

*Celebrating*

THE

*Life* AND  
*Legacy* OF

*Roosevelt*

HAYES, SR.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 | 11:00 AM  
DR. L.T. MILLER - H.A. SCOTT, SR. COMMUNITY CENTER  
930 LAMAR AVENUE ~ YAZOO CITY, MS 39194  
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*Sunrise*  
OCTOBER 16, 1934

*Sunset*  
MARCH 9, 2024

# ~ O B I T U A R Y ~

## ROOSEVELT “CROW” HAYES, SR.

~June 15, 1955 - September 4, 2023~



Roosevelt Hayes, Sr., a pillar of strength, graced this world on October 16, 1934, in Vaughan, MS born to the late Joe Hayes and Ethel Austin. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the age of 89.

Roosevelt exemplified unwavering faith from his early days in Vaughn, MS, where he accepted Christ under the guidance of the late Rev. Sam Deering, to his devoted service at St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church where he served until his health began to fail. As head deacon, he poured his heart into every aspect of church life, leaving an indelible mark.

Roosevelt's union with Mrs. Jaqueline Hayes was a blessing, even though it did not bring forth children, they were blessed with many. Their love transcended mere words, and their bond was a testament to enduring companionship.

Roosevelt attended Yazoo County Schools. He began his career as the head mechanic at Coleman Motor Co. He left there and founded Hayes Repair Shop where his dedication and dependability shone. His passion for sports and his love for children intersected as he joyfully drove them to games during his 50-year tenure as a bus driver for Yazoo City Municipal School District. His resilience and zest for life touched everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Roosevelt, more affectionately known as “Black Rooster” and “Crow” enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, playing pool, and riding motorcycles. For over six decades, Roosevelt was a devoted member of Widow's Son Masonic Lodge #16, operating under the jurisdiction of the M. W. King Hiram Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of the state of Mississippi. He was a founding member of the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club. Roosevelt's voice was one of a kind. Although he was a man of few words, he said what he meant and meant what he said. He was always a phone call away if you were in need.

Roosevelt, in the tapestry of his life, was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Hayes and Ethel Austin, nine sisters, his son Trumel Keith Cox, his daughter Wille Mae Hayes Lear, and grandson Jermaine Greer.

Roosevelt leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife, Jacqueline Hayes of Yazoo City; daughters Carolyn Soul, Linder (Andre) Mullen, Mary Hayes Wyatt, Linda Young, DeAnna Brewer, and Kim McCoy—all of Yazoo City, MS—along with Lillie Staples of Richmond, CA, Patricia (Gerald) Woolfolk of Jackson, MS, and Delrese Brewer of Biloxi, MS; his sons, Roosevelt Hayes, Jr., and Malcolm McCoy, both of Yazoo City, MS, Derrick (Valerie) Brewer of Madison, MS, and Roosevelt McDonald of Chicago, IL; two brothers, Percy (Fannie) Frye of Chicago, IL, and Thomas Frye of Country Club Hills, IL. And a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# ~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

*Mistress of Ceremony ~ Ms. Minnie Hawthorne*

## PRELUDE

Processional .....	Clergy & Family
Scripture/Prayer .....	Rev. Neal
Musical Selection .....	Johnathan Taylor
Masonic Ceremony .....	M. W. King Hiram Grand Lodge #A.F. & A.M.
Acknowledgements/Resolutions .....	Minnie Hawthorne
Obituary .....	Read Silently
SoloSis .....	Cathy Donald
Eulogy .....	Rev. Steve Dennis

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### **The Crow**

I walk along the wind-blown path  
With leaves strewn at my feet –  
The trees are bent from nature's wrath  
There's someone I must meet.

And as the thought comes to my mind  
A windsong brings a crow  
Which lights upon a branch and I'm  
To learn what I must know.

"It's time," she says, "for you to fly  
You've been given many a feather.  
Try out your wings and touch the sky  
You've long lost any tether.

Leave all the sorrows of long past days  
Rush now, the future's calling.  
All wounds have healed, now turn your gaze  
There is no risk of falling.

Remember that it's me the crow  
Who's helped you find your wings.  
I'm there when soft or strong winds blow  
No matter what life brings."



# ~ TRIBUTES ~



## *"GOD GAVE ME"*

*I asked God for a flower,*

*He gave me a garden.*

*I asked God for a tree, He gave me a forest.*

*I asked God for a river,*

*He gave me an ocean.*

*I asked God for the world, He gave me you.*

*You took a piece of my heart  
with you that day you left the earth.*

*And left a piece of yours in mine,  
Full of memories of days gone by.*

*No more sorrow,*

*No more pain.*

*May your days with God in heaven be great  
'til that day we meet again.*

*~Love Your Wife Jackie~*



# ~ TRIBUTES ~

## **"MEMORIES"**

*If we could have a lifetime wish  
A dream that would come true,  
We'd pray to God with all our hearts  
For yesterday and You.  
A thousand words can't bring you back,  
We know because we've tried...  
Neither will a thousand tears  
We know because we've cried...  
You left behind our broken hearts  
And happy memories too...  
But we never wanted memories  
We only wanted You.  
Love Always  
~Your Children~*

## **LOVING MEMORIES"**

*Your gentle face and patient smile,  
With sadness we recall,  
You had a kindly word for each,  
And died beloved by all.  
The voice is mute and stilled the heart,  
That loved us well and true.  
Ah, bitter was the trial,  
To part from one as good as you.  
You are not forgotten loved one,  
Nor will you ever be,  
As long as life and memory last,  
You will be here with me.  
We miss you now,  
Our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by  
We'll miss you more.  
Your loving smile,  
Your gentle face,  
No one can fill,  
Your vacant place.....*

*Forever in Our Hearts  
~Family~*

## **"DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME"**

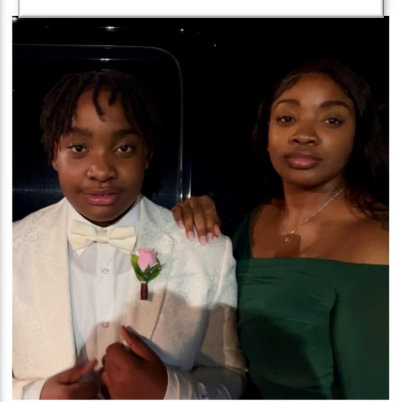
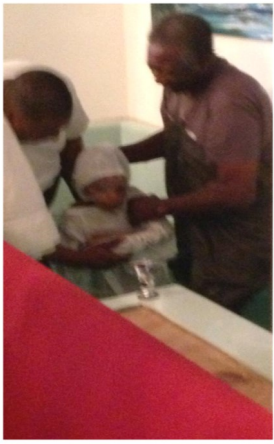
*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
to laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
God called me home on that day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joys,  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
O yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now; He set me free.  
Love, Your Grandchildren*



~PRECIOUS MEMORIES~



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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The family of **Mr. Roosevelt Hayes, Sr.** wishes to express their sincerest gratitude and appreciation to each of you for your prayers, calls, texts, comforting words, support, and other acts of kindness during the untimely passing of our dear loved one.*

*May God continue to bless each of you.*

*~The Family ~*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Roosevelt Hayes, Jr.  
Derrick Brewer  
Roosevelt McDonald

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Shane Taylor | Larry Rucker  
Allen Taylor | Jay Jones  
Owen Young | Zaquaris Neely

## FLOWER BEARERS

Ushers, Family, and Friends

## INTERMENT

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## SERENITY PRAYER

*God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I  
cannot change; Courage to  
change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the  
difference. Living one day  
at a time; Enjoying one  
moment at a time; Accepting  
hardships as the pathway to  
peace; Taking, as He did,  
this sinful world As it is,  
not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make  
all things right If I  
surrender to His Will; So  
that I may be reasonably  
happy in this life And  
supremely happy with Him  
Forever and ever in the  
next.  
Amen.*