

Newcomb Collins Funeral Home Lifetime Achievement Award

Lorraine Henry

Lorraine T. Henry is Owner, Secretary and Treasurer of Henry Funeral Home, PA., and a retired Dorchester County educator.

Ms. Henry was born in Fork Neck (Dorchester County) to the proud parents of the late Louis Thompson and Ollie Thompson Molock. The family moved to Cambridge when she was in the 4th grade at the Pine Street Elementary School. She was always fond of school and decided at an early age that she wanted to be a teacher.

Ms. Henry was a 1954 graduate of Mace's Lane High School. After completing her secondary education, she was awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree by Morgan State College (now known as Morgan State University), and the Master's Degree in Education at Salisbury State University. Soon after she began her life's career of working for the Dorchester County School System. After a 37 year career in the school system, she retired in 1997. Before retiring she was involved with the Maryland School Counselors Association, National Board of Certified Counselors, National Education

Association and the Dorchester Educators. She was named Teacher of the Year in 1984, awarded by Morgan State University.

In June 2001, she was appointed a 5 year term to the Dorchester County Board of Education by Governor Glendening, and currently serves as Vice President.

In addition to her professional involvement, she is an active member of Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church, and has served as a church organist since 1969. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (a public-service sorority), a NAACP membership chairperson, a member of the Dorchester Retired Educators Association (DREA) and has served as a member of Chesapeake College Foundation Board, and Pleasant Day Adult Day Care Board.

Ms. Henry has lived a life dedicated to the county in which she was born, had a long and illustrious career, and is still active every day in community affairs. For her untiring dedication to our county, we name her as our Hometown Heroes Lifetime Achievement Award winner.



Who is a Hometown Hero?

CAMBRIDGE—Who might be a Hometown Hero? The nominee could have been a neighbor who coaches Little League, or someone who helps in an emergency — anyone who goes above and beyond to help others or simply improve the quality of life in our community.

There were eight categories:

- Community — A person who has donated their time or has done something to improve the community.
- Business — An organization or group of people who have undertaken a project to help others.
- Mentor/Coach — A person who has made a dramatic impact in the life of another.
- Emergency Responder — A person who steps forward during an emergency to help.
- Faith/Spiritual — A person who makes an impact in their church or the religious community.
- Youth — A younger member of the community who has found a special way to brighten the day of others.
- Educator — A teacher, current or retired, who has found ways to inspire students beyond their own expectations.



Unsung HOMETOWN HEROES from the Heart of Chesapeake Country

• Lifetime achievement — A long-standing community member who has consistently and tirelessly stepped forward and exemplified a passion for giving.

A small, independent committee of community leaders reviewed the nominations and selected a superhero for each category. Those winners are featured in this special publication.

The superheroes also received an award and will be honored at a special reception tonight at the Dorchester Center for the Arts.

The selection process was, as always, heartwarming and inspiring, and we at the Banner enjoyed learning more about a few of our outstanding citizens through your nominations. And please remember, these

are only the few folks who stood out in our little contest. Dorchester County is full of unsung heroes with small, but maybe very significant stories of their own. Our goal, for all of us, is a better Dorchester County, and a great world in which we live.

Our 2015 Hometown Heroes awards are finalized and herein we proudly present our winners.