

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Henry Soles

PERSON

Soles, Henry

Alternative Names: Reverend Henry Soles;

Life Dates: August 17, 1935-January 18, 2018

Place of Birth: Anniston, Alabama, USA

Residence: Wheaton, IL

Work: Wheaton, IL

Occupations: Chaplain

Biographical Note

The Reverend Henry Soles, Senior Chaplain of the Chicago Bulls, dedicated his career to community improvement. He served as Associate Minister to DuPage County A.M.E. Church in Lisle, Illinois and was the corporate consultant for the Chicago-based Owens Group. Aside from being a respected community leader, Rev. Soles was an award-winning editor, a journalist for a New York City daily newspaper and a television personality as former host of an Emmy-nominated talk show.

As the chaplain for the Chicago Bulls, Soles lead pre-game Christian chapel services and helped the athletes reflect upon their lives away from the basketball court. Rev. Soles was the founding Board Chairman of DuPage County Housing Association, a nonprofit agency providing 260 housing units for low and moderate-income persons and founding trustee of the DuPage Prayer Breakfast Committee. He served on the boards of various organizations, including: Chicago-based Gospel Outreach, Serenity House, Chicago Mental Health Council, DuPage Prevention Partnership, Mid-America Leadership Foundation, Wheaton-Carol United Way, DuPage Housing Authority and Wheaton History Center.

Rev. Soles received numerous awards, honors and recognitions for his work, including: the Serenity House Man of the Year Award in 1997, the 2001 Adult Citizen of the Year Award from the City of Wheaton, and a Lifetime Achievement in Media Award from the DuPage A.M.E. Church. He was profiled in numerous local and national publications and was a much sought-after inspirational speaker.

Soles passed away on January 18, 2018 at age 82.

Related Entries

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DuPage County A.M.E. Church [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1972 to 1976]

Associate Minister

Chicago Bulls [EMPLOYEEOF]
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Chaplain

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Chaplain