



## Charles Joseph Henry Sr.

February 27, 1935 - January 2, 2018

Charles Joseph Henry, Sr.

Charles (Chuck) J. Henry, Sr., 82, of Lakeland, FL, passed away on January 2, 2018 surrounded by his family. Chuck was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and loyal friend who will be remembered as a man of few words with a big heart.

A retailer by trade, it was Chuck's last retail venture as manager of the St. Joseph Gift Shop that gave him the greatest satisfaction. From finding an obscure item for a customer to repairing a rosary, Chuck thoroughly enjoyed his time serving the Catholic community, and his Emmaus brothers. Chuck also spent 22 years as a Knights of Columbus brother with Council 10169 where he served as Faithful Navigator and could be seen collecting tickets for their First Friday and Lenten fish fry dinners or assisting with bingo. Having a great devotion to the Blessed Mother, Chuck was a member of the Legion of Mary and made thousands of rosaries for the missions or anyone who needed or wanted a pair.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Ellen, his four children, Charles Joseph (Joe) Henry, Jr., Denise Henry, Brenda Henry Brogdon and Edward J. Henry, his grandchildren, Jessi Henry Carvalho, Jamee Henry, Trey Walker, Kim Henry, Kelly Henry, Kevin Brogdon, Jacob Henry, and Gabrielle Lambright, and daughter-in-laws, Lucy Walker Henry, Michelle Maxon Henry and son-in-law, Jeff Brogdon, and preceded by his parents, Francis and

Eleanor Henry of McKeesport, PA, and brothers, John, Edward and Thomas. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, built their life together on faith. A gentle and kind man, Chuck dedicated his life to helping others, thoroughly enjoyed his family, whom he loved deeply and was incredibly proud of each of them. He laughed often with friends and family, and was truly grateful for the life that he lived.

The family will welcome guests at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, 1727 Bartow Rd. Lakeland, FL 33801 on Monday, January 8th from 6PM until 8PM. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 210 West Lemon Street, Lakeland, on Tuesday, January 9th at 10:15AM. A private family burial at Florida National Cemetery will follow. To share a memory, condolence and/or for directions, please visit [www.gentry-morrison.com](http://www.gentry-morrison.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Chuck's memory to the St. Joseph Academy Foundation, 310 Frank Lloyd Wright Way, Lakeland, FL 33803 or the American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)) would be greatly appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel  
1727 Bartow Road  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
(863) 688-7679  
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com  
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:15 AM (ET)

St Joseph's Catholic Church  
210 W. Lemon Street  
Lakeland, FL 33815

# Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Joseph Henry Sr.



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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - January 06, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ Charles Joseph Henry Sr.

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**Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes** - January 08, 2018 at 09:05 AM

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“ I remember Chuck coming to my house and wanting to see what kind of candy I had so he could have some to take home and eat while watching TV..

*We loved our candy and he loved when I made homemade bread...He would slice it when it was still warm and put butter and jelly on it with a cup of coffee...*

*Chuck would come to my house with Mary Ellen to see if I had anything I wanted to give away...I had good stuff...*

*From the time Mary Ellen met Chuck and he met our family he became part of our family ...he helped Mom to keep us kids with shoes, he worked in Pittsburgh in the shoe department at one of the big department stores...That is how they met and they loved each other so much and was together for over 60 years...He and Mary Ellen did so much for us..when I was younger...*

*Mary Ellen use to yell at Chuck and I because he and I would go back and forth about silly things and Mary Ellen would say you two are worse then two kids,,,,,*

*Chuck loved when I made homemade bread and wanted a loaf when it was still warm so that could slice it and put butter and jelly on it with a cup of coffee....*

*I remember when I use to go to their house to play cards or dominios and Chuck and I would sit next to each other so that we could pass cards to each other under the table just so one of us could win...*

*I remember when the fish fry's would start and Mary Ellen, Chuck and I would do the cole slaw, Mary Ellen would clean the cabbage and cut out the core and Chuck would put it through the food processor....we all had alot of fun, then Mary Ellen and I would go to the fish fry and Chuck would be selling tickets and her and I would*

*have dinner...*

*Chuck was so proud when he had his children and when his son Joe was born Mary Ellen had to leave Germany before Chuck because he was going to leave Germany before Joe was born so when he got home he was so proud when Joe was born and I and his brother Tommy were the proud God parents..I love my nephew in fact I love all of their children...*

*I use to help Chuck and Mary Ellen when they had the cleaning service and Chuck was such a perfectionist....everything in its place and sparkling..It was always fun..*

*When I was young Chuck and Mary Ellen would come to New Alexandria from Pittsburgh and every week end to check on my mom and us to make sure we were ok...He was a good brother-in-law...*

*Chuck loved the twins and did all he could to help take care of them when Brenda Kay worked and he could be as good at taking care of his children and grandchildren as any mother could do..He did laundry and he would even sewing things I remember seeing him sewing on the sewing machine when things needed sewed....*

*Well I guess I should stop because my sister and the kids will think I am writing a long book, but I think I could write a book about Chuck and it would be a good one....Mary Ellen and Chuck had God on their side at all times and for that reason they were happy and lived being together..I will miss you Chuck and I will work hard to keep in touch with Mary Ellen so that she is alright.....Watch over all of us Chuck so that we all can do our best and stay with God....I love you.....*

*You sister-in-law Kath*

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**Kathleen M Henry** - January 06, 2018 at 09:43 PM

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“ Kathleen M Henry sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Joseph Henry Sr.



Kathleen M Henry - January 06, 2018 at 08:27 PM

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“ Kath, Marian, Ben and Pat. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Charles Joseph Henry Sr..



Kath, Marian, Ben and Pat. - January 06, 2018 at 08:25 PM

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“ 3-South purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Charles Joseph Henry Sr..



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