

David Mead Henington

David Mead Henington peacefully passed away on February 17, 2024. He was born on August 16, 1929, in El Dorado, Arkansas to Bud and Lucile Scranton Henington. David touched the lives of many during his time on earth and lived a life marked by significant accomplishments.

David had a vibrant personality and a zest for life. He valued his relationships with family and friends above all else. Whether it was spending time with loved ones during holidays, engaging in meaningful conversations, or sharing laughter, David cherished every moment in the company of those he cared about.

David found his soulmate, Barbara, during a visit to the Greenspoint Methodist Church in Brooklyn one Sunday in 1954. Barbara completed him and they created a beautiful life together over 65 years before God called mom home.

In his free time, David enjoyed reading and doing his crossword puzzles, even the New York Times, doting on Barbara, and enjoying friends and family, especially his very active great grandchildren. They were always excited to see him so they could play doctor. He always reacted with a loud “ouch” when given his shots causing each of them to giggle. David's enthusiasm was infectious, and he helped create many cherished memories for each of us.

Throughout his life, David exhibited a strong dedication to his work and a passionate commitment to his community. He was known for his unwavering work ethic and his genuine desire to help those around him. David's contributions to the Houston community spanned several decades and touched many aspects of society. David's commitment to excellence made him a role model for many aspiring professionals.

David's professional life centered around books and helping people find information. He had over 46 years of professional library experience. He retired from the Houston Public Library System where he served as Director for 27 years. Prior to his time in Houston, David served as Assistant Director of the Dallas Public Library, Director of the Waco Public Library and Assistant Branch Manager of the Brooklyn Public Library. Additionally, David was an owner in HBW Associates, Inc., a library consulting firm.

Outside of his professional life, David was deeply involved in community organizations and causes including his church, St. Luke's United Methodist in Houston. He dedicated his time and effort to various charitable endeavors, tirelessly working to improve the lives of others, further exemplified by his serving as a Stephens Minister through the church. His kindness, generosity, and selflessness inspired those around him and left a lasting impact on the community he called home.

David's death leaves a void in the lives of those who knew and loved him. He is predeceased by Barbara, his beloved wife of nearly 65 years, his brother Bud Henington, and parents. He is survived by Mark (Belinda), Gib (Sharon), and Paul. David had three grandchildren: Paige Deimund (Matt), Emily, and Jack (Danielle). David's great grandchildren include Hallie, Jake, and Sydney. Other survivors include in-laws & numerous nieces and nephews throughout the country.

Although he is no longer with us, his spirit will forever be remembered and cherished. David's legacy will live on through the memories shared by his loved ones. May he rest in peace, knowing that he made a positive and lasting impact on the lives he touched. MERRY CHRISTMAS, DAD! (His signature goodbye).