



## Rev. Donald Sims Henley

March 22, 1935 - March 19, 2023

Funeral service for the Rev. Donald Sims Henley, 87, of Piedmont will be Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 1:00 pm at Thompson Funeral Home with his son, Rev. Doug Henley officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Piedmont Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6:00 -8:00 pm at the funeral home. Rev. Henley passed away peacefully, Sunday, March 19, 2023, at his home. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Patricia Henley; daughter, Donna Lynn Henley Martin (Jerry) of Alexander City; son, Rev. Doug Henley of Piedmont; three grandchildren, Jeri Lynn Martin Thomas, Jarod Henley Martin and McKenzie Lynn Tan Henley; and two great grandchildren, Briggs and Henley. Pallbearers will be Jay Johnson, Jarod Martin, Marc Thomas, Jerry Martin, Tracy Chandler, Heath Bates, Scott Maddox, and Kenny Yates. Honorary pallbearer will be Doug Johnson. Rev. Henley was a native of Anniston and was a graduate of Anniston High School class of 1953. He earned his Bachelor's degree at Jacksonville State University and earned his Masters of Arts degree from the New Orleans Theological Seminary. Rev. Henley started his ministry at Union Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. He was also active in planting churches in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He pastored many churches in the surrounding area, including Northside Baptist Church in Anniston and Calvary Heights Baptist Church in Alexander City. He pastored at the First Congregational Methodist Church in Piedmont for 13 years, where he and his family made their home. He was also the pastor at Liberty Hill Congregational

Methodist Church in Heflin for several years. During his ministry, Rev. Henley led thousands of people to the Lord. He performed over 1500 funerals and weddings and over 1000 baptisms. Rev. Henley was a United States Army veteran. He served in the 101st Airborne Division, 506st Infantry Regiment. He was a member of Saints John Lodge 931, F&AM in Anniston with over 50 years of service and was a longtime member of the Zamora Shrine Temple of Central Alabama. Rev. Henley was a people person and had a nickname for most everyone. He enjoyed playing golf and was a great fisherman. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ollie Bell Henley; and 6 siblings.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Thompson Funeral Home & Crematory  
6340 Old Piedmont-Gadsden Hwy  
Piedmont, AL 36272  
(256) 447-7113  
<https://www.thompsonfuneralhomepiedmont.com>

## Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

MAR 22 (CT)

Piedmont Memory Gardens  
236 Vigo Road  
Piedmont, AL 36272

# Tribute Wall

TR

“ thank you don for all the good times we had working together at gregersons mid town,we shared lots of laughs together,,rip ole friend,, when we had you we all rejoiced now its your time,, your friend, terry reynolds,

terry david reynolds - March 23, 2023 at 11:06 AM

J(

“ Brother Don was such an incredible man that I adored and loved very much! He lead me to the Lord when I was 7 and then was able to baptize me that same year. As my childhood pastor he made an incredible impact on my life, so thank you Brother Don. May he rest in heavenly peace. Prayers to the family and Mrs. Pat.



Jennifer Moore (Lee) - March 22, 2023 at 09:53 AM

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“ Steve, Timothy, & Robyn Norton (Parker) purchased the Silver Victorian Tear Bottle with F REE Matching Tray for the family of Rev. Donald Sims Henley.



Steve, Timothy, & Robyn Norton (Parker) - March 21, 2023 at 03:52 PM

GF

“ Gene And Pat Floyd lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Sims Henley



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**Gene and Pat Floyd** - March 20, 2023 at 11:39 PM

LD

“ Doug, we are so sorry for the loss of your father. You, and your family, will be in our thoughts and prayers. You know that we love you. Lynn and Ellis

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**Lynn Dear** - March 20, 2023 at 10:24 PM

DR

“ Bro. Don was a mighty Man of God who will be greatly missed. Wonderful preacher, great friend, and loved laughter. See you later, Bro. Don!!! Love, Debby Jones Rosser.



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**Debby Jones Rosser** - March 20, 2023 at 05:21 PM

KB

“ Karen Bull lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Sims Henley



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**Karen Bull** - March 20, 2023 at 04:36 PM

PG

“ May God hold you close to Him during this difficult time of adjustment. Don is celebrating with the Lord. He kept to his course and finished his race. I'm so sorry I cannot be with you for his home-going celebration. Love and prayers!  
*Patsy Gilmore*

Patsy Gilmore - March 20, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Sims Henley.



March 20, 2023 at 11:37 AM

KJ

“ Kim Justice lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Sims Henley



Kim Justice - March 20, 2023 at 10:55 AM

RC

“ Ray & Judy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Sims Henley



Ray & Judy Campbell - March 20, 2023 at 10:29 AM

MP

“ Mike And Melinda Pody lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Sims Henley



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**Mike and Melinda Pody** - March 19, 2023 at 09:15 PM

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“ May the Lord Bless and keep you during this momentary separation. Brother Don was always a wonderful Pastor to my parents, Robert and Lucille Norton and our family. Thank you, Pat and Doug for sharing him with us over the years. I love you both. May you find comfort in the knowledge that great is his reward in Heaven, and he is rejoicing around the Throne of God even now.  
Steve Norton

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**Steve Norton** - March 19, 2023 at 08:49 PM