



Henry Roberts

May 7, 1951 - March 20, 2019

Henry was a multi-dimensional, multi-talented man. His intellectual curiosity manifested itself in widely varied interests. His life was devoted to learning, beautification, service and creativity. Henry's interest in aesthetics and construction led him to enroll in the architecture curriculum at Cass Technical High School. Upon graduation he was awarded a scholarship to Lawrence Institute of Technology. He opted instead to take a summer internship at Giffels & Rosetti architectural firm in Detroit. The drawings he produced there were greatly admired and imitated. He obtained a degree in business management and almost completed a graduate degree in psychology.

In his early undergraduate years Henry majored in the humanities, specializing in cinema. During this period he created a feature film.

Henry loved music and had a beautiful tenor voice. He belonged to the boys' choir at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. As an adolescent he traveled with that choir to London to study at an academy for choristers.

With his family, Henry was a caring and helpful brother and a doting uncle to his three nephews and two nieces. He cared devotedly for his mother in her last years.

For his friends, Henry was truly that friend who is closer than a brother. He

always gave what he had: a ride, a helping hand with projects, but, most importantly, his challenging and stimulating companionship. He derived great joy and nurturance from his association with Affirmations Men's Discussion Group. And his friendships with work colleagues made the day worthwhile.

Henry was generous with his time and resources when it came to projects of beautification and craftsmanship. He once purchased and planted trees for the easements of every house on his block. He also designed and constructed custom made bookshelves for his sister. He drew up the plans, lugged the wood up two flights of stairs, drove in every nail and painted.

Henry's front yard was beautifully landscaped with flowers he planted and tended himself.

Henry's passing has diminished the lives of everyone who knew him. We console ourselves with the knowledge that he is now free of pain and responsibility.

“. . . the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace, they find rest as they lie in death.” Isaiah 57:1b, 2

There will be a memorial service at St. David's Episcopal Church, 16200 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan (248-557-5430) on Saturday, April 27 at 2:30 pm.

Donations in honor of Henry may be made to Affirmations Development, 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, MI 48220, 248-398-7105, <http://www.goaffirmations.org/donate>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **27**. 2:30 PM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
16200 W. 12 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48076

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *i remember Henry from many years ago. We were both choir boys at St, Paul's Cathedral. We traveled to England together in 1963 with the choir. We became good friends and I will always remember his wit, intelligence , and kindness. My sincere condolences to his family.*

David Birnie

David Birnie - November 20, 2019 at 12:56 PM

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M. Jane Roberts - April 22, 2019 at 03:44 PM

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M. Jane Roberts - March 25, 2019 at 10:22 AM

EG

“ Henry, the journey that you will begin will take all of us through the same path. Thanks for all the long talks & company you shared with my aunt Maria & myself. Thanks for all the help we received from you for taking care of my aunt & for being a great neighbor & friend. Soon you will be with the Lord, RIP.

Emma Torres Guzman - March 22, 2019 at 11:27 PM

ML

“ I can't believe that Henry is gone, he was my mom's (Maria) neighbor & a very good friend for years, we shared great times with Henry as well as sad when my mom passed away 5 years ago. Henry you will be missed & always loved, RIP buddy, love Marlene

Marlene Labarcena - March 22, 2019 at 11:13 PM