



Mrs. Florence B Henderson

January 15, 1933 - December 19, 2022

Florence Effie Brown Henderson, of Spring Lake, NC, daughter of the late Wille Brown and Emma Brown was born on January 15, 1933, and transitioned to her final resting place on December 19, 2022, at the age of 89. Florence was predeceased by her late husband Robert L. Henderson who fought gallantly while in the U.S. Army and met his demise while serving in Vietnam, a sister, an Aunt Annie Bomar and her grandson Reginald Henderson son of Leslie Henderson.

Born and raised in Florence South Carolina, Florence graduated from Wilson Senior High, in Florence, SC, where she excelled academically and athletically. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education in 1965, while at Fayetteville State Teacher's College, now Fayetteville State University, where she prided herself being a "Bronco for Life!". Thereafter, she earned her teaching certificate and began teaching at Johnsonville Middle School, Cameron, NC; later transferring to Erwin Middle School, Dunn, NC. Following many years of disciplined and dependable instruction, she decided to go into retirement after 28 years of teaching. Florence continued with her never ending thirst for education and completed numerous studies becoming a bona fide "Lifelong Learner." All while being widowed and raising two

children, to whom she taught valuable lessons in all aspects of life, her children were the love of her life and that never wavered. All while obtaining higher degrees in education, completing her Master of Science degree from North Carolina Central in 1971, and acquiring a Criminal justice degree from Shaw University in 1981. Given her athletic acumen, she began to take up bowling, and bowled for many years at Ft. Bragg Main Post Bowling Lanes and later hitting all the bowling circuits in Fayetteville and outside of the state. Florence excelled breaking many records, competing in tournaments as well as the North Carolina Senior Games for Bowling. There, she won three gold medals to her great achievement. She bowled long until her senior years, only to put her bowling ball down 6 years ago. To her tribute countless awards, plaques and trophies, Florence became the only African American woman to be inducted into the North Carolina "Women's Bowling Hall of Fame!". She was a very independent and strong woman who loved her many dogs over the years, reading a good book, playing card games with her dear and devoted friends, and playing tables at any casino that offered her a good time, while traveling with her son and daughter-in-law. Florence knew the "Lord" and his teachings, she traveled the world, led a good and full life with a lifetime legacy of no regrets.

Surviving to cherish her memories are her loyal and loving son Robert (Bobby), wife

(Delores), grandson (Robert) all of Fayetteville, NC and devoted daughter
Leslie
Henderson of Clinton, MD. To include many dedicated friends who were
always there
for her over the years.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ For over ten years, Mrs. Henderson and I traveled together from Spring Lake to work at Erwin High School. She was a dedicated teacher who loved her job. We also shared an interest in bowling. She taught me some tactics, but I never mastered the sport as she did. I had the pleasure of working with her son when he taught a few years in Harnett County. May she rest in peace from her labors. I will miss her dearly.



Ann-Marie Carrington - January 05, 2023 at 07:33 PM

AC

“ Ann-Marie Carrington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence B Henderson



Ann-Marie Carrington - January 05, 2023 at 07:10 PM

SG

“ Mrs. Henderson was my 8th grade teacher at Erwin Middle School. I am so thankful I was able to see her about two years ago at the Class of 1979's class reunion. She was an excellent no nonsense teacher.



Sharon McNeill Gainey - January 05, 2023 at 02:14 AM

PH

“ I remember Flo as a nice and down to earth lady. When she would come into Kmart store to shop in our book department, if she ran into me, we would have a conversation. Flo was an excellent bowler. She will be missed. I'm sending my sincere condolences to her family. RIP Flo.

Priscilla Hayes - December 31, 2022 at 09:33 AM

MC

“ Marty Covington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence B Henderson



Marty Covington - December 28, 2022 at 08:20 AM

DC

“ Mrs. Henderson was a great teacher!! She didn't take sides with students she was strict but very fair with all students!! She will be missed. We will keep her family in prayer. (Deborah Charles)



Deborah Charles - December 28, 2022 at 01:05 AM

JP

“ Jennifer Hedrick Piekarz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence B Henderson



Jennifer Hedrick Piekarz - December 27, 2022 at 05:00 PM

JJ

“ Janet Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence B Henderson



Janet Johnson - December 26, 2022 at 05:58 PM

JJ

“ Ms. Henderson was my teacher at Erwin High School in the 1970's. She was a wonderful teacher and because of her I loved biology. I even thought about majoring in it. I loved her. I know she will be extremely missed. Sending prayers for her family.

Janet Johnson - December 26, 2022 at 05:57 PM

AB

“ Mrs Henderson was my 7th grade teacher at Erwin High School! I loved her wicked sense of humor and her fairness in dealing with let's just say "troubling teens"!!! 😊 She had a great throwing ability and knew her students well! And that wicked wicked smile...you could just see the gears turning when she was pondering things and how to react to them!!! I was so happy to have her as my teacher! My prayers and thoughts go to family and friends of this truly great lady and teacher!!!
Annette Byrd
Class of 1977 Erwin High School



Annette Byrd - December 26, 2022 at 05:52 PM

MM

“ Michele McIver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence B Henderson



Michele McIver - December 26, 2022 at 05:18 PM

AE

“ Ms. Henderson was a great teacher. Her teaching style and classroom expectations are legendary. She will always be rembered for the great educator she was. Rest in peace in your eternal home for "members only."

Anne Godwin Ennis - December 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM

YD

“ My deepest sympathy to the family losing a true jewel like Flo. She will be missed dearly. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you Bobby and the family. Much love and respect to your family.
Love Always, Yvette Davis and Family.

Yvette Davis - December 25, 2022 at 12:48 PM

YD

“ Yvette Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florence B Henderson



Yvette Davis - December 25, 2022 at 12:42 PM

ME

“ *Ms Henderson was my eighth grade teacher. She was hard but fair.
May God comfort you during this difficult time. Marina Elliott*

Marina Elliott - December 24, 2022 at 11:01 AM