



## Henry Luis Font III

August 26, 2021

Henry Font passed away on August 26, 2021 at the age of 58 after a courageous battle with cancer. He kept his positive attitude and fighting spirit until the end.

He was born in Puerto Rico to Henry and Maria Font and was the oldest of six siblings: Hans, Haydee, Harvey, Howard and Hugo.

After graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he landed his first job at NSWC located in Indian Head, Maryland. He then found his dream job working for the United States Coast Guard/ National Pollution Funds Division located in Washington, DC.

As a proud Eagle Scout, he made a point to always help anyone with whatever he could, never second-guessing his decision. His interests were as wide as his heartwarming smile. He loved the game of soccer. He played for his college varsity team and kept his involvement with the sport later in life as a coach and as a referee. He became a Master Scuba diver and found a new passion in underwater photography. He volunteered with the Accokeek-based non profit Kids Into Discovering Science and their human-powered submarine projects. He assisted dozens of youth by acting as KIDS' dive safety officer for submarine pool testing helping to develop a project-specific underwater communications system to be used at the KIDS dive team International

Submarine Races held at NSWC, Carderock. He frequently helped other race teams who needed divers and acted as impromptu translator for Spanish speaking teams.

Henry was the love of my life and I will miss each and every day without him by my side. He leaves a huge hole in the hearts of his family, Yuke and Yayo and all of his friends. We stayed together in the good times and the bad times as we promised to each other that we would 34 wonderful years ago. Thank you Henry for your unconditional love! Until we meet again, Millie

There will be a Memorial Service on Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 5-7PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are asked to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

Masks are required.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
[business.office@raymondfuneral.com](mailto:business.office@raymondfuneral.com)  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Henry Luis Font III

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Henry Luis Font III

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ I worked with Henry as a case officer for our agency during the Deepwater event. He was always friendly, reasonable, positive, helpful, encouraging, and accessible. Even though I didn't have hardly any contact with him after that massive case was over, I considered him a friend at the USCG. May his example of living life so generously and selflessly affect many others. I'll miss him.

Mark Dix  
NOAA Emergency Response Division

Mark Dix - September 03, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing and working with Henry for many years at the U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) where he served with distinction as a claims manager and a case officer. Henry was always very professional about his work, was a pleasure to be around, willing to lend a hand to any endeavor, and brought out the best out in those around him. He left this world way too soon and will be deeply missed. RIP Henry.

Bill Grawe (former Director of NPFC)

Bill Grawe - September 02, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CT

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Chris Tork** - September 02, 2021 at 10:01 AM

NB

“ *Henry was a great friend and co-worker. He cheerfully helped me paint my condo when I bought it, he introduced me to the Maryland Renaissance Festival, he had a great time swinging by my parents' property to target practice in the woods, and he made a point to take me out to dinner to celebrate when I got married. I still look back and laugh at hilarious conversations with him over sushi.*

*I have nothing but fond memories of Henry, and that is a wonderful way to remember someone. He left everyone better for having known him.*

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**Neil Bridge** - September 01, 2021 at 07:47 PM

RS

“ 9/1/2021

*To the Font Family: I enjoyed my opportunity to work with Henry for many years when he was assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard, National Pollution Funds Center. At that time, our primary work location was at the Ballston Commons Mall in Arlington VA. We worked on numerous projects together when he was a Claims Manager and as a Case Officer. I will always remember him as upbeat, happy and adventurous. Please take comfort in knowing that I respected Henry as a conscientious public servant and a friend. I wish you Peace!*

*Robert O. (Bob) Smith  
U.S. Coast Guard (retired)  
dadsmith@comcast.net*

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**Robert Smth** - September 01, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DF

“ *Dave Kroc & Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



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**Dave Kroc & Family** - September 01, 2021 at 04:30 PM

JT

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Johannes Tan** - September 01, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



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September 01, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ *To Millie and the Font Family. We are indeed grateful to have known Henry. Henry was absolutely a wonderful neighbor. From the time you all moved in, Henry was always helpful in whatever we needed. From the winter during the snow to the summer and the grass. He made sure our driveways were cleared of snow with his snowblower as well as helping to mow the lawn in the summer when needed. What a great friend and neighbor. We will miss him but know all is well with him.*

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**Earnest & Alma Miller** - September 01, 2021 at 02:16 PM

CH

“ I, too, am deeply saddened by Henry’s death.



