

## Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson

September 5, 1956 - August 11, 2019

Donald Herbert Henderson better known as "JD" died unexpectedly on August 11, 2019 in Blytheville. Our hearts are breaking today as we realize the depth of our loss. JD was bigger than life, smart, bold, opinionated, controversial, outgoing, wild, and full of laughter. He never met a stranger and never forgot a face.

JD was born on September 5, 1956 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to David and Gladys Henderson. In 1978 his employer Western Geophysical brought him to Arkansas for oil field exploration. In 1979 at a Charlie Daniels concert he spotted this beautiful red head that would change his life forever.

In June of 1980 he married his best friend and love of his life, Sharal Storey Henderson. Passionate, loving, proud, and forthright, JD was a husband, daddy, papaw, son, brother, uncle, nephew, and a friend to many. In February of 2017 JD gave his heart to the Lord at No Fences Cowboy Church of Morgan County in Faulkville, Alabama.

In 2003 JD began his career with Nucor as a Caster Mechanic in Decatur, Alabama and in April of this year transferred to Nucor Steel Arkansas as a Cold Mill 2 Mechanic.

JD was one of a kind – a big-hearted man who loved hunting, fishing, Nascar

at Talladega, his collection of Harleys and Alabama football...Roll Tide!  
Above all of that he cherished and adored his family. When his girls were young Jessica and Elizabeth would get excited for Dads driving lessons every Sunday, they hit the gravel roads. He was always excited about the family camping on Spring River. One lasting memory everyone recalls was when he couldn't get the campfire going fast enough for the girls, he poured a little gasoline on it. The initial explosion not only echoed through the hills it burned all the hair off JD's legs leaving him to sit by the fire with his legs in a cooler of ice water all night. One thing for certain dad always made sure we explored and had a great time. As Papaw he loved cheering on Drake and Brody while they played their sports and Gabe and Marlie while showing steers at the livestock shows.

JD was preceded in death by his father David Henderson and sister Linda Henderson Rahm.

He is survived by his wife Sharal Henderson of Cherokee Village; two daughters Jessica Henderson Morris (David Joe) of Manila, Arkansas and Elizabeth Henderson Thornley (Neil) of Buffalo, Texas; his mother Gladys Henderson of Bedford, PA; Six grandchildren Tristan Thornley Brewer, Bryce Thornley, Gabe McLemore, and Marlie Thornley all of Buffalo, Texas, Drake Morris and Brody Morris both of Manila, Arkansas; one brother Galen Henderson (Tina) of Bedford, PA; three sisters Sally Henderson Peck of Hollidaysburg, PA, Debbie (Dennis) Smolen of Butler, PA, Lisa (Doug) Tapager of Butler, PA; A very special aunt Beverly Henderson Dibert of Hollidaysburg, PA; Mother-in-law Trula Stanfill Ball (Bill) of Cherokee Village, Arkansas; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, & friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday at Howards Funeral Chapel in Manila with visitation beginning at 2pm and service at 3pm.

The family would like to say a special thank you to JD's Nucor family. You are

amazing and we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and friendship.

Tri-City LLC Crematory Funeral Home is honored and privileged to serve the family of JD Henderson. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.Tri-CityLLC.com](http://www.Tri-CityLLC.com) .

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Howards Funeral Service  
507 Highway 18 Bypass  
Manila, AR 72442

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tri-City Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson*



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**Tri-City Crematory Funeral Home. ~ Serving for over 10 Years** - August 28, 2019 at 05:53 PM

HS

“ *Sorry to hear JD passed away. This is Lil Hop, I had no clue until Aunt Donna told me. I do not have Social Media or anything so hard to keep up with everybody besides asking how everyone from time to time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I would had came if I had known, so sorry guys :(*

*Love you all,  
Stanfill Family*

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**Hoppy Stanfill** - October 01, 2019 at 10:17 PM

AS

“ *We have Great memories of JD and family God Bless Angela*

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**angela stone** - August 16, 2019 at 12:46 PM

JM

“ I have so many memories of our old home in Manila, wrestling in the floor and enjoying life with JD and Sharal! That was a long time ago and I still miss those times and my friends so much! Love and peace to all who were lucky enough to have met JD in this life, and to Sharal who got to know and love him more than anyone! I love you both no matter how much time has passed!

JAMES MILLER - August 16, 2019 at 02:02 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 15, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 15, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 15, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.*



August 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.*



August 15, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.*



August 15, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *I worked at Nucor with JD for around 15 years. I have fond memories of working on down days together and just having a cup of coffee when he came in. He would always start he day by saying "Good Morning" to the crew that was on night shift. We would always joke that we were in The Old Guys Club together. We talked about the good old days at the caster and our grandchildren. He will surely be missed.*

**Bill James** - August 15, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 15, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 15, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 15, 2019 at 06:51 AM



“ The Kelsoes and the Steelmons purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



**The Kelsoes and the Steelmons** - August 14, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.*



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August 14, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.*



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August 14, 2019 at 07:04 PM

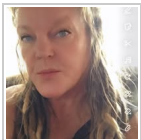


“ *Dennis, Debbie and Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.*



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**Dennis, Debbie and Family** - August 14, 2019 at 03:25 PM

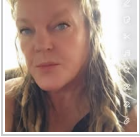


“ *Theresa Gibbons purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.*



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**Theresa Gibbons** - August 14, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ So sorry for your loss May the love of your higher spirit family and friends get you through it's time sending peace and love

Theresa Gibbons - August 14, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ I worked with JD at Nucor Decatur. JD was always smiling and such joy to be around. He was always talking about his wife, kids and grandchildren. He was such a great guy. He will certainly be missed. Beth, Neil and the entire family - please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristy Riggs - August 14, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ We are so sad to hear of JD's passing. Our love, thoughts, and prayers for peace are with you during this time and always. Although we are miles away and don't get to see each other often we are still family and our hearts ache for you all. Much love from your Cusentino Family.

