



## Curtis Hayes,

September 16, 1944 - October 15, 2007

HAYES, Mr. Curtis Thomas, Jr. - Age 63, went home to be with the Lord on October 15, 2007 in Richmond (Houston), TX. Family hour 11:30AM Saturday, October 27, 2007 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with the homegoing celebration commencing immediately at 12Noon. Bishop Odis A. Floyd officiating, Eld. Darryl E. Davis, presiding. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30AM Saturday. Mr. Hayes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 6PM-8PM Thursday, October 25, 2007 and 10AM-8PM Friday, October 26, 2007. The sixth child of eight children, Mr. Curtis Thomas Hayes, Jr. was born in Swift, Missouri on September 16, 1944, the son of Curtis Hayes, Sr. and Elsie Mae (Quinn) Hayes. He attended elementary and high school through the 11th grade in Hayti, Missouri. In 1960, the family relocated to Flint, Michigan, where he continued his education and graduated from Flint Central High School. Curtis served in the United States Army, completed his tour of duty in Vietnam, where he received several awards including: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Marksman (Rifle M-14, Pistol, 45), and was Honorably Discharged in Pleiku, South Vietnam July 19, 1969. He retired from Fisher Body, a Division of General Motors in 1997, as a Senior Industrial Engineer. Curtis was a charter member of the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist

Church where he served as a member of the Trustee Board, choir director, business manager for Inspirational Voices, and office clerk. Curtis was also a faithful member of The King's Men Chorus, and Computer Science Instructor for the Odis A. Floyd Center. Curtis worked vigorously throughout the community: teaching music at churches and to independent groups such as: Mt. Carmel Church Choir, Progressive COGIC Choir and the Highlight Gospel Chorus. Curtis was also the business manager for DeLano Mills and "Spiritually Connected." Curtis relocated to Houston, Texas, in 2005, where he helped organize and directed the Male Chorus of WSS Tri-County CDC, INC., and was the Computer Science Instructor, for WSS Tri-County, Richmond, Texas. Curtis leaves in God's Care: wife, Joyce of Houston, TX; 3 brothers, Min. Rodney (Kelly) of Lansing, MI, Thamous H., and Elder J.W. Callahan of Flint; 9 sisters, Elder Gladys Scott, Loretta Williams, Viola Brooks, Jewel (James) Hayes of Aurora, Ill, Polly (Nathan) Johnson of Lansing, MI, and Gloria (SGM Percy) Porter of Memphis, TN, Helen Wright, Melba Brown, of Houston, TX, and Betty Sykes of Flint; 22 nieces and nephews, including special great-niece, Deonca O.N Davis; 5 adopted sons, Reggie (D'Wanda) Mason, Min. Eddie Duane (Phyllis) Bailey, beloved son and care giver DeLano Mills of Flint, Elder Braxton Vaughn of Erie, PA, and Oscar De La Cruz of Houston, TX; 3 adopted daughters, Carmen Hewitt of Washington, DC, Scarlett (Buddy) Stredic, and Elizabeth De La Cruz of Houston, TX; adopted sister and brother-in-law, Agnes (Sherman) Naphier of Flint; a very special aunt, Lila (Ruben) Ruff; many friends including special friends; Bishop Odis A. and Brenda Floyd, Jeff (Mary) Dickson of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Dr. Dello Thedford of St. Louis, MO, Bishop Andre Woods of Detroit, MI, LaJuan Law of Houston, TX, Ernie Carr, William Toliver, and the Elam, Britt, McCann, Willis, Bracy, Williams, Hill, Mayberry, Washington, Byers, Thornton, Hightower, Cox, and Harris families; god-son, Laronus Martin, Jr. of Flint; god-daughters, Nikki Floyd, Molly Dickerson and Destiny Williams; many other relatives and friends survive. The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Oakbend Medical Center, Dr. Popatia and staff, Helen Wright and the WSS Tri-County

Staff all of Richmond, Texas, and the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church Family, Elder A.J. LaValley and the Staff of the Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home. Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis, Sr. and Mother Elsie Mae Hayes; son, Michael; and nephew, Andre.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Curtis Hayes,*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Family of Curtis Hayes and best friend Joyce Hayes*

*I express my sympathy in the lose of this man of God. Curtis touched many people in his life, through music, cooking and just being Curtis. I know he is helping direct that Heavenly Choir. Joyce, thanks for all the loving care you and your sisters provided Curtis while ill in Texas. It was truly God that gave you all the strength to endure. Rest in peace Curtis, earth job, well done.*

Julie Morris - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Words fail to convey my sympathy to the family during this time of transition. Curtis was a great friend, comrade, and brother. He will definitely be sorely missed.*

A. Jeffrey LaValley - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My family have known the Hayes family for over thirty years. Our mothers were friends, they were in the same church ministries. We adopted each other as family. Curtis has minister to us in songs and we grew into a great spiritual relationship. We will miss him and will mourn with the Hayes, Williams, and Scott families Curtis is singing in the Heavenly chior, he will remain in our hearts forever. Our prayers are with the family that he left behind, God will see you through. GPW5X9*

Margaret Montgomery - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My family and I have been touched by the passing of our friend Curtis Hayes.  
May God's Love continue to flow thru your family as Curtis showed all of us here and in Texas.  
I have so many good memories: from Church, the Choir, Working with him at the center, Potlucks, projects he encourage me to do, teasing and the Cruises. We had a lot of fun. You will be missed.  
The Gray/Moore family

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**Bennie & Margaret Williame** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. May your Faith give you strength, your memories give you confort and Gods Love bring you peace

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**Lois Bunton** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To the family of Curtis T. Hayes Jr.

*I would like to say I am so sorry for your lost. We will keep the family in prayer. Please be at peace because you know Curtis was saved and knew the Lord. That along is a true blessing. I am sure you know how much Curtis loved the Lord. Now Curtis is not with you but be at peace with the Lord. All is going to be well. Remember when it seems like you can't go on the Lord has you. Keep the believing in God and the rest HE will set in order when he comes.*

*In Loving Memories  
Cheryl and LaDierdre*

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**Cheryl McKinney** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our prayers are with the entire family  
We will miss Curtis, he has been a blessing to us all. We all claimed  
him as our son. There are no words to express our feelings and our  
heavy hearts.*

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**New Jerusalem Mother's Board** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My prayers are with the family. God Bless*

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**Boyzie mathis** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM