



## Melvin "Chubby" Henry

August 18, 1960 - April 13, 2025

Deacon Melvin Henry was born the second child to Grover and Ernestine Henry on August 18, 1960, in Winter Garden, Florida. He was a native of Winter Garden and graduated from West Orange High School in 1978. He also attended Kansas State University (Kansas), Big Bend Community College (Washington), and American Preparatory Institute (Texas).

Immediately upon graduation, Melvin enlisted in the United States Army. He turned eighteen during Basic Training at Fort Knox Armor Training Center (Kentucky). He served three tours overseas and was stationed at Fort Hood (Texas), Fort Polk (Louisiana), and Fort Riley (Kansas). While stationed at Fort Riley, Sgt. Henry received orders to be sent overseas (with the "BIG RED ONE") to serve in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Deacon Henry received several decorations and awards. They included: the Bronze Star Medal for participation in the Gulf War, Army Commendation Medal "TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS", Army Achievement Medal "FIVE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS", Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Southeast Asia Service Medal, Expert Marksmanship Badge/Rifle and Pistol, Driver and Mechanic Badge, Five Good Conduct Medals, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. He also received several other training awards.

After serving sixteen years in the military, in 1994, he was offered early retirement, making him one of the youngest retirees with the Department of Defense. He returned to Winter Garden and joined the ranks of civilian life.

Deacon Henry joined Bethlehem during his childhood and laboured in the Master's vineyard for over fifty (50) years. He served as Vice-chairman of the Deacon and Trustee Ministry, President of the Pastor's Aide, Vice-President of the Golden Angels, Church Bus Driver, the Mass Choir, Bereavement Ministry, supporter of the Youth Department, Sound Technician, Male Chorus, and 2 time recipient of the F. E. W. Award (in honor of the late Reverend Frank Edward Wilder. He was actively involved in every phase of the church. Many are called, but few are chosen.

He was also a lifetime member of the West Orange Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 4305) and was the first African American Commander. He was also a member of the American Legion (Post 331).

Deacon Henry retired from West Rock, formerly known as Victory Packaging Orlando Branch. On August 10, 2020, he received a Certificate of Service for his dedication and contribution to the Orlando Driver Team for over 20 years. He faithfully served customers throughout the State of Florida and was able to master all delivery areas from Orlando to Miami, Naples, Jacksonville, and beyond.

On Saturday, April 13, 2025, Deacon Melvin Henry was called from his earthly labour to reward. He is resting in the bosom of the Savior.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grover and Ernestine Henry; sister, Lawana Henry Simmons, and other relatives.

Deacon Henry leaves precious memories with his loving wife, Patricia;

children, Willie and Yasmika; his grandchildren, his only niece, Zawana Washington Boone; special cousin, Deborah Henry Roberson, 1 aunt, Mildred Scott Taylor, 2 uncles, Bobby Scott, and Edward "Sunny" Scott; and host of many loving cousins, other relatives, the Bethlehem Church Family and sorrowing friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
915 E. Plant Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

## Service

APR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Winter Garden, FL 34787

## Florida National Cemetery Burial

APR 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bushnell, FL 33513



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Chubby was my neighbor for about 3 years he was one of the people he was a amazing man a heart of gold*

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**Brandon Clark** - April 28, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvin "Chubby" Henry.*

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April 28, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin "Chubby" Henry.*



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April 28, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *Uncle Bob, Aunt Pree & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin "Chubby" Henry.*

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**Uncle Bob, Aunt Pree & Family** - April 26, 2025 at 05:16 PM

UF

“ Uncle Bob, Aunt Pree & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Melvin "Chubby" Henry.



Uncle Bob, Aunt Pree & Family - April 26, 2025 at 05:16 PM

JS

“ Jacqueline Sweeting lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry



Jacqueline Sweeting - April 26, 2025 at 01:39 PM

DP

*I'm sorry for your loss*

Donna Patrick - April 27, 2025 at 09:31 AM

KM

“ Katrina L Moore-Pugh lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry



Katrina L Moore-Pugh - April 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM

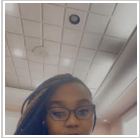
MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry*



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**MONICA DENISE SCOTT** - April 24, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ *The partnership you shared with your spouse was an inspiration. I am here for you Mrs.Pat during this difficult time.*

*To the entire family...  
Please know that you're not alone in remembering a wonderful person that meant so much to many. Rest in peace our good and faithful Deacon.*

*- Jamie Holley*

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**Jamie Holley** - April 23, 2025 at 11:05 PM

BD

“ *Brother Saunders and Darlene purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Melvin "Chubby" Henry.*



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**Brother Saunders and Darlene** - April 23, 2025 at 08:41 PM

A"

“ My Cuz " Chubby" was a great mentor in my military career, he kept me holding on he always told me stay with it cuz. Life is good on the other side. He gave me his retirement pin, at my 10 year of service and said when you get yours give me my back. At our 2009 family reunion I presented him with his pin back and a cup. We had that type of relationship. He were a giver without expecting anything back. I will miss my cuz. "Alvin" and family

Alvin Henderson "Cuz" - April 23, 2025 at 12:17 PM

DS

“ Dondrea Stevens lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry



Dondrea Stevens - April 22, 2025 at 09:24 PM

TB

“ Pat I am so sorry for the loss of your husband Melvin. You are in my prayers cousin and I love you.



Tangela Bentley - April 22, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BM

“ BMBC Deacons/Trustee's & Men's Ministry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin "Chubby" Henry.



BMBC Deacons/Trustee's & Men's Ministry - April 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM

DH

“ Chubby was always our "Brother". He had a heart of Gold. Even though we didn't see each other often, the love was always there. His family was our family. Rest well...

*Debra Hawkins-Weston  
Quincy, FL*



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**Debra Hawkins-Weston** - April 21, 2025 at 02:42 PM

RD

“ Renee Duval lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry



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**Renee Duval** - April 20, 2025 at 10:28 AM

KF

“ Melvin you will truly be missed. You were such a loving person and always willing to help anyone in need. A family man for sure. Always the life of the party Mr. Hospitality himself. Watch over my cousin Patricia and farewell until we meet again.

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**Kimberly freeman** - April 19, 2025 at 07:02 PM

KB

“ Kiki Brown lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry



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**Kiki Brown** - April 18, 2025 at 08:29 PM

VF

“ With deepest sympathy stay blessed from  
Valarie Brown & family



Valarie Brown & Family - April 18, 2025 at 08:23 PM

VF

“ You will be truly be missed you were a great  
friend, great deacon was there for me and  
family doing our time of need we really  
appreciated you. Pat my friend I'm here for  
you.



Valerie & the Brown family - April 18, 2025 at 08:23 PM

JD

“ My condolences to the family, Chubby



Jackie Davis - April 18, 2025 at 07:02 PM

J&

“ Jacqueline Brown Kemp &Family lit a candle  
in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry



Jacqueline Brown Kemp &Family - April 18, 2025 at 11:53 AM

PN

*Sending caring thoughts your way.*

**Ponchitta Nelson** - April 18, 2025 at 07:18 PM

PF

“ *Pastor Clyde S. Morgan An Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry*



**Pastor Clyde S. Morgan an family** - April 18, 2025 at 11:19 AM

ST

“ *My deepest Condolences goes out to his wife and family and friends* 🙏😭💔



**Savarica Turner** - April 17, 2025 at 10:45 PM

MM

“ *Mary D Morss lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Chubby" Henry*



**Mary D Morss** - April 17, 2025 at 08:53 PM