Suzie Cusentino - August 14, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ I worked with JD at Nucor Decatur. We had Dale Carnegie and some other Nucor classes together. He was always so kind, polite and friendly. I work in Sales so we didn't see each other often but when we did, he always said hello and we chatted for a bit. The last time I talked to JD was right before he left Decatur for Hickman. I ran into him at the cafeteria and he bought my lunch that day. He was just that awesome. We chatted a little about his move to Arkansas and he was telling me about his wonderful wife. JD was such a kind and warm soul. He will be missed so much.

Julie Wheeler - August 14, 2019 at 09:49 AM

TH

“ Where do we start ? Funny , always smiling , loved people .... I could go on and on . We will keep you tucked in our hearts always and when we least expect it , maybe a tear or two will roll down our cheeks as we talk about you . We always loved you , until we meet again . Love you brother , Galen and Tina

tina henderson - August 14, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 14, 2019 at 08:37 AM

LA

“ JD had the most beautiful blue eyes and the greatest smile. This is how I will remember him. When he stopped by my office on his last day at Nucor Steel Decatur, I told him I would see him later because I don't believe in goodbye's. So JD, I will see you later. Rest in peace. Lupe Ardery



Lupe Ardery - August 14, 2019 at 07:50 AM

CG

“ There are no words that I can express for my feelings for J D ,Beth ,Neil my prayers are with the entire family my pain for is lost is only a small slice of what you guys are feeling. J D was Nucor thank you for 05.30 paw paw

Caster green - August 13, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 13, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 13, 2019 at 10:27 PM



“ I worked with JD at the former Huntco Steel. He was a super fun character to be around. I had sure hoped to run into him again one day. Prayers for all the family. So sorry to hear of his passing. Corby Dieu

Corby Dieu - August 13, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ Marie Taggart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson



Marie Taggart - August 13, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 13, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ With love, Wendy. Ryan, Izzy and Zach Russell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



**With love, Wendy. Ryan, Izzy and Zach Russell** - August 13, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ Ralph Yohn Good Friend Very Sad To Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson



**Ralph yohn good friend very sad to young** - August 13, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 13, 2019 at 07:23 PM

KB

“ A friend from growing up, and my sister in laws brother. I'm so sorry. My deepest condolence. Kim Rahm Bailor



Kim Rahm Bailor - August 13, 2019 at 07:08 PM



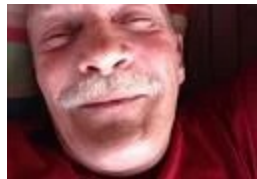
“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



August 13, 2019 at 06:55 PM

WR

“ Uncle Donny held a special place in my heart. We are heartbroken. He won't ever be forgotten.



wendy russell - August 13, 2019 at 06:52 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Larry Brooks - August 13, 2019 at 06:08 PM

LB

“ Love, Larry And Christi Brooks purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mr. Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson.



Love, Larry And Christi Brooks - August 13, 2019 at 05:49 PM

NA

“ JD will be greatly missed. I will cherish the memories of working many years with JD. I will never forget how JD and Mrs. Sharal let me stay at their house when we worked long hours during mill outages since my house was much further from the mill. They treated me like family. There was never a dull moment with JD. Whether we were having a tough day or an easy day JD was always upbeat, optimistic and good for a funny story. He was a friend to me and everyone he worked with.



Nick "Doogie" Arnold - August 13, 2019 at 05:44 PM

PP

I worked with him for 15 years and considered him a good friend. You could always count on him for a smile. It didn't matter what kind of day I was having he could make me laugh. When he left Decatur he wouldn't tell me bye because he said he knew he would see me again even if they had to drag me to Arkansas for a visit! One of the reasons I loved him was because he didn't have a filter and he didn't give a rip what anyone thought! I don't have much of a filter so a lot of my thoughts came out of his mouth. He was a very special man and I'm better for having known him. RIP my friend 😭

Patricia Pegues - August 14, 2019 at 01:57 AM

CP

“ *Every time I saw this man he was smiling. Always willing to offer a hand, a chat, breakfast, advice.  
Thank you, J.D., for being so.... you.  
You'll never be forgotten.*

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**CC Pesce** - August 13, 2019 at 05:02 PM

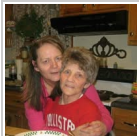


“ *I wish we could go back to this night  
The laughs and the fun we had.  
Everything seemed so carefree at this time.  
RIP JD you'll be very missed dearly.  
As you always said I love you, never met a stranger. 💔*



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**Louise Hawkins** - August 13, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ *Louise Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson*



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**Louise Hawkins** - August 13, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ Amy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Donald "JD" Herbert Henderson



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**Amy Lewis** - August 13, 2019 at 04:51 PM