



## Curtis Edward Hayes

December 9, 1929 - May 7, 2022

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Deacon Curtis Edward Hayes, 92, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina was born December 9, 1929 and ascended to his heavenly station on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Curtis was born and raised in Winston-Salem and was educated in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School System. He was the youngest of four siblings born to Grace Georgiana Nelson.

“Uncle Curtis”, Brother Curtis, or Deacon Curtis as he was lovingly referred, lived a life dedicated to service to the elderly and the children of the community. He often volunteered for Senior Services to assist in feeding the elderly in our community. Curtis held a variety of jobs within the community throughout his lifetime. He worked for Reynolds Hospital and Summit School and other employers in the Winston-Salem community.

Curtis was a lifelong member of Nelson Chapel Holiness Church as the church was founded by a group of ladies which included his grandmother Lizzie Witcher Nelson and his mother Grace Nelson Hayes. He was an integral part of the church since its beginning in 1959 and through and beyond its transition to Grace Ministries of Deliverance in 2008. Curtis always had a kind word and a piece of candy for every child that he encountered. He was always giving to others, often buying donuts or other treats for his friends at the elderly community.

Curtis was very talented and enjoyed participating in ceramic classes. He created a number of pieces of artwork that he often shared with his family. He loved to draw and share his creativity. He was the family historian and was always willing to share the history of the family giving a glimpse of our past but still living in the present and caring about the things that mattered to you. He was a man of virtue and righteousness.

Curtis was preceded in death by his parents Grace Nelson Hayes and Cuthbert Hayes, his siblings Nathaniel Hayes-Bailey, Elizabeth Hayes-Moses, Rev Charles Frank Hayes, Sr. He leaves to celebrate his life with his nephews and nieces.

Nathaniel's family: Veronica Thomasson, Edna Thomasson-Lewis, Tim Thomasson, Chris Thomasson, Airiona Handsom, Kenji Handsom, Curtis Hansom, Deborah Handsom, Natalie (Reginald) Hayes-Hauser, Georard (Rachel) Mitchell, Nathaniel (Virginia) Hayes, Nicholas Hayes, Justin Hayes, Justyce Hayes, Zamora Hayes, Aloni Hayes, Nannetta (Milton) Fulton, Shaun Fulton, Dawn Renae (Bernard) Hairston, Ian Hairston

Elizabeth's Family: Lonnetra Nise(Mike) Black-Smith, Courtney Watts, Trinity Coleman

Frank's Family :Frankie Brown, Monte Brown, Dellave' Brown, Janelle White, Joseph White III, Morissa Scott, Tomeka Smith, Lesyia Smith-Sims, Katina Smith, DeQuane Smith, DeJonne Smith, Dejanae Smith, DeAyohnna Smith,

DaJuanya Smith, TiAyni Smith-Butterfield, TaaVi Smith -Butterfield, Beverly Ingram, Ocean V. Lapis, Brianna Ingram, Linda Ingram , Scherrie Pete, Chloe Pete, Decorus Ingram, Jeice Ingram, Jasmine McLean, Rev E.W. (Mechelle) Hayes, Antwan (DeAndrea) Wilson.

His loving cousins Bishop Brenda Nelson, Dr. Wyleia S. Miller, E. Tayola (Terrance) McNeil, Blake Byrd, Taylor-Leigh NcNeil, Terrance McNeil II, Mercedes Miller, his dedicated friends Debra (Todd) Samuels, Barbara Doster of Holland Homes and a host of other extended family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

2124 New Walkertown Rd  
Winston Salem, NC 27101

# Previous Events

## Homegoing Service

MAY 20. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist  
1201 New Hope Ln  
Winston-Salem, NC 27105-6102  
(336) 724-5401

## Homegoing Service

MAY 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *He fought a good fight, and kept the Faith!*

Encore Memo - June 05, 2022 at 06:45 PM

WM

“ *We absolute loved hearing Cousin Curtis sing the hymns. One of my personal favorites is “A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never-dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky. To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill; Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage To do my Master's will!*

W Shawn Miller - June 05, 2022 at 02:09 PM

WM

*Much Respect* 🤝

W Shawn Miller - June 05, 2022 at 02:11 PM

AB

“ *Dawn & family, Curtis was such a wonderful person to know. I remember walking across the church parking lot to work in the mornings and he would be waiting to greet me. It didn't matter how late I was, I had to stop & chat. I can still see him smiling and waving as I crossed the street. Hold on to the sweet memories ~ until we all meet again.*

*Angie Boyles*

Angie Boyles - May 20, 2022 at 01:35 PM

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“ Dear Netta and family:

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of a wonderful man "Uncle Curtis" that I have heard so much about over the last few years. He seemed like such a wonderful man. I am sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family through this very difficult time. God Bless all of you. <3.*



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**Kim Hemric - coworker of Netta** - May 20, 2022 at 08:35 AM



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**Gilmore Funeral Home** - May 17, 2022 at 01:48 PM