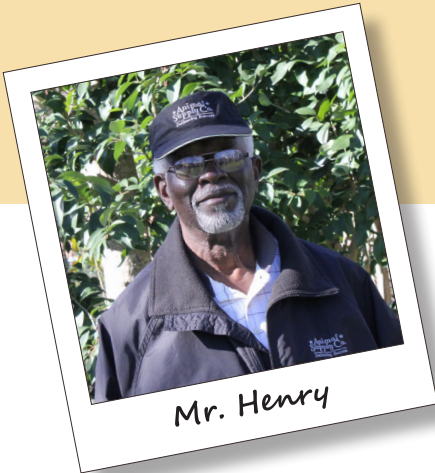


Local Everywhere®



Thank you Mr. Henry!

Few people can claim they have stuck with a single career for most of their lives, even fewer can say that about a single employer, but with more than 60 years of dedicated service Henry Johnson sure can.

Henry Johnson

TEAM

Team Operations

HOMETOWN

San Antonio, TX

Even before I spoke with him about his time with Animal Supply Company, I had heard stories about his integrity and affection for the business, but I was still surprised by his great humility and the passion with which he described his time here. And despite his years of experience in almost every position imaginable, including various management roles, he has never let his pride get the best of him demonstrating flexibility as a teammate, and an impressive work ethic. "I was never really trained to be a manager, I just had to do my job the best I could," he said. "And

if they ever found anyone who could do it better, I would gladly give it to them."

Henry graduated from F.W. Gross High School in 1955, and being new to adulthood, he needed a job. Fortunately for Henry, his uncle knew a man who also needed an employee; the original owner of Lone Star Pet Supply now Animal Supply Company. Some people might be deterred from a job prospect if it was prefaced with, "you won't be making much money," but not Henry Johnson, whose response was simply, "I don't care!" Even in those days Henry was determined and focused on doing what needed to be done.

For ten years, Henry devoted himself to Lone Star by being a jack of all trades, working just about every job that needed to be done. Even when he was drafted into the military for two

years, he returned to his position without skipping a beat. In 1965, a young middle schooler named Dennis Stahl, whose uncle had recently purchased Lone Star, began his employment as Henry's co-worker/apprentice. Henry showed 14-year-old Dennis the ropes, his vast knowledge supplementing the early training days of the man who would one day be the company's owner.



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Delivering Success



60+ Years of Dedicated service!



Their mutual respect would cement a friendship which has now spanned decades.

The company has shifted hands and has seen many changes under Henry's watchful gaze, but few employees have passed through Animal Supply's doors without his warmth or humor leaving their mark. Having witnessed its entire journey from a humble pet supply company to the prosperous enterprise, Henry feels more like a father than he does an employee. And just like a parent, he has collected every memento, photo, or piece of merchandise he could acquire. He displays them like trophies in his home for everyone to see. He

even rescued one of the massive iron scales he used to weigh products in the warehouse when it was replaced. But Henry's pride in the company is eclipsed only by the pride he has for his family.

His steady career afforded him the opportunity to provide a comfortable life for his late wife, Gussie Lee, and his two sons, Henry Jr. and Rodney, both of whom live close by and are true credits to Henry's character as a father and man. Just like his Animal Supply collectibles, the rest of his home is adorned by numerous family photos and pieces of memorabilia which lay out a tapestry of rich experiences all separate from his work world. It must be comforting to have a steady companion like Animal Supply to see you through the turbulent currents of life. When I asked him which of his achievements he was most proud of, he said that "Just being a part of the company was what I love the most."

In 2015, in appreciation of his 60+ years of unwavering dedication

and in his honor, a conference room at the Animal Supply Company Schertz distribution center was named "Henry L. Johnson."

Written By: James Maples

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