how to be extraordinary citizens, parents, teachers and friends.*

Loved her very much.

Roger Clark

Roger Clark - April 18, 2022 at 11:22 PM

KF

Team Henderson- you are the legacy of amazing people- faith, education, hard workers, family! Your mom and Grandmother were so proud of you- I know because I had the privilege to sit and listen to story after story. As she told me last month “you know we are night and day, but this has worked for over 20 years!” I will miss my sharing heart, but I like you, have been forever changed and challenged because of her love. Prayers as you face these days. And how perfect for her to meet her Savior on Resurrection Day! Much love to your special family!

Karen Fetner

karen Fetner - April 18, 2022 at 11:51 PM

MC

We all have been blessed by knowing this godly woman you called your mother.

What an example of loving the Lord and living day to day in his service , for all of us to strive to do likewise.

I trust God will with you and the family in these days ahead as you try to adjust to a world without her in it.

Your memorial of her accomplishments in life are a testament to a Divine purpose life.

Mrs. Paulette Colson - April 19, 2022 at 07:27 AM

AL

I'm real sorry that she has moved on. This world was a better place to have had her around. I literally never met anyone who didn't just love her.

Al Lee - May 06, 2022 at 06:25 PM