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**Homecoming Celebration
for
Henry P. Cameron**



Tuesday, the Eighth day of October
Eleven O'Clock
Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Six
Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Obituary

Henry Cameron was born January 17, 1934 in Jamestown, New York to Alice Cameron and the late Albert Cameron. He grew up in Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, where as a youngster he learned to use his gift of music to the service and glory of God.

His formal elementary and secondary education in Buffalo Public Schools sparked with his participation in school choirs, bands and oratorical contests.

After serving in the United States Air Force he returned to Buffalo and continued his higher education in the State University College and the State University at Buffalo. In both of these institutions, Henry was involved in choral and instrumental music groups. On March 28, 1959 he married Marion Green and from this union one son Paul D. Cameron was born.

During the early 1960's "Cameron's Corner of Jazz" aired over radio station WUFO. Often, visiting jazz artists were invited to the Cameron home for home cooked meals and down home fellowship.

Henry was an avid bowler often bowling in five different leagues at one time. For the past thirty years Henry worked for the Buffalo Public Schools. His quiet cheerful glow radiated and warmed so many in schools 8,

37, 77, Performing Arts, College Learning Lab and Grover Cleveland High School. It is perhaps at Grover Cleveland High School where his passion for music encouraged students he worked with to love themselves as much as he loved each of them.

He used his gift of music to serve and glorify God as director of the New Hope Baptist Church Senior Choir, the Contemporary and Children's Choirs at Lincoln Memorial Church and as a faithful member of Lincoln's Senior Choir. On Thursday, October 3, 1996 Henry's light was briefly dimmed in preparation for a more brilliant glow. He leaves his wife, Marion Cameron, son Paul Cameron, a grandson Christopher Cameron, mother Alice Cameron, devoted relatives and a host of students and friends to remember and cherish his brief presence among them.

Order of Homecoming Celebration

Quiet Moments.....Joyce Mathis

Call to Worship.....Dr. James Webb Jr.

Processional

Congregational Hymn - "How Great Thou Art"
The United Methodist Hymnal p. 77

Prayer Rev. David Durham

Readings from Holy Scripture
Hebrew Scripture.....Psalms 149: 1-5

Selection.....Lincoln Memorial United Methodist
Senior Choir

Readings from Holy Scripture
Epistle.....Romans 8: 31-39

SelectionLauretta Anderson

Tributes

Benjamin Randle
Albert Thompson
Dr. Paul Thompson
New Hope Baptist Church
Senior Choir

Selection.....Lincoln Memorial United Methodist
Senior Choir

Silent Reading of Obituary

EulogyDr. James Webb Jr.

SelectionRoy Mathis

Recessional

A Tree, A Man And A Bird
Dedicated to Henry Cameron

An Oak Stands In The Woods,
Tall, Dark Strong And Stately
Winter, Then Spring, Then Summer And Autumn,
Commence Their Seasonal Hits.
But The Oak Still Stands
A Father Will Do Battle Against
The World, For His Family.
Firm Powerful, Unmoving And Trusting,
And Always Taking Care Of Home.

An Oak Branch Stretches Across The Sky,
With Its Tender Leaves Holding On For Dear Life.
But Even The Leaf Must Go Its Separate Way.
Falling, Spiraling Down Away From The Strong
And Mighty Oak.
The Wind Blows, And The Oak Spreads More
Seeds Across The Forest, For A
New Generation
Of Oak To Grow.

A Father, A True Man
Dances With His Wife,
Hurls Baseballs To His Sons
Teaches Children How To Sing
Plays The Piano
Sings In Church
Reads The Bible
And Praises The Lord!

The Robins Also Depends On The Oak.
Making Their Nest, Raising Their Families,
Teaching Their Young Ones How To Fly,
And Then Having Many Reunions
On The Branches,
Bidding Fond Memories.
But The Day Will Come When The Robin Will Fly Back To The Oak
And It Won't Be There.
The Robin Will Be Sad As It Tries To Find A New Home.

Fathers Will Also Go Away
His Children Will Mourn,
His Wife Will Cry,
And The Choir Will Sing.
The Sound Of The Choir Is Reminiscent To The Sound Of Wind As
It Howls, Trying To Fill The Void Of Another Oak.
Knowing It Will Soon Turn To Dust.

The Father, Will Soon Turn To Dust
Also, Becoming Part Of The Ground Once More.
But The Feeling Shouldn't Be Sad,
And No One Should Mourn,
The Father Was Strong, Raised His Family,
And Now Must Be Laid Into The Sturdy Oak,
And Wait For God's Command.

But Until That Time The Robin Will Circle Above
The Once Missing Oak
And The Father's Children Will Walk Out Of The Cemetery.
The Trees In The Forest, The Birds In The Sky
And The Inhabitants On Earth, Shall Praise The Lord.
And *We All Shall Be Saved.*
Like The Mighty Oak
And The Loving Father!
Amen

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*Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or
conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or
selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record
of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is
happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and
its faith, hope, and patience never fail.*

*Love is eternal. There are inspired messages,
but they are temporary; there are gifts of
speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease;
there is knowledge, but it will pass. For our gifts
of knowledge and of inspired messages are only
partial; but when what is perfect comes, then
what is partial will disappear.*

Corinthians 13: 4-10

Pallbearers

Theophilus Caldwell
Bee Fogan
Edwin Kelly

Charles Shallowhorn
Albert Thompson
Albert Thompson Jr.

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home
Buffalo, New York

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York

Acknowledgments:

The family of Henry P. Cameron wishes
to express their thanks for every act of
compassion expressed during this period of
sorrow.