



Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles

August 1, 1959 - July 21, 2025

Reverend Dr. Harold Craig Sayles, a devoted servant of the Lord, gained his heavenly reward on July 21st, 2025. He was born August 1st, 1959 to the late Alvin and Patsy Sayles in Los Angeles, California. He was preceded in death by his sister Audrey Holmes of The Bronx, NY.

Harold was educated in the Los Angeles Unified School System and attended San Diego State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. He went on to earn a Master's of Psychology and a Doctorate in Philosophy from American University.

Guided by his faith and a heart for service, Harold served on active duty for 10 years in the United States Army, serving in 2 units, the 82nd Airborne Division and the JFK Special Warfare Operations Center, both at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He also served in the Army Reserve. His military service was a point of pride and commitment to his country.

After many meaningful years of military service, he relocated to Richmond,

Virginia where he met the love of his life, Dr. Cheryl Jordan-Sayles in 1995. In 1996, he joined Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church and they were married in 1997. Their marriage was a beautiful reflection of God's love, filled with faith, laughter, and unwavering devotion. Some of Harold's happiest moments were spent on family vacations, especially relaxing on a cruise. He found joy in every moment with family and believed those times were life's greatest treasures. Harold often spoke of how grateful he was for his life with his family and considered his role as a husband and father, one of his greatest honors. Harold worked in the human service field for well over 35 years as a counselor, instructor, social worker, case manager, and administrator.

In 2002, Harold was called to the ministry and preached his initial sermon and was licensed by The Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church. Harold was deeply committed to serving others and was actively involved in many community activities throughout his life. He volunteered at the local food pantry, coached youth t-ball and basketball, was a member of the Celebration Male Choir, and Veterans of Foreign Wars where he served as the State Chaplain and National Chaplain. He held past memberships in the Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. and Prince Hall Masons to include the Shriners. As a devoted member of Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church, Harold

participated in numerous ministries including the male choir, men's ministry, was a Sunday School teacher, mentored youth as a Cub Master and Scout Master through the Boy Scouts of America and served as one of the associate ministers and assisted many families as the bereavement minister. Offering a listening ear to any neighbor in need, Harold gave of himself freely and without hesitation. His dedication to his church and community has left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. He was an avid fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Lakers and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Harold's favorite Bible verse was Psalm 91:1 "He who dwells in the the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"

He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 28 years Cheryl Jordan-Sayles; children Jasmine Sayles and Jovon Sayles both of Richmond, Joy Jordan of Orlando, FL, Jemise Jordan of Dubai, UAE, and special extended family Roscoe Cooper, IV of Richmond; siblings Michael Sheppard of Inglewood, Ca, Michael Sayles of Philadelphia, Pa, Phillip Sayles of Atlanta, Ga, Genevieve Jones (Marcus) of Bellflower, Ca, Ronald Sayles (Elaine) Oklahoma City, OK, Toni Mallory (Larry) Vallejo, Ca, Jeffery Sayles (Candance) Lynwood, Ca,; a godson Seth

Hardy, and a host
of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

To honor Harold's memory, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to
the Rising Mount
Zion Baptist Church "Make it Happen Campaign".

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 1. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Rise in eternal power and rest in blessed peace sir. 2Corinthians 5:1-10. Thomasine Stroble, patient of your beloved wife Dr. Cheryl Jordan-Sayles



Thomasine Stroble - January 19 at 02:44 PM

MJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Rev. Dr. Harold Sayles. I am praying for you during this time of bereavement. Harold and I were co-workers with the Virginia Area Agency on Aging. May he rest in heavenly peace.

Marvalene Johnson - August 11, 2025 at 04:26 PM

GS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rev. Dr. Harold Sayles' passing. He was always a friendly face. Will be thinking of him and his family. Sincerely, Gillian Saul

Gillian Saul - August 11, 2025 at 04:05 PM

MP

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Mary Pensabene-Albert & Agnes Knowles



Mary Pensabene-Albert - August 04, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BV

As a professional colleague among those of us representing the 25 local agencies that make up the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging, I can attest to the fact that Harold was highly respected and appreciated for his many talents and contributions to the Association and the people of his district and the state through his work in the Association and beyond on behalf aging Virginians, which includes all of us. As a personal friend of Harold's, I can attest to the sense of loss his passing represents for me and all of us who had the chance to know, work with and interact with him. Our hearts go out to his family, friends and community in this time of bereavement. I hope we can all take some comfort in the knowledge that our loss is Heaven's gain.

*Bobby Vassar
Bay Aging*

bobby vassar - August 11, 2025 at 04:57 PM

BT

“ *I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Condolences to you and your family.*

Mrs. Barbara Tyree

Barbara Tyree - August 02, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JH

“ *John A Hines sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles*



John A Hines - August 01, 2025 at 09:14 PM

SW

“ Sonya Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles



Sonya Williams - August 01, 2025 at 07:29 PM

SW

“ Sending prayers to you and your family Dr. Jordan-Sayles.



Sonya Williams - August 01, 2025 at 07:28 PM

SH

“ Sheryl Hilliard lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles



Sheryl Hilliard - August 01, 2025 at 07:19 PM

SH

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family 🙏🙏🙏

Sheryl Hilliard - August 01, 2025 at 07:20 PM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss Dr. Cheryl Jordan- Sayles we love y'all we will keep you in prayer's from the Braxton& Johnson family

maria Braxton - August 01, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles.



August 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles.



July 30, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles.



July 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles.

July 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM

LM

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to Dr Cheryl Jordan-Sayles and Family during this difficult time, May he RIP. Lutricia Lockley

Lutricia M - July 29, 2025 at 09:27 PM

C1

“ Commander Gloria Kenney, VFW Post 10654 sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles



Commander Gloria Kenney, VFW Post 10654 - July 29, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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Commander Gloria Kenney, VFW Post 10654 - July 29, 2025 at 09:18 PM

MT

“ Sending words of deepest condolences to the Sayles Family. Muriel and Herman Thomad



Muriel Thomas - July 28, 2025 at 09:26 PM

DA

“ *Denean Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles*



Denean Anderson - July 28, 2025 at 08:38 AM

WB

“ *Dr. Cheryl Jordan-Sayles and Family, we were saddened to learn of the passing of your beloved husband and extend our sincerest sympathies. We pray that God will grant you solace during this trying time.*



Warren and JoAnne Bell - July 27, 2025 at 02:46 PM

JS

“ *I had the absolute pleasure of working alongside Harold Sayles at Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. He was a Resident Services Advisor and worked serving our elderly population. He was a servant of the elderly, and went above and beyond to provide a variety of services to ensure their health, well-being, and enjoyment of life. He will be truly missed. This world will not be the same without him, but he lived a life worth living. RIP.*
Joan Seldon

Joan Seldon - July 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JC

“ *Judy H Crump And Eugene Crump lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles*



judy H Crump and Eugene Crump - July 26, 2025 at 01:03 PM

GK

“ *Gloria Kenney lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Harold C. Sayles*



Gloria Kenney - July 25, 2025 at 11:54 PM

AR

“ *To the Sayles Family. Rev. Sayles was a very special part of my family. He was very close to my late husband and would always tell me how much he missed Walter. He is now at rest with our Heavenly Father. Job well done. You will be truly missed but God only takes the best.*
Audrey Robinson (Rising Mt. Zion)

Audrey Robinson - July 25, 2025 at 08:07 PM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with The Sayles Family. May God grant you strength, comfort and peace, today and in the days to come*
Derith Hatcher
Rising Mount Zion Baptist

Derith Hatcher - July 25, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 25, 2025 at 01:19 PM

GJ

The Lord bless you and keep you". Numbers 6-24

Gennis L. JACKSON - July 26, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BC

I would like to extend my condolences to the family of the late Rev. Dr. Harold Sayles. He was such as asset to our VFW Post #10654, and the community overall. Such a dynamic Brother/Comrade, and Friend. Farewell for now, we'll see you at the Resurrection. 🙏🙏

Bobby H. Tyler, VFW Post #10654 Chaplain - July 26, 2025 at 09:24 PM

BC

I, also would like to do a "Farewell Salute" to our Comrade, if time permits.

Bobby H. Tyler, VFW Post #10654 Chaplain - July 26, 2025 at 09:28 PM

CM

sending prayers to dr cheryl sayles and family

cheryl murray - July 28, 2025 at 11:21 AM

BS

Comrade Sayles will truly be missed. He has been a great leader and very knowledgeable in his achievements in our VFW post 10654. B Simms

Brenda Simms - July 29, 2025 at 12:54 AM

ML

My sympathies to the family at this difficult time, May there be comfort in knowing he lived a remarkable life and truly had a positive impact on so many lives. Marilyn Leahy

Marilyn Leahy - July 29, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SP

My sincere condolences to Dr. Cheryl Jