



## Robert Joseph Henley Jr.

October 3, 1956 - July 28, 2020

Robert Joseph Henley, Jr. (“Joe” also known by many as “Photo Joe”) passed on July 28th, 2020 at home surrounded by family and his 3 loving daughters that took care of him for the last few weeks of his life.

Joe was born on October 3rd, 1956 in St. Louis, Missouri. He is survived by his three daughters, Sherry Rayno, Victoria Bernard, and stepdaughter Jennifer McLeod, his wife, Joyce McLeod Henley, his mother, Mikayla Henley, and two brothers, Michael Henley and Timothy Henley.

Joe was many things in his life and did many things with his life. He was an amazing and caring husband and father who raised three daughters and took great care of his wife. He was always there to lend an ear if you had a problem and always wanted to help you solve it. He was so generous that he would give you the shirt off his back.

Joe was also an excellent photographer. He captured many special moments that we will never forget and did what he loved with his life by sharing the gift of photography. He took photos of his Family, the St. Louis Cardinal’s Warmup, the Kid’s Circus at the City Museum, Various bands in the St. Louis area, the STL Renaissance Faire, and much, much more. Photography was Joe’s passion and his #1 hobby. He donated his time and photography with no expectations on others to pay him back. He was an animal lover and loved to

be at the St. Louis Zoo on a weekend taking photos of Llamas, Tigers, Tortoises, and many other animals. He also cared for his two dogs, Jax and Goldie and made sure they were loved and well fed in his home. For his “day job,” Joe had a 30+ year career with ServiceMaster cleaning carpets. He was a very hard worker in his job as well as in his life.

Joe will be missed by so many people and was taken from this world much too soon. We hope that wherever he is, he is at peace. Before he passed, Joe said he accepted what was to come and wanted the world to celebrate his life instead of being sad he was gone. This was how he lived: very bravely, always looking forward, with a smile on his face.

# Cemetery Details

## Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Cemetery

9125 Ladue Rd  
St. Louis , MO 63124

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home  
4600 Natural Bridge Ave,  
St. Louis, MO 63115  
(314) 381-2400  
<https://www.randlefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Joseph Henley Jr.



Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. - July 31, 2020 at 02:58 AM

DJ

*i first met Photo Joe at Backstreet Jazz N Blues Club. He was part of the reason I met my husband Danny there. He became a good friend, taking pictures of our band at different gigs. Eventually taking pics at our engagement party, Danny's bachelor party, our wedding & reception. And many more events we asked him to. We got to be friends with his wife Joyce also. Truly two of the nicest people ever. I will never forget the one night all 4 of us went to see Chuck Berry at the Pageant. Of course Joe was one of the photographers shooting the event. And of course we were down on the floor in the front row. One of the most fun & unbelievable nights ever. Thank you Joe for a lifetime of memories you took for us. And sharing your gift, your smile, and your friendship with us. We will never forget you. Darlene & Danny Jacobs*

Darlene Jacobs - August 03, 2020 at 02:34 AM

MH

“ For you my brother.



*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived,  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will  
come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him and only that he is gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,  
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and  
go on.*

*As kids, we lived together.  
We fought, we laughed, we cried.  
We did not always show the love, that we both had inside.  
We shared our dreams and plans, and some secrets too.*

*Growing up, Dad called us the 3 Musketeers. Joey, Mike and  
Timmy.  
And just like the 3 Musketeers we are different in many ways, but  
we are brothers to the end.*

*All the memories we share, is what bonds me now to you.  
You are my brother not by choice, but by the nature of our birth.  
We will remain brothers forever.*

*You are released from your pain, sickness, all of this world's  
troubles. You leave a legacy on earth by the way you lived and  
loved.  
Rest in Peace my brother 'Joey'. Rest in Peace.*

*Mike Henley-Hudson*

**Mike Henley-Hudson** - July 31, 2020 at 04:19 PM

PZ

“ *Photo Joe has been a fixture and integral part of our beloved St. Louis Renaissance Faire for many years. He also had the biggest smile to share with everyone. In the old non-for-profit days of the faire, he was out there working to make the place an enjoyable and beautiful place for our patrons to enjoy. This past season he shared his health challenges with many of us stating he wanted to be there and do what he loved most - taking photos of the cast, entertainers and patrons. He was a positive influence on so many and loved by so many. Fare thee well my friend. You will be missed.*

**Pam Zorens** - July 31, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Henley Jr..*



July 30, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Henley Jr..*



July 30, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Henley Jr..*



July 30, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *If you were ever at one of Circus Harmony's big shows or other events, you may have noticed a tall, slim, bearded, smiling man taking photos. A few days later, I would get a CD with hundreds of photos from him. He never charged us; he always appreciated us. He did this for musicians, artists, and others throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area for years. We all knew him as Photo Joe. He was Joe Henley. He left us this week. The world has lost a sweet, kind, generous man. Thank you, Photo Joe, for your caring eye.*

*With Gratitude and Love,  
Jessica Hentoff*

Jessica Hentoff - July 30, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Joseph Henley Jr..*



July 30, 2020 at 11:03 AM

SS

“ My Deepest sympathies go out the Henley Family. Joe was always there supporting the St. Louis Music Community, Kathleen and I loved him and knew we could always count on him to be there. The last time I seen him was at my 70th Birthday Party at the National Blues Museum on Dec.16 last year. I could see he should probable have been home resting but there he was with his smiling face and camera documenting the night. We in St. Louis were Blessed to have Photo Joe and anyone that is part of the St. Louis music scene knows just how much we lost with his passing. God bless you Joe and may you Rest in Peace =^.^=

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**Steve Scorfina** - July 30, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ **MICHAEL HENLEY-HUDSON FAMILY** purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Robert Joseph Henley Jr..



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**MICHAEL HENLEY-HUDSON FAMILY** - July 29, 2020 at 07:24 PM