



Henry James Norwood Jr.

July 5, 1946 - November 28, 2025

Henry James Norwood Jr., age 79, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, November 28, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Born on July 5, 1946, in Gloster, Mississippi, to Henry and Alma Norwood, he moved with his family to Toledo in 1952, where he would go on to leave a lasting legacy of service, leadership, and compassion.

A proud 1964 graduate of Edward Drummond Libbey High School, Henry pursued higher education at The University of Toledo, earning both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Through the university's ROTC program, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, upon graduation of The University of Toledo. He served a tour of active duty in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in June of 1971 as a decorated officer. He received a Purple Heart with full military honors. Henry continued his military service in the Army Reserve, ultimately retiring with the rank of Major after 20 years of dedicated service.

Following his military career, Henry devoted himself to public service in his hometown. He worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer and Supervisor at the Lucas County Juvenile Court and served at the Child Study Institute. As a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor, he provided guidance and support when he was employed at TASC and at various community outreach programs. He was instrumental in founding the

Jerusalem Outreach Youth Center, a youth advocacy initiative, and served on numerous boards throughout the Toledo community.

Henry's commitment to service extended beyond his professional life. He was a generous supporter of local organizations including The Kitchen for the Poor, The Cherry Street Mission, St. Paul's Community Center, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission.

A gifted musician, he shared his talents with several area churches, including The Church of the New Covenant Baptist (Toledo), First Baptist Church (Swanton), and New Hope Baptist Church (Toledo). Furthermore, Henry was a faithful tither for over 50 years. He believed that giving back to the Lord was his priority.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Alma Norwood, and his sister, Rosie Clark. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Annie Ruth Norwood; his daughter, Joy Elaine Norwood; his son, Henry James Norwood III ("Jay"); grandchildren, Brianna Norwood and Jaiden Norwood; great-grandchild, Malik Drakes Jr.; his brother, Dr. John (Marilyn) Norwood of Detroit, Michigan; and a host of extended family and cherished friends.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the Veterans Administration, Homestead, Extended Grace, and the dedicated home health aides who provided compassionate care. Special thanks are also given to his lifelong friends of more than 60 years, William Hayes Sr. and Arthur Hill, for their enduring friendship and support.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43606

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 248-4254
info@dalefh.com

Ceremonial Rites

DEC 9. 6:00 PM (ET)

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572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604
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info@dalefh.com

Wake Service

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Baptist Church
3864 Jackman Rd
Toledo, OH 43612

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Baptist Church
3864 Jackman Rd
Toledo, OH 43612

Tribute Wall

ZE

“ *he was a great man*

zeruyah - December 12, 2025 at 01:47 PM

HJ

“ *Thank God for the life of Henry Norwood. May his soul rest in Peace.*

We pray that God will give Peace and Comfort to the Family.

The Late Rev. Melvin Green Family

Helen M Jenkins - December 10, 2025 at 09:59 PM

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Helen M Jenkins - December 10, 2025 at 09:44 PM

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Love, The Late Rev.. Melvin Green Family

Helen M Jenkins - December 10, 2025 at 09:09 AM

SY

“ *My Deepest Condolences to Joy, and the Norwood Family.*

Stacy Young - December 09, 2025 at 05:14 PM

JB

“ Jo & Reggie Braxton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry James Norwood Jr..

Jo & Reggie Braxton - December 08, 2025 at 11:42 PM

JB

“ Jo & Reggie Braxton purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Henry James Norwood Jr..



Jo & Reggie Braxton - December 08, 2025 at 11:42 PM

TM

“ Always remember Mr. Norwood and my father talking and working in the yard. My condolences, with love.

T Mullin - December 08, 2025 at 07:53 PM

TM

“ Titra M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry James Norwood Jr..

Titra M. - December 08, 2025 at 07:49 PM

SJ

“ SHIRLEY, BRENDA, CRYSTAL, RICK & JOYCE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry James Norwood Jr..

SHIRLEY, BRENDA, CRYSTAL, RICK & JOYCE - December 08, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Henry James Norwood Jr..*



December 08, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ *Your Extended Grace Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Henry James Norwood Jr..*



Your Extended Grace Family - December 08, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ *Wilbert Baccus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Henry James Norwood Jr..*



Wilbert Baccus - December 08, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *My condolences to the Norwood family!*

lee Calhoun - December 08, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *Allison Parkman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry James Norwood Jr..*

Allison Parkman - December 07, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Henry James Norwood Jr..*



December 07, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones & Family*



Gwendolyn E.March Jones - December 06, 2025 at 04:49 PM



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Gwendolyn E.March Jones - December 05, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *To the Norwood family... I remember Henry in my days at TU. Great man and inspiration. My condolences to you all, and may GOD continue to bless you... for my “Brother” ... yours in the BOND
Jerry Garner*

Jerry Garner - December 04, 2025 at 05:14 PM

MJ

“ I worked with Henry at Juvenile Court for many years. He knew everyone with an historical background to share. Always a friendly smile and laugh to share. So very sorry for the family's loss. God bless.



Mary Johnson - December 04, 2025 at 12:06 PM

CF

“ To the family of Henry Norwood. I am extending my deepest sympathy to all of you. I've known Henry for a long time, we shared many laughs and conversations. I always saw Henry as a kind man. Praying God's blessings on each of you. .. Carol Fletcher 🙏

Carol Fletcher - December 04, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MQ

“ My condolences sending prayers to your family

Marcia Quinn - December 03, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AM

“ Dear Family,
Henry was a former church member and he was always kind to my family. We offer our prayers and deepest sympathy.
The Murrys
Angeline, Trudy and Junious, III

Angeline Murry - December 03, 2025 at 09:59 AM

AM

“ Amanda M lit a candle in memory of Henry Norwood



Amanda M - December 03, 2025 at 09:36 AM

SC

“ Shawna Craft lit a candle in memory of Henry Norwood



Shawna Craft - December 02, 2025 at 06:37 PM

CG

“ Always had a smile when you saw him or spoke to him. He will be missed. He is playing his music among the clouds above, so listen with with your heart.
From Cynthia Gibson

Cynthia Gibson - December 02, 2025 at 05:07 PM

DM

May God surround your family with His Loving Arms. I worked with Henry at Juvenile Court for many years. He shared so much knowledge. He also knew the entire community. Sleep well my friend.

Dorine Mosley - December 02, 2025 at 06:54 PM