

Acknowledgements

The Ayers Family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the flowers, cards, prayers, and other expressions of sympathy shown during their time of bereavement. They hope Danny's life encourages you to believe in Christ. If you do not know Jesus, today is a good day to learn and accept him as your Lord and Savior.

Special thanks to the Baptist Hospice team and UMMC staff for the loving care they gave Danny during his final days.

Honorary Pallbearers

Danny Hillard	Darryl Wade
Joshua Ayers	Bruce Ayers
Sebastian Manning	Johnny Martin-Ayers

Active Pallbearers

Jourdan Butler	DeShawn Davis
Jamal Butler, Jr.	Keith Banks
Dan Manning	Myles Grayson

Flower Bearers

Sisters (in-laws), Nieces, Cousins

Interment and Repast

Egypt Hill M.B. Church · 2083 Terry-Gatesville Road
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Homegoing Celebration for

Mr. Danny Edward Ayers

Sunrise: September 6, 1959 ~ Sunset: December 19, 2025



Saturday December 27, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Higher Ground Family Worship Center

3520 Forest Hill Road

Jackson, Mississippi 39212

Pastor Timothy Minter, Officiant

Reflections of the Life of Mr. Danny Edward Ayers

Danny Edward Ayers was born on September 6, 1959 in Chicago, Illinois to Eutha Mallett and Arva Lois Ayers Mallett, who preceded him in death. He was called from labor to eternal life on Friday, December 19, 2025.

Danny was raised, in part, by his grandparents, Leo Ayers, Sr. and Bessie Brown Ayers, who also preceded him in death, in Crystal Springs, MS. He was educated in the Copiah County School System, receiving his high school diploma from Crystal Springs High School in 1978. Beloved by his classmates, Danny was voted senior class favorite, best dressed, and most handsome. An avid sportsman, Danny continued his love of basketball and track as a student-athlete at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson, MS. He obtained his Associate's Degree in Automotive Mechanics in 1980. He would make sure everyone knew he was an automotive technician, not just a mechanic.

During his time at Co-Lin, Danny won the heart of his lifelong sweetheart, Maxine Banks. They married on October 23, 1981. The story of how they met and united was greatly disputed between the couple, but the love lasted for over forty-four years of marriage. To this union, three children were born.

Although Danny was raised in a Christian household where the Word of God was taught to him regularly, Danny truly accepted Christ in 1978 during a Billy Graham Evangelism Crusade at the Mississippi Coliseum. He spent the rest of his life ministering to others about God's goodness and how Jesus saves. As a man who never met a stranger, Danny spread the Good News to EVERYONE he met, including, but not limited to prisoners incarcerated at Parchman and other facilities.

Danny began his automotive technician career at Woolco in the summer of 1979. He later worked at Firestone before becoming an entrepreneur when he owned and operated Success Automotive Conoco from 1988 to 2005. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Danny worked for FEMA. He also worked at the Corp of Engineers, Go Potty, Shaw Industries, and returned to FEMA before beginning his last employment with the United States Postal Service.

During his work with the various companies, Danny spread God's Word in Louisiana, New York, Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Washington, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Until his health declined, Danny was a faithful member of Higher Ground Family Worship Center, located in Jackson, Mississippi, where he loved teaching Wednesday Bible Study and Sunday School, and was the leader of the Evangelistic Team.

Danny is survived by his loving wife, Maxine Ayers, his four children, Danny (Kimberly) Hillard, Samantha Manning, Joshua (Tasia) Ayers, and Jessica Ayers, his seven grandchildren, Jamal Butler, Jr., Jahmiyah Hillard, Jeremiah Hillard, Jourdan Butler, Sebastian Manning, Amira Hillard, and Alyse Ayers, several beloved in-laws, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and beyond. Danny held a special place in his heart for his niece Victoria (Deshawn) Davis. Danny also had several friends who became family and were loved dearly.

Order of Service

Ruby Allen, Mistress of Ceremony

Processional ~~~~~ Ministers and Family

Selection ~~~~~ "I Trust In God"

Scriptures:

Old Testament ~~~~~ Reverend Hal Banks

Freedman Hall M.B. Church, Hermanville, Mississippi

New Testament ~~~~~ Minister Alton Smith

Prayer ~~~~~ Pastor Robert Smith

Word of Outreach Christian Center, Little Rock, Arkansas

Song ~~~~~ "Nobody Like You Lord"

Resolutions

Reflections:

As a Sibling ~~~~~ Johnny Martin-Ayers

As a Classmate ~~~~~ Darryl Wade

As a Colleague ~~~~~ Richard Neal

As a Friend ~~~~~ Jay Thompson

Pre-Selected Family Reflections

Special Selection ~~~~~ Samantha Manning

Obituary ~~~~~ Read Silently ~~~~~ Soft Music

Song ~~~~~ "Goodness Of God"

Acknowledgments

Eulogy ~~~~~ Pastor Timothy Minter

Higher Ground Family Worship Center, Jackson, Mississippi

Selection ~~~~~ "You Fight On"

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Recessional

