



Ethelbert Henry

July 11, 1918 - December 10, 2017

Obituary

Ethelbert Henry was the first child born to Ruth Layne and Alton Henry on July 11, 1918 in the city of Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies. He grew up in the little village of D`Abadie where he was brought up by his grandfather and aunts on his father's side. He was blessed because this was an Adventist home. He attended D`Abadie Government School.

At age 11, he moved to live with his grandmother on his mother's side. She was not a Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) but he was allowed to attend Sabbath School at 31 Dundonald Street. While at church on Dundonald Street, he helped his father ring the church bell for Sabbath School and also pumped the organ for the organist at MV (now known as AYS) meetings.

He attended Woodbrook E. C. School then Eastern Boys Government School where he reached Standard 7, which was the highest grade one could reach in those days.

One year there was a concert given by the Caribbean Training College (CTC) quartet. This college was operated by Seventh-day Adventists. The quartet sang acapella and being a lover of music, it moved him to apply to the college as a full work student meaning that you work fulltime while being a student. He was accepted, entered the college on Friday, September 29, 1939 and spent six years there.

Upon leaving CTC, which became Caribbean Union College (CUC), he became a Colporteur, now known as a Literature Evangelist. To do this job,

one has to be a good sales person. The books he could not sell, he gave away. Whenever there were series of meetings, now known as crusades, he would conduct lively song services and help out with the choir. It was during this time that he met Util Morgan, the love of his life.

He then went back to Port of Spain, this time to work at the South Caribbean Conference office as a Clerk. While working there, he married Util Morgan and then two children were born to this union, Patricia and Clarence.

Their third child Franklyn was born. Then off the family went, this time to Chirkoo Village on another teaching assignment.

After their fourth child, Floyd, was born, he left the classroom and worked in the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Cocorite as an Admitting and Discharge Clerk for almost nine years. Here he continued to do his best as he was taught both at home and at his Alma Mater, CUC, now called University of the Southern Caribbean (USC). It was during those nine years that the two last children were born, Victor and Lystra. Then one of the doctors of the hospital, Dr. Chow Quan, offered to send him to the United States of America. Dr. Chow Quan said to him, "You will do well, work in a hospital when you get there."

It was on Sunday, September 29, 1968 that he disembarked on the United States soil in the state of New York. He worked at Beekman Downtown Hospital in Lower Manhattan as an Attendant for eight years then transferred to the hospital's ambulance as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) until his retirement. While living in New York, he attended Hanson Place Seventh-day Adventist Church, then Flatbush Seventh-day Adventist Church under the leadership of Pastor Robert Lister. In 1992, both he and his wife, Util moved south to Georgia to continue their retirement and attended the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church then Mountainside Seventh-day Adventist Church under the leadership of Pastor Ted R. Smith, then Dr. Sherwin Jack and later Pastor Gregory Saunders. He became an Elder and later on an Honorary Elder.

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Even though his career had many challenges, he enjoyed serving his master, Jesus Christ. No matter what was going on around him, he was always pleasant and did not worry about a thing. He would say, "Why worry when you can pray." He was truly a servant of God and a friend to the younger child all the way up to the most senior person.

His loving family honored him on his 80th birthday here in Atlanta, and his church family (Mountainside) showed appreciation of him on his 90th birthday and on his 96th birthday. Last year, his Sabbath school class and the Men's Ministry departments also honored him. This year, the University of the Caribbean celebrated 90 years of existence July 14, 2017 to July 23, 2017. On Sabbath, July 22, 2017 Ethelbert Irving Henry was honored as the oldest living (99 years old) alumni of USC and held that title until Sunday, December 10, 2017 when he went to sleep peacefully in his home.

Preceding his death are his sister, Auldean, father Alton, mother Ruth, brother Theophilus, and wife Util. He leaves to cherish his memories his children: Patricia (Winston), Clarence (Florence), Franklyn (Cherryl), Floyd, Victor and Lystra, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers-in-law, adopted sister Syl, special nephew Oswin, other nephews and nieces, great nephews, great nieces, cousins, many friends and wellwishers.

May he rest in peace until that great getting up morning when "the dead in Christ will rise first." Let us be ready to be taken up with those who have gone on before, "to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

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“ Dear Henry Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you greatly during this difficult time. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope to see our loved ones again right here on earth by means of the resurrection. “There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous “. May you have peace as you think about this beautiful hope for the future.



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