



Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.

March 18, 1933 - July 23, 2022

The journey of life for Jacob H. Hayes, Jr., began on March 18, 1933, in Magnolia, Arkansas. He was the oldest of 4 children born to Rev. Jacob Hayes, Sr., and Zydia Mae Wolf who was the pastor and founder of Whitest Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas. His parents taught him to adhere to high morals, spiritual and educational values.

J.B. as he was commonly called by family and close friends attended Magnolia High School. At the age of 20, he enlisted into the United States Army to embark on opportunities that weren't typically offered to African Americans in the south. While in the Army he made lasting friendships and bonds. He was honorably discharged as a Private First Class on April 5, 1955, and served his country

He married Geraldine Randolph and to this union three children were born, Vernard, Veronica, and Cynthia. He loved his family dearly and showered them with an abundance of love. He was a stalwart provider, giving his family the opportunity to enjoy the finer things that life offered.

He was a life-long member of Whitest Chapel Missionary Baptist Church having joined under the leadership of his father. He taught Sunday school and it was then that he made the permanent commitment to serve the Lord. He answered his call to preach and received training from the Southern Baptist

School of Theology and the United Theology Seminary in Monroe, Louisiana, Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mooty Bible college in Chicago Illinois and Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. On May 11, 2002, he received an honorary doctorate from Arkansas Baptist College.

His first pastoral assignment at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas. He was called to pastor First Missionary Baptist Church in Bearden, Arkansas. His next pastorate began in 1980, at Greater Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. On September 5, 1982, He accepted what would become his final pastoral assignment at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas, where he labored for 39 years. He retired from pastoring in 2020 after serving over 50 years of teaching and preaching the word of God.

In 1970 he began work for the government Seta government training program. He then worked Celotex roofing company for years. His passion for community and education moved him to serve as a bus driver for the Camden Fairfield school district for many years until he retired. He served as a vice moderator and various other positions for the Ouachita district association.

His favorite bible passage was John 14:1-4 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. He attended bible study faithfully, continued to attend Sunday school and worship services regularly until his health started to decline. His pilgrimage was modest, but full and fulfilling. Dr. Hayes did it his way. On Saturday, July 23, 2022, he slipped the bonds of this life for a life in eternity. His independent spirit, iron will, and strong character will never be

duplicated, but leaves an impression on the lives of those he touched and enriched along this life's journey.

Dr. Hayes was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Geraldine Randolph Hayes, two sisters Emma Jean Dunlap and Katherine Hayes Thompson, son Melvin Hayes and a granddaughter LaTeria Thrist.

He leaves to continue and cherish his legacy, his children Vernard (Cynthia) Hayes, Veronica Hayes, Cynthia (Sylvester) Pickens; Mary Ann (Elbert) Thrist. Extended family Phyllis Copeland and Kimberly Utsey. A host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Not to leave out his many friends and the Whitest Chapel and Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church families.

The Triumphant Celebration of his Life and Legacy will be held Saturday, July 30th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at Greater New Calvary COGIC in Camden, Arkansas, with burial to follow with Military Honors at Memorial Park Cemetery in Camden, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Reverend Michael J. Wilson, Eulogist

Visitation will be Friday, {July 29th}, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas, and from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Whitest Chapel Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas.

A viewing will only take place before the services begin on Saturday morning.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, "Everyone Will Be Required to Wear a Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. There Are No Exceptions, So Please Be Mindful of This Request." This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

759 Maul Rd.
Camden, AR 71701

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater New Calvary Church
3150 Hwy 7 South
Camden, AR

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ *My Condolences to the Hayes Family. May Your Peace Be Still! God Is Good! All The Time! Please Continue To Do Thy Duty That Is Best And Leave Unto The Lord Te Rest! Unconditional Love!*
Lasker Bell Jr./Topeka,KS

Lasker Bell Jr - August 10, 2022 at 11:06 PM

BW

“ *Dr. Hayes left such a positive impact on those who knew and loved him.*
God bless his family.



Billy and Patricia Williams - August 08, 2022 at 03:40 PM

MS

“ *Mary E Strickland sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.*



Mary E Strickland - August 07, 2022 at 01:26 AM

CP

“ To Mrs. Phyllis Copeland, daughter and LaToshia Utsey-Briscoe, grand-daughter and the entire Copeland & Utsey-Briscoe Family; may GOD bless you and keep you during these trying times of sorrow and unrest. Stay strong in the LORD, much love and peace to you ALL!



Cynthia Phillips, Houston, TX

CYNTHIA PHILLIPS - July 30, 2022 at 10:46 AM

BJ

You have my deepest sympathy and my heart felt Condolences, May God you strength to endure the pain.He promised us that we would see our love ones again, and we can trust him, he said his words will not return to his mouth without doing what he said. You not only have my sympathy but my Empathy also.

Bettyjean Johnson - August 03, 2022 at 02:47 AM

WR

“ Much respect and appreciation for the lifetime of service to Rev. Hayes, Jr. Sending sincere condolences to his family, church family, and friends.

