



Henry James Vassar

August 2, 1941 - September 26, 2015

Henry J. Vassar, 74, went to be with the Lord at 8:11 a.m. Saturday, September 26, 2015 at His home. Born August 2, 1941 in Alton to Albert J. and Emma (Free) Vassar. He married the former Shirley J. Henson on October 1, 1971 in Alton. Immediately following his 1959 graduation from Alton High School he became a proud U.S. Marine. He served from 1959 to 1963 during the Cuban Crisis. He was employed at Shell Oil Wood River Refinery for 30 years, retiring in 1994 as a contract coordinator foreman. Later he became assistant principal and teacher for New Community Christian School. He was an avid golfer and bowler in this area. Active in his church for over 30 years he ministered as Sunday school teacher, board member, elder and interim pastor for Alpha Chapel, Faith Covenant Church and Hillside Family Church, which is now Lifehouse Community Church. Surviving in addition to his wife, is a daughter, Vanessa J. Vassar; four sons, Kenneth, Wayne, Joseph, and Adrian Vassar. A step-daughter, Kelley Schultz and a very special, much loved granddaughter Madison Schultz. Also surviving are numerous other grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, two sisters and one brother-in-law, Emma Jane and George Frazier, Patricia Perkins, a brother, Mark Vassar (Marie), and a sister-in-law Doris Fink. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son James Vassar and two brothers, Floyd and David Vassar. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2015 at Lifehouse Community Church where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 3, 2015. Pastor

Michael Adams will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Henry J. Vassar Memorial Fund at Lifehouse Community Church.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Henry James Vassar*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Henry James Vassar*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Wishing Shirley, Vanessa, and family comfort, peace and strength now, and in the days ahead. RIP Henry..*

Carolyn Schmidt - October 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Goodbye to my good friend Henry. We enjoyed many basketball games at Shell Oil together and golf. You always had my ultimate respect as a person and a great supervisor. You will be sadly missed by me and your many other friends at our old Shell Oil Refinery. With Christian love you will always be remembered - Jim Maynard*

Jim Maynard - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love, hugs and prayers for your family.*

Anita Charlton - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Henry was a very respectful and nice man, I worked for him at Shell Oil. We played golf together, he could hit a golf ball....great guy, I cant say enough about him

Steve Cruthis - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Shirley, Vanessa, and family,

Im so sorry to hear about Henrys passing. He was such an incredible man. He will be greatly missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Amanda (Cote) Strader

Amanda (Cote) Strader - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Shirley I am so sorry about the death of Henry. I will never forget how wonderful you both were to Nelson and I at the old Shell Station.

Love

Ruth (Bowers) Guntren - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Vanessa and Shirley much love and peace. Henry will be greatly missed but will forever be in our hearts!*

Stephanie & David Torre - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *We send out love and prayers to your family. Mr. Henry will be greatly missed.*

*Love, Terry, Jenni, Ashlynn, Averie & Mark. :-**

Jennifer & Terry Eisenhauer - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *An incredible man leaving an incredible legacy. He will be greatly missed. Sending prayers for strength and love to you Vanessa and Shirley!*

Lola Hibbert - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Your passing has left a huge hole in our family. We love you and you will forever be sorely missed.*

Kelley Schultz - September 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM