



Henry Dixon

January 14, 1940 - August 17, 2025

Henry Lawrence Dixon, born January 14, 1940, transitioned from life on August 17, 2025. He was the oldest son born to the late John Dixon Jr. and the late Lossie Bell Rouse Dixon in Hookerton, NC.

After graduating from South Ayden high school in 1959, he moved to New Haven, CT working several jobs, including The Chieppo Bus Company alongside his first wife, Frances Williams Dixon. Through their union they had their only daughter Myra Dixon. Afterward, he dedicated 38 years of his life to Pratt and Whitney as a Welder. Henry was a member of the St. Stephens AME Zion church of Branford, CT, where he served on the usher board.

He was an avid watcher of all sports and a true lover of Baseball. In 1960, Henry and his close friends formed the New Haven Cardinals baseball team. Known to his teammates and patrons as "Smooth D...", he played as the team's back catcher and 1st baseman. The team went on to become New Haven League defending champions. In 1975, Henry and his friends purchased The Cardinals Club Café, where team members could congregate after a game or practice. Donning the team's namesake, the Cardinal Club Café was bought with a goal to provide fundraising opportunities and community events. Henry was also known for making peanuts; he would sell them at the Cardinals Club Café and to friends at work. He enjoyed bowling, he was part of a bowling league and traveled with his team to various competitions until his health prevented him from participating.

Henry was blessed to find love again; he married Linda Jackson Dixon in 2001. They were married until her passing in 2013.

He was a beloved grandfather, often taking his grandchildren and many surrogate grandchildren with him bowling every Sunday morning. He referred to everyone as “old lady “or “old man” as a way of endearment, always lecturing those around him with his signature phrase, “All you got to do is.” Henry loved his family and friends; he was very active in attending family gatherings, especially the Rouse-Cogdell and Dixon Family reunions. He took great pride in greeting his great-grandchildren when they arrived home from school and always asked how their day was and what they learned.

Henry leaves to cherish his memories, his only daughter Myra Dixon, his sisters Forestine Vaughn, Dr. Margie Greene, Elder (Bishop Curtis), Claudia Dixon, brother John Ervin Dixon, and one sister-in-law, Elder Essie Dixon, one uncle Collin Rouse, grandchildren Tia Dixon, Diamond Dixon, and Quincy Cutchin, great-grandchildren Caleb Newton, Cody Newton, Chloe Dixon and Cori Dixon-Myers, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and surrogate grandchildren.

He was predeceased in death by his first wife Frances Williams Dixon of 25 years and his second wife Linda Jackson Dixon, parents John Dixon Jr. and Lossie Bell Rouse Dixon, brother Willie Dixon and sister Lola Dixon Bluford.

Repass will be held at the St. Paul UAME Church fellowship hall; located at 1267 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT, 06511.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hour

AUG 30. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church
31 Rogers Street
Branford, CT 06405

Funeral Service

AUG 30. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NM

“ My deepest condolences to Shawn, Tia, Diamond and their family. Mr. Dixon was a pleasure to be around, whether bowling or at The Cardinals. I'll never forget when he limited our drinks to two after the dj interrupted the music while djing....lol I admire the love that he had for his daughter, grands and great-grands. He was truly a class Act and I'll miss him dearly. Rest Well, Mr. Dixon.



Nikia

Nikia Madden - August 31, 2025 at 08:14 AM

CJ

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Dixon. He was a great friend to my Dad and all of the other members of the Cardinals Club. My condolences to the family.

Curtis Mack, Jr. - August 30, 2025 at 02:11 PM

DA

“ Rest well Mr. Smooth D, loved when Tia shared the stories about you and your Shenanigan's. We will continue to laugh and share great memories. 🙏📄

Daphne - August 29, 2025 at 10:44 PM

LM

“ *Mr. Henry L. Dixon aka ‘Smooth Dix’...
We all hold you with the greatest esteem for the Great Man, Father,
and Granddad you are and will always be, in our hearts and
memories forever.. Mr Dixon was always a help to me as my
landlord, buddy, and surrogate Granddad to my daughter back in
the good ole days, in the 90’s. I am glad our families grew and
stayed close over the years, The telephone gossip sessions , the
cookouts in my backyard of recent times, will all be missed. Love
and support to his family, may he rest in peace....*
Lisa L. Miller-Ellis

Lisa Miller-Ellis - August 29, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Henry Dixon.*



August 27, 2025 at 07:11 PM

MM

“ *To Shawn and family
Dixon was always a good person easy to talk to and always calling
you “ole lady”
Travel well “ole man”
Marie McLean -Robinson(Georgia)*

Marie McLean - August 27, 2025 at 11:33 AM

HJ

“ My condolences to the family. RIHP Mr.Dixon



Hope Johnson - August 26, 2025 at 04:55 PM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to the Dixon and Rouse family. God has His arms wrapped around each of you wishing you peace, comfort, and strength. ❤️🙏



Beth Bynum - August 26, 2025 at 03:03 PM

FC

“ My heartfelt condolences and sympathy and prayers to the Dixon family, I met Mr. Dixon many years 🙏 ago when I was manager of the Seven-Eleven Bar and Café I have very fun and then memories. Of our round robin and bowling team we always laughed about who was the next to host and what kind of food we're going to have. We also enjoyed talking about football and the fun we had on bus trips. I remember how happy he was when they burned 🔥 the mortgage paper he became my friend. I will cherish my memories of him and will continue to keep the family in my prayers Florence Caldwell

Florence Caldwell - August 26, 2025 at 01:19 PM

AN

“ Anita lit a candle in memory of Henry Dixon



Anita - August 26, 2025 at 11:08 AM

KF

“ Correction Kathy Bridges, Staggers, Hammies Families

Kathy Bridges& Staggers& Hammies Family - August 26, 2025 at 02:56 AM

KF

“ Our Hearts and Prayers are with the Family of Henry Dixon. He was a Caring, Spiritual, Kind Man. He Love People and Sports. His Daughter and Granddaughters and Family Did a Excellent Job, taking care of him during his illness. May God be with you Today and Always. In Memory of Your Co-Owner Business back in the day, along with my Father and 12 of your Friends. "Cardinals in the House". I will miss the talks on the Phone and Visiting you. R.I.P. Mr. Dixon. Our Angel Now. 🙏👼

Kathy Bridges& Staggers& Hammies Family - August 26, 2025 at 02:51 AM

DF

“ DSS FAMILY & FRIENDS purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Henry Dixon.



DSS FAMILY & FRIENDS - August 25, 2025 at 08:25 PM

SD

“ MR HENRY DIXON: YOU WAS SUCH A STRONG PERSON AND SO LOVING, ALL WAYS LOOKING OUT FOR OTHERS VERY SOFT SPOKEN. YOU PLAYED YOUR POSITION WELL ON THE TEAM, NOW TAKE YOUR REST. TO THE FAMILY YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. BE BLESS SYLVIA MOODY_DAVIS



Sylvia Davis - August 25, 2025 at 03:01 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. My father was in the club with Mr. Dixon also. He was such a nice person. Jean Bridges Burney



Jean Burney - August 25, 2025 at 02:28 PM