Larry & Wondrous (McHenry) Roach, Magnolia, AR

wanda roach - July 30, 2022 at 02:12 AM

FH

“ Sincere condolences to the Hayes family. Reverend Jacob Hayes; the matriarch and a gentle spirited Christian soldier. May he rest in peace. Praying for God’s comfort and strength during these times.

Felita Hayes - July 30, 2022 at 01:22 AM

BW

“ Jerry and Berdia Williams from Spring TX sending condolences to the Hayes family. We knew him as a coworker of my father at Celotex Roofing and Pastor of my Family Church Mt. Olive, RIL
Rev. Hayes

Berdia Williams - July 29, 2022 at 10:47 PM

MB

“ Marilyn Brooks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.



Marilyn Brooks - July 29, 2022 at 09:33 PM

VM

“ Vacie Moore from Detroit Michigan... sending Condolences to the Hayes family.



vacie Moore - July 29, 2022 at 09:24 PM

MB

Marilyn Brooks send condolences to the Hayes family from Kansas City Missouri.

Marilyn Brooks - July 29, 2022 at 09:30 PM

SG

“ Cynthia, Veronica, Vernard, and Ann,
I commend you all for the dedication and commitment shown to
your father. I feel blessed to call him uncle, Pastor, mentor, and
“Rev.” He was certainly a gentle giant. Always willing to help and
encourage others. His infectious smile and distinct voice will always
be remembered. After finishing a meal, he would use the word
“sufficient”. He lived a “sufficient” life and now has earned a well
deserved rest!

Shelia D. Utsey Griffith - July 29, 2022 at 05:18 PM

KJ

“ Vernard, Cynthia & family, I'm keeping you all in
prayer. Continue to lean on the God of strength
& comfort. Kathleen Jackson & Family



Kathleen Jackson - July 29, 2022 at 02:56 PM

NB

“ Norma Beaver lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Jacob H. Hayes Jr.



Norma Beaver - July 29, 2022 at 02:11 PM

PP

“ *Pastor And Mrs Bruce Porchia lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.*



Pastor and Mrs Bruce Porchia - July 28, 2022 at 09:28 PM

CJ

“ *Veronica, may the peace and joy of Christ Jesus embrace you and family as you celebrate the life of your beloved father. Rest in peace Dr. J B Hayes! Chester A. Deanes Jr.*

Chester A. Deanes Jr - July 28, 2022 at 07:48 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Reeves Hogan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.*



Brenda Reeves Hogan - July 28, 2022 at 06:50 PM

TW

“ *Prayers for Pastor Hayes family. He was the Most Gracious Pastor. Honored to have been under his leadership at one point on my journey. Blessings to all.*

Tamela L. Winfrey - July 28, 2022 at 03:13 PM

IC

“ *Sorry for your loss the collins and Perry family .*

Irlredell collins - July 28, 2022 at 02:41 PM

LH

“ Rev. Hayes was a wonderful man. I enjoyed talking with him many times when he was able to come to the gym and work out. He loved his exercise time. May he rest in peace. May his family find peace in knowing that he is in a wonderful place with all his loved ones who were waiting for him. And in peace with God. Prayers for all of you.

lisa Hartsfield - July 28, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr..



July 27, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr..



July 27, 2022 at 04:34 PM

LB

“ To Ronni and the entire family, we offer our prayers of support and comfort. In this season of loss we ask God to grant peace that passes all understanding.

Leonard and Dorothy Boone

Leonard Boone - July 27, 2022 at 01:36 PM

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Hayes Family*

From the Hamilton Family



Sheryl Hamilton - July 27, 2022 at 01:34 PM

BH

“ *My deepest condolences to my brother Vernard and his family. I know our Father in Heaven is ordering your Footsteps during this process. Your Sister Always Barbara.*

Barbara Hensley - July 27, 2022 at 10:13 AM

AJ

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies, condolences, and prayers to Vernard, Cynthia, and family.*

*Lovingly
Annette Johnson
Columbus, Ohio*



Annette Johnson - July 27, 2022 at 08:25 AM

CC

“ *Paul and Christine Campbell-Stewart, Angier, NC.*



Christine Campbell-Stewart - July 27, 2022 at 12:46 AM

JH

“ Had the opportunity to meet Rev. Hayes through his daughter Cynthia some years ago. I'm praying comfort and strength for the family.

Josie Humphrey - July 26, 2022 at 10:14 PM

KU

“ Thanks for being a great Dad. You have been the only parent in my life for the past 36 years and you instilled so much wisdom to me and I will live my life as a product of what you have sown. I will cherish every memory in my heart. I'll be loving you always.

Kim Utsey - July 26, 2022 at 06:27 PM



Condolences to the family!

Nancy Williams - July 27, 2022 at 11:01 AM

EW

“ Elder Kathay Varonica Walter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.




Elder Kathay Varonica Walter - July 26, 2022 at 04:56 PM

SS

“ Papa Hayes, you will definitely be missed. You and my dad were best friends. When God called him home you stepped up in a role of father and i appreciate you. You will truly be missed. R.I.L Papa Hayes.