*I have enjoyed knowing Henry for almost 20 years and was not only lucky enough to call him my coworker, but most importantly, my friend.*

*Appropriate words are hard to come by when thinking about Henry and this loss, but here goes:*

*Henry’s legacy will be the large family that loved him dearly, an enormous circle of friends that could tell stories as varied as their geographical locations about each adventure they had with him. And, anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Henry, knew that he could turn something as simple as going to lunch into an adventure.*

*His dedication to service and volunteering will continue to flourish through the knowledge he readily shared with anyone as part of his life-long commitment to giving back.*

*Time is a thief, we no longer have a seemingly infinite supply of it. Henry’s untimely passing is proof of that.*

*I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to Millie, the family and everyone who was lucky enough to have Henry in their lives.*

*Blessings,*

*Colleen Henry*

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**Colleen Henry** - September 01, 2021 at 10:32 AM

PK

“ Pat Kingcade lit a candle in memory of Henry Luis Font III



Pat Kingcade - September 01, 2021 at 09:04 AM

BB

“ Bruce Beardslee lit a candle in memory of Henry Luis Font III



Bruce Beardslee - August 31, 2021 at 03:59 PM

DU

“ Dawn Unglesbee lit a candle in memory of Henry Luis Font III



Dawn Unglesbee - August 31, 2021 at 03:44 PM

GL

“ George & Adina Lipovan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Henry Luis Font III.



George & Adina Lipovan - August 31, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Lived life to its fullest, an inspiration to his adopted nephews (mine and my sister’s boys) who had the opportunity to visit one summer and will always remember the fun they had. Henry, more than a cousin, was a brother who helped us in our most difficult time, when my husband was ill. Now they are in heaven together watching over us all. Rest In Peace dear Henry 🙏❤️*



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**Barbara Mas** - August 31, 2021 at 11:17 AM

GL

“ *George & Adina Lipovan lit a candle in memory of Henry Luis Font III*



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**George & Adina Lipovan** - August 31, 2021 at 11:14 AM

EB

“ *My sincere condolences to Millie and Henry's family. I'm devastated by Henry's passing. He was so full of life the last time I saw him this year. Energetic and upbeat. We worked together at the NPFC from the day he arrived there. We shared experiences about soccer, scouting, and plenty of other topics. He came to my son's Eagle Scout Court of Honor in 2016. He and I rode together to WV to attend the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. We had a great time there and I saw him mentor my friend's son in the art of patch-trading. He blended right in like he had been friends with my friends for years. He was like that - an instant friend. I will miss him.*

*With heavy heart,  
Eric Bunin*

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**Eric Bunin** - August 31, 2021 at 10:27 AM

EB

“ *Eric Bunin lit a candle in memory of Henry Luis Font III*



Eric Bunin - August 31, 2021 at 10:14 AM

MB

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Mel Briscoe - August 31, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



August 31, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



August 31, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



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August 30, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Ellie Briscoe** - August 30, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *The Stea Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



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**The Stea Family** - August 30, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Karla and Stephen Brown purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



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**Karla and Stephen Brown** - August 30, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Luis Font III.*



August 30, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Henry was always an energetic and passionate person. I always enjoyed talking to him at the club.*

**Jimmy Mills, NVGC- VP** - August 29, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Lo siento tanto Millie. Aunque han pasado muchos años, siempre los llevo en mi mente. Tantos bonitos recuerdos, tan bien que la pasamos. Que en paz descanses Henry. muchos abrazos,  
Maribel*



**Maribel** - August 28, 2021 at 03:21 PM

JB

“ As mentioned in his obituary, Henry was always willing to lend a helping hand to various community events and of course those involving soccer and fellow referees. Henry, I just wanted to say thanks for being there and helping us at our past "Bryans Road Soccer Assn. (BRSA) Michelle's Cup's". The Ballengee family. I've added 2 photos taken during these events. Rest in Peace my friend...



Jerry Ballengee - August 28, 2021 at 12:31 PM

MA

“ I'm Marty, an adult member of KIDS, the group mentioned in the obituary (Kids Into Discovering Science) and an indebted friend of Henry's. Millie understates Henry's passion to serve, especially the youth, and his infectious enjoyment of life. We will remember you and miss you, Henry.

Marty - August 28, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry Luis Font III.



August 28, 2021 at 07:48 AM