

# MR. HENRY FORD MOUZON, SR

“A GREAT CHRISTIAN MAN THAT IS VERY CIVIC MINDED AND A HUMANITARIAN”  
WWII DECORATED VETERAN



Mr. Henry Mouzon, Sr. was born on a farm in Manning South Carolina on August 25, 1925. In his early childhood he enjoyed gardening, farming and Church. He received his early education in South Carolina and later attended Agriculture School for 4 years after serving in the Navy.

Henry, Sr. was drafted into the Navy at the age of 18 on December 23, 1943. He is one of our WWII Veterans that has lived in Howard County for over 60 years.

He married Rose Charles in August 1945, and they had 4 children: Henry Ford Mouzon, Jr, Margie Nell Matthews, the late, Joe Louis Mouzon, and Johnny Lee Mouzon. They also have an adopted daughter, Oreal Marshall. They have 9 Grandchildren, along with 18 Great grandchildren, and 4 Great Great Grandchildren.

Henry, Sr. came to Howard County to live in 1951 and moved to the Cedar Villa Heights Community in 1955 where he now resides. He is very active in the Church and Community Organization. He was the former Vice President of the Cedar Villa Heights Association. He has served on the Deacon Board of the Community Baptist Church for 53 years. He works diligently with the Christian Jail Ministry. He was Assistant Sunday School Superintendent and former member of the Male Chorus. He loves to sing and study God's word.

**During his term in the Navy he was aboard a ship called the Intrepid. Henry bravely served as a gunner in WWII.**

- Mr. Mouzon received many medals and awards. He was injured during a suicide attack and was awarded the **Purple Heart**.
- He encountered a lot of danger, he witnessed 2 of his buddies killed during a gas explosion on the USS Intrepid, right near him, and he witnessed much more before the war ended. This ship carried him to the shores of East Asia; he saw many ships destroyed, He was in Japan at the time of the ending of the war and opted to remain in the service another six months before returning home. He still has vivid memories of seeing that place after the atomic bomb hit it.

Mr. Henry Mouzon, Sr. worked at the Patuxent Research Center as a Government Mechanic until retirement in December, 1989.

Mr. Mouzon was honored by Community Baptist Church of Jessup, MD's Seniors Ministry Event. Deacon Mouzon had lost his original purple heart that was awarded to him after his Service in the Navy. Arrangements were made for the Head of Navy, chief Petty Officer, Vaughn Brown to surprise and present to him a new Purple Heart from the NAVY at this special event.

Mr. Mouzon paid a visit to New York on his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday to tour the USS Intrepid, which is now restored and a Museum. He was honored by the Museum Officials once they learned that he had sailed aboard that ship when it was in battle. Per Mr. Mouzon, "If it was not for his ship we would have lost the war".

Mr. Henry Mouzon, Sr. was also honored in 2013 for his service in WWII by the Howard County Center of African American Culture, Inc., at its Research Library and Archives at the Howard Community College Campus.