Sharon Radford- Sergeant - July 26, 2022 at 12:30 PM


Elizabeth
Stewart

“ *Family,
I am praying with you, thinking about you, and remembering good memories that are precious and dear. Stay strong in Faith, Comfort of the LORD, and Girded in Strength. Love you All!!! Remembering " Uncle JB. "* ”



Elizabeth Stewart - July 26, 2022 at 09:50 AM

MP

“ *Holding the family close in prayer.* ”



Mary S. Pickings - July 25, 2022 at 09:27 PM

LH

“ *Rev. Hayes baptized me when he pastored First Missionary Baptist Church in Bearden, AR over 40 years ago. He was an amazing pastor and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him and were blessed to have called him Pastor. My condolences to the Hayes family during this difficult time.* ”

LaTonya Hammock - July 25, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JW

“ To: Vernard and Cynthia : Our sincerest condolences and prayers to you and your entire family in the transitioning of Rev. Dr. Hayes. "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."
Lovingly, Your Ohio friends, Rev..Kary and Sis Judy Williams

Judy Williams - July 25, 2022 at 11:07 AM

FC

“ Reverend Hayes was my Pastor at First Baptist Church, Bearden, AR., and he also baptized me and some of my other family members. We loved him for being the kind, gentle, caring, loving person he was to everyone. The Caldwell family send our prayers and condolences to the Hayes Family.

Forrestine Caldwell - July 24, 2022 at 11:11 PM

JW

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family Dr.Jacob H.Hayes will be truly miss

Janice (Bell) Williams - July 24, 2022 at 06:05 PM

ET

Vernard and Cynthia, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, at this difficult time. My prayers that you will find peace in knowing the light of his spirit lives on. Etta

Etta - July 25, 2022 at 01:21 PM

GT

“ Gracie Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.



Gracie Tucker - July 23, 2022 at 09:57 PM

GT

A truly great man of God. May the works I've done speak for me. Isaiah 26:3 tells us "He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him." Praying for God to surround you with His perfect peace. Rejoicing with you as heaven welcomes another Soldier from battle.

Gracie Tucker - July 23, 2022 at 10:09 PM

RS

“*Rev. Hayes ... it is indeed an honor to have shared the same space and time with an awesome human-being like you. The first person that I called "Pastor"! I recall you as a person with focus and joy ... a man who did what all men should do - "your best"! Thank you for sharing your beautiful spirit!!*

Ron Salley - July 23, 2022 at 06:46 PM

AT

“*Dr./Rev. Hayes was a very special person growing up at Mt. Olives Baptist Church. He was our father and mentor! I am so sad to hear of his passing. Cinthya, Bernard and Veronica I send love and condolences 🙏❤️*



allie thompson - July 23, 2022 at 06:45 PM

DH

“*Sorry to hear of transition. A legend of the gospel.*

Don Hanson - July 23, 2022 at 06:43 PM

CC

Sending Love and Prayers to Vernard, Cynthia and the entire family. May God Comfort your hearts and Grant you Peace!

Christine Campbell-Stewart - July 25, 2022 at 11:33 AM

OR

“ Ora Radford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.



Ora Radford - July 23, 2022 at 06:01 PM

HJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Rev Hayes



Harold Johnson - July 23, 2022 at 05:57 PM

WJ

“ Lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes



Wanda James - July 23, 2022 at 04:57 PM

BA

“ Brenda Allen lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.



Brenda Allen - July 23, 2022 at 02:36 PM

LS

“ My only uncle I love you but God knew what was best no more pain, love latrina (tanka) Sutton from Chicago. IL I will miss you

La trina Sutton - July 23, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MB

“ Rev. Hayes was A Great Man of God, he Always had a encouraging word whenever I saw him... He was a inspiration to me when I'd see him at the gym!!! My Deepest Condolences to his entire family!!!

Martha Burnette - July 23, 2022 at 01:57 PM

VB

Sending Prayers and Condolences to the family and church family. My Father, Ruben Carson and Rev. Hayes were good friends and co-workers.

Virginia Carson Burrell - July 23, 2022 at 04:16 PM

TG

“ My deepest sympathy to this family. Rev. HAYES was a great influence in my growing up years. May he rest in peace. Sympathies submitted frim my Dad also, Deacon Robert Gill



Tonja Rochelle Gill - July 23, 2022 at 11:24 AM

TG

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Tona Rochelle Gill - July 23, 2022 at 09:51 AM

JW

“ Send pray & condolences to the family that God give you'll strength love you'll

Joann Whitaker - July 23, 2022 at 09:40 AM

SB

“ Sylvia Briggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.



Sylvia Briggs - July 23, 2022 at 07:24 AM

ML

Truly, this was a man of God. Praying for his family. 🙏

Michael & Debbie Lambert - July 23, 2022 at 02:19 PM

ML

Truly, this was a man of God. Praying his family. 🙏

Michael & Debbie Lambert - July 23, 2022 at 02:21 PM

SB

“ Sylvia Briggs lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacob H. Hayes Jr.



Sylvia Briggs - July 23, 2022 at 07:24 AM