



J.P. Henry

November 23, 2015

J.P. Henry, of Danville, VA died Monday, November 23, 2015 at Danville Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Henry was born and lived his entire life in Danville. He was a son of the late Surry Patrick Henry and Lucille Taylor Henry. He was predeceased by a brother, Melvin R. Henry.

He was a member of Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church where he served as organist and choir director for over fifty years. J.P. loved sacred music and enjoyed working with church choirs.

After graduating from George Washington High School, he entered the Army. Upon completion of basic training, he was sent to the South Pacific Theater and served on the Island of Saipan and Guam for 3 years. Upon discharge from the Army, Sgt. Henry returned to Danville. He then was employed by the City of Danville Human Services. After forty-three as Office Manager of the Adult Detention Unit, he accepted retirement.

J.P. was also a piano and organ instructor and worked with many students during his lifetime. His favorite type of music was classical, with a special calling to sacred and choral work. At the time of his death he was organist at Kentuck Baptist Church, a group of people that he loved working with.

J.P. was the last surviving member of his family. He served as organist for Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home for sixty six years.

Many “thanks” to three of his special friends, Doug and Betty Stovall. These people cared for him in his later days in every way. Also, to a very dear cousin, Peggy Blanks Price, of Boca Raton, FL.

A private graveside service will be held at Highland Burial Park conducted by the Rev. Carl E. Burger.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Henry family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember J. P. Henry as a child working in the front office with my Papa Newell. He also did a picture of me. He was a very kind man.



Susan Newell Davis - November 27, 2015 at 06:26 AM

NW

“ I took piano lessons from J.P. when I was about 10 years old.
I will never forget him. Such a nice man and a wonderful musician!
Nancye Powell Williamson



Nancye Powell Williamson - November 26, 2015 at 09:11 PM

DM

“ I was saddened to read about J.P. He was extraordinary musician, teacher and friend.

David McKinney

David McKinney - November 26, 2015 at 02:53 PM

JH

“ I met J.P. several times over the years at my brother,s (Doug Stovall) home. Each time we all enjoyed musical duets with the two of them. What as wonderful experience filled with love and joy. He was such a special person. J.P. will be so missed but we know he is at rest and peace with our maker.

Jayne Hughes
Killeen, Tx.

Jayne Hughes - November 26, 2015 at 09:33 AM

LM

“ I only met JP three years ago and grew to love him dearly very quickly while Bruce was interim at Kentuck. JP played the organ so very beautifully, I have missed him since we left there.
Leslie Miller

Leslie Miller - November 25, 2015 at 04:36 PM

GM

“ JP was a very special person ! Met him at church when I moved here in 1976! Just saw him a while back and knew he was sick but he was ready to go home to be with the Lord

Gracie Mays - November 24, 2015 at 07:32 PM