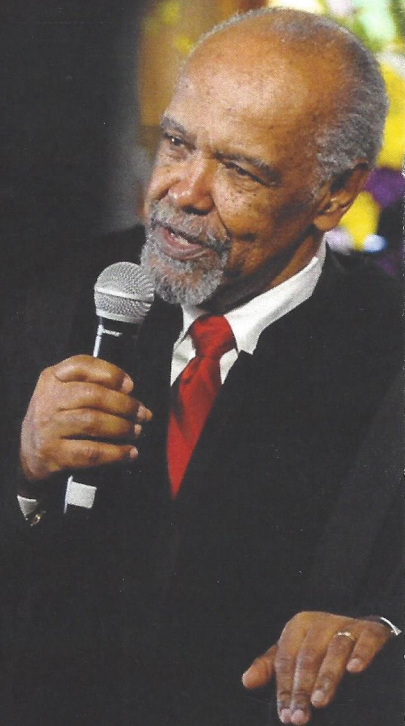
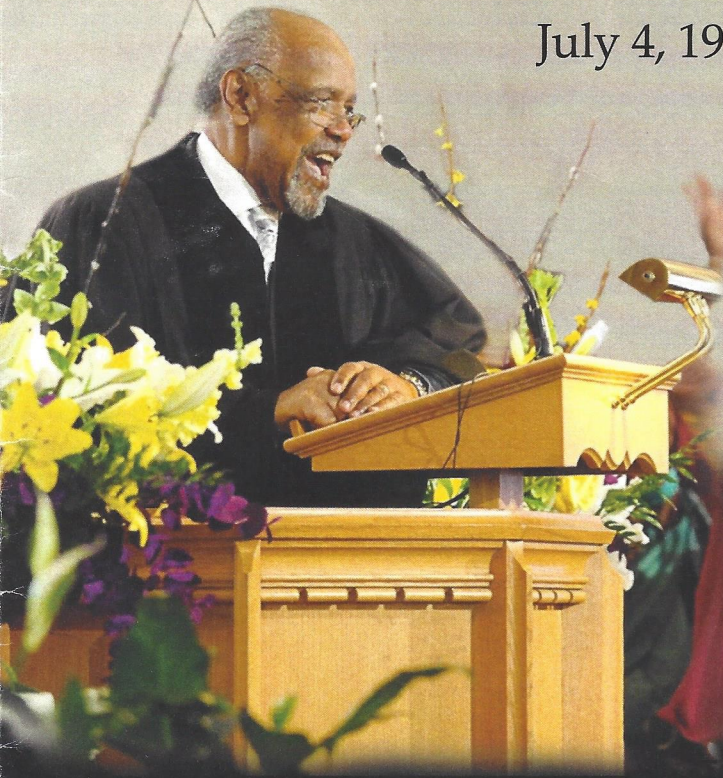


Homegoing Celebration
Reverend Howard M. Haywood
July 4, 1940 ~ February 16, 2019



Sunday, February 24, 2019 | 1 pm
Myrtle Baptist Church
21 Curve Street, West Newton, MA 02465

The Reverend Brandon Thomas Crowley
Sr. Pastor, Officiating

OBITUARY

Reverend Howard Marshal Haywood Sr. of Newton, MA, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2019 at the age of 78 surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Newton, MA to the late Julia (Dorsey) Haywood and Alfred E. Haywood Sr.

On April 25, 1962, Howard married his childhood sweetheart Karen "Katy" Evans. They were blessed with three children Georgiana (deceased), Kristen and Howard Jr. who gifted them with three granddaughters Julia Tirah Haywood, Zoë Madison Smith and Carmen Victoria Velez Haywood and a great grandson Giovanni Alberto Marshall Morales.

Graduating from Newton High School in 1958, he started working in the construction industry as a laborer for his mentor, teacher and ultimately best friend, Tom Whiting. If you asked Howard what he thought was his most satisfying accomplishments, he would tell you becoming a journeyman bricklayer and receiving his Gold Card as a 50 year member of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Union Local #3 Boston. Howard also received certificates for completing courses at Wentworth Institute in Plan Reading and Estimating and from the Church Training Center of Boston, MA in Biblical Studies.

Howard's career, as he would always testify to, was ordered by God. After working six years with Tom Whiting, he joined the Bricklayers Union in 1964 as one of the few black members and worked the next 13 years for various contractors on buildings throughout the greater Boston area. In 1977, Howard was hired as a Jr. Inspector for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Design and Construction Department. His unlikely advance from Jr. Inspector to Assistant General Manager of Design and Construction, is one of the reasons Howard attributes the journey of his life to God's guidance. Howard held the position of Assistant General Manager for ten years which was longer than anyone had or has held that position. He loved to reminisce on the transit projects that he worked on including Alewife Station, South Station Bus Terminal and the Transit Way Tunnels. After his 24 year career at the MBTA, Howard retired and joined AECOM as a Vice President in the Transit Rail Division and worked there for 5 years. He later joined Kleinfelder as a Client Manager, retiring in 2013. Howard completed his professional career in 2014 after providing coinciding service for Trinity Engineering and Maintenance Inc.

In 1972, Howard was licensed to preach the Gospel at his home church, Myrtle Baptist Church of West Newton, MA under Pastor Harold Pulley. Rev. Haywood served as an associate Pastor and was ordained in January of 1980 under Pastor Robert Littlejohn. Rev. Haywood would always say he was led by the Holy Spirit to be installed as Pastor of his beloved Myrtle Baptist Church on June 16, 1985. From 1985 to his retirement as Pastor in 2008, Rev. Haywood held two fulltime positions, but always referred to Pastoring as an avocation and not a vocation.

Rev. Haywood felt obligated to be engaged in civic activities in Newton, the City where he was born and truly loved. His involvement included serving on many public Boards and Commissions along with non-profit organizations. He served on the Newton Human Rights Commission, Planning and Development Committee, Council on Aging, Newton Housing Authority, the Newton Charter Review Commission and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. He also served on the Board of the Newton YMCA, Newton Boys and Girls Club, HARMONY, Newton Community Service Center, Newton Community Development Foundation and was an original member of the Federal Transit Administration's Construction Roundtable. In spite of his busy schedule and responsibilities, Rev. Haywood found time to enjoy his favorite pastime, fishing with his brothers Alfred and Arthur and his lifelong friends Skip Carter, Flub Allen and Danny Gadsden.

Rev. Haywood was recognized with many awards and recognition for his service over the years but always felt blessed for being able to serve and always felt awkward in being singled out. Howard leaves to mourn his passing his wife Karen, daughter Kristen and her companion Kevin Armstrong, son Howard Jr., granddaughters Julia, Zoë and Carmen, great grandson Giovanni, brothers Walter and Gerald along with nieces, nephews, a host of cousins and friends. He joins his mother, father, beloved daughter Georgiana, brothers Alfred and Arthur, and one sister Elizabeth who predeceased him.

PROGRAM

Musical Interlude

Kenneth Brass and Tiffany Rice

Processional

Clergy, family and combined choirs singing | *Glory, Glory Hallelujah*

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Brandon Thomas Crowley

Musical Selection

Combined Choirs | *Hold To God's Unchanging Hand*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 116:1-9

Zoë Smith

New Testament Romans 8:31-39

Carmen Velez Haywood

Obituary

Julia Tirah Haywood and Giovanni Morales

Musical Selection

Jeffrey Griffin | *Your Grace and Mercy*

Family Remarks

Walter Haywood | Howard Haywood Jr.

Remarks

Albert Shaw | Dr. Phillip McCrary | Karen Arpino-Schaffer

Rev. Robert Littlejohn

Musical Selection

Myran Brass | *We Shall Behold Him*

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. John S. Wilson

Closing Prayer | Recessional

The Gospel Love Tones

Pallbearers

Adam Haywood | William Haywood | George Haywood | Kenneth Haywood

Alfred Haywood III | Jeremiah Jefferson | Gerry Jones | Arthur Haywood Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Narvous Stamps | Wayne Lane | Vernon Rollins | Thomas Turner

Gerry E. Jones | William Carter | Jerry M. Jones | Brad Haywood | Jesse Banks

Walter Cooper | Richard Jefferson | Steven Cooper | William Turner | Marvin Cruse

Olde Dudes Club Members

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of Rev. Howard M. Haywood would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the LVAD team at Mass General Hospital and the supportive home care team of CareDimensions.

Also to our friends and family, your comforting expressions of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.

Donations in Rev. Haywood's name can be made to:

Myrtle Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 21 Curve Street, West Newton, MA 02465
or

Historic Newton, 527 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458

Repast will be held at the American Legion Nonantum Post 440
295 California Street, Newton, MA 02458

ARRANGEMENTS

Burke and Blackington Funeral Home
1479 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465

YESTERDAY

by HMH

I woke up this morning and
It was yesterday
The day before
And every day
The same sun rose
The same snow fell
And all that will be has already been
Same birds singing the same song
More war
More murder
More hunger
More homelessness
Like yesterday
And the day before
Politicians making the same old promises
As they did yesterday
Last month

And years before
People still looking for that higher spirit
That seems muted as
Churches close their doors
I shut my eyes and fall back to sleep
Hoping that when I wake
It will be a new day
The sun will bring new warmth
The birds will sing a new song
The hungry will have food
The homeless will have homes
Politicians will talk peace
Churches will over flow
I woke again it was still yesterday
I stay locked in hopelessness
That tomorrow will never come