



Mr. Henry Lee Mills

March 16, 1931 - April 9, 2026

Henry Lee Mills, age 95, made his transition to his Eternal home peacefully April 9, 2026 leaving behind a legacy of hard work, love, and quiet strength.

Born on March 16, 1931, in Stewart, Georgia, Henry was the beloved son of the late Rebecca and John Wesley Mills. It was in Eufaula, Alabama where he met the love of his life, Mildred Mills, and where their deep family roots began.

He later relocated to Detroit, Michigan in 1954, where he began building both his life and future. In 1955, Henry sent for Mildred, and the two were united in marriage on October 16, 1955. From this loving union, they were blessed with one daughter, Antoinette Mills. Together, they built a strong and enduring family foundation.

A dedicated and hardworking man, Henry was a self-employed construction worker and proud owner of Mills Construction. He took great pride in his craft and was well known for driving his big white truck, a symbol of his commitment and independence.

Outside of work, Henry embraced the simple joys of life. He loved playing horseshoes, passing time with a good game of solitaire, and visiting the casino. He was also a true blues man at heart, finding joy and com-fort in music, especially his favorite song, "The Blues Is Alright" by Little Milton.

He leaves to cherish his memory in loving family whom preceded in death; daughter, Antoinette Mills;

parents Rebecca and John Wesley Mills, granddaughter, Carmella Mills, and siblings, MC, Rushie Bell, and Rosa Mae. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Mills, granddaughter, LaTania Mills; his great-grandchildren, Martez, Alfia, and LaTyzha; and his great-great-grandchildren, Jaide, Aaron, Blake, and Martez Jr., along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Henry will be remembered for his deep voice, strength, and the love he gave in his own steady way. His legacy lives on generation to generation, in the lives he touched, and the memories his family will forever cherish. He will be deeply missed by all.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Family Hour

Wednesday, Apr. **15**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Visitation

Tuesday, Apr. **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
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Celebration of Life

Wednesday, Apr. **22**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ Diggs and Van Family/Chicago purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Henry Lee Mills.



Diggs and Van Family/Chicago - April 20 at 06:43 PM

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“ Diggs and Van Family/Chicago planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Henry Lee Mills.

Diggs and Van Family/Chicago - April 20 at 06:43 PM

EJ

“ To the family of Great-Uncle Henry,

Although I never had the opportunity to meet Uncle Henry personally, I have heard so many heartfelt stories about the kind, loving, and generous man he was. Hearing how he traveled to visit family, bringing joy and creating lasting memories, speaks volumes about his character and the love he carried for those around him. It's clear that his presence was a true blessing to your family.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Even though I knew him through the stories shared, I feel grateful to be connected to a legacy of such warmth, kindness, and devotion to family.

The Bible reminds us in John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." May this promise bring comfort and strength to each of you in the days ahead.

*With deepest sympathy and love,
Your family from Dickinson, Texas*

-Edgar Douglas

Edgar Douglas Jr. - April 18 at 05:03 PM

AG

Great- granddaughter, Alfia here. Thank you! I'm glad his memories are being kept alive! We're going to miss him so much! I appreciate your words. Thank you.

Alfia Groce - April 26 at 03:45 PM

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“ Alfia’s MSU Roomies purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Henry Lee Mills.



Alfia’s MSU Roomies - April 18 at 03:44 PM

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“ MY PRECIOUS UNCLE HENRY , WOULD DRIVE DOWN SOUTH AND BRING US GIFTS AS KIDS FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN , TRAVEL TO DOTHAN , ALABAMA TO VISIT HIS SISTER RUSHIE AND FAMILY AND SHARED MEMORIES , WE ARE ALL SO GRATEFUL FOR THE LOVE HE AND AUNT MILDRED BLESSED US WITH . NIECE ANGELA , AND FAMILY COLUMBUS, GA .

ANGELA DOUGLAS - April 15 at 08:58 AM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Henry Lee Mills



Jeffrey Davis - April 13 at 09:09 AM