



Douglas Haywood

November 14, 2023

In Loving Memory of Douglas McArthur Haywood, born on September 9, 1942, in New Orleans, Louisiana, transitioned to eternal rest November 14, 2023. He was the beloved son of the late Gertrude Douglas Haywood and George Haywood Sr. Embracing Christ at an early age, he was baptized at 12 by Reverend Harry Bray at Asia Baptist Church.

A devoted servant of God, Douglas thrived as a member of Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church, where he engaged in the youth and chancellor choirs, played the drums, and later served as a deacon under Reverend Louis Jackson Senior.

From humble beginnings, Douglas dedicated his life to family, church, and community. A master barber for 52 years, he owned Head Hunters Hair Fashion, a sanctuary of wisdom, guidance, and support. Beyond grooming, Douglas was a beacon of love and mentorship.

In 1980, he joined First Thessalonians Missionary Baptist Church, becoming an ordained deacon in 1982. Answering God's call to preach, he enrolled in Union Baptist Theological Seminary, earning a bachelor of theology degree in 1990. Ordained as a Baptist preacher in 1992, he lived by the motto "I can do something for people, not only physically but spiritually."

In January 1994, Reverend Haywood became pastor of New Israel Baptist Church, leading its growth and resilience. After Hurricane Katrina, he rebuilt the church, burned the mortgage, and made New Israel debt-free, showcasing his unwavering fortitude.

Beyond the pulpit, Douglas served as an activist, business owner, and inspirational voice for the Lower Ninth Ward. As the Protestant chaplain of the New Orleans Fire Department, he actively contributed to the community.

Douglas has been the Pastor Emeritus of New Israel Missionary Baptist Church since March 2021, after Twenty-Nine Years of dedicated service,

Douglas leaves to mourn two children Pastor Keith Haywood Sr. and his wife Brenda of Slidell, LA and Lynnon Haywood Chappell and her husband Pastor Christopher Chappell, Kennesaw, GA. He joins his late wife, Althea Merricks Haywood, in eternal peace after 61 years of marriage.

His brother George Haywood Jr and sister Gloria Holmes preceded his death. One loving sister Jeanette Trask. His granddaughters Kelly (Mike) Garrett of New Orleans, LA; Christy (Mundell) Spence, Forney, TX; Cara (Jonathan) Jones Powder Springs, GA; Lauren Chappell Dallas, TX; Brittney Chappell Kennesaw, GA. His grandsons, Keith Haywood Jr of Houston, TX, Kolin Haywood of New Orleans, LA; Five great grandchildren, Maximilian, Penelope, Knox, Olivia, and Mila; a host of nieces and nephews. He also leaves a host of family members, friends, church, and mission members.

Douglas McArthur Haywood's legacy of faith, resilience, and community impact will forever be cherished.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral service at New Israel, Baptist Church, 6322 Saint Claude Ave. on Wednesday,

November 22, 2023 at 10 AM. Visitation will begin at 9 AM. Interment: Mount Olivet cemetery. Arrangements by Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Israel Baptist Church
6322 St Claude Ave
New Orleans, LA 70177
(504) 279-5105

Funeral Service

NOV 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time. Doug and Alice was extended parents to me. From the age of 13 working in the barbershop, going to church and bowling. I am eternally grateful for knowing his family. It was Doug who helped me realize my passion for doing hair, and becoming a licensed Cos Instructor. He was caring, kind and loving in the community. He truly will be missed and loved.

Debra Woods 🙏

Debra Woods - November 21, 2023 at 03:19 PM

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“ Sending prayers, love and strength to the family. I have only fond memories of Pastor Haywood. He will always be remembered for his kindness and wisdom. Mr. Douglas cared for my hair when I was in elementary school and those talks not only gave me confidence but also helped me weather storms many many years later. He was incredibly skilled in his calling. Whenever I saw him in the neighborhood he would always check in and give me a kind word. I pray his family is comforted by the many lives he touched.

Kenyatta Belton - November 20, 2023 at 03:32 PM

JK

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies on the passing of your loved one Douglas.
I want to let you know how important Douglas was to his aunt Corrinne (Jesse) who was our wonderful housekeeper for 65 years. She worked for my grandmother, my mother, and then me. She was like a second mother to my three children. Jesse will be so happy to accept Douglas in heaven. Jane Leach Gamble King

Jane Leach Gamble King - November 20, 2023 at 10:23 AM

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“ I remember growing up with Uncle Douglas and one of his favorite saying was I love you and you can't do nothing about it 🌹 Love me some him 🙏🌹

belinda varnado wilson - November 19, 2023 at 11:44 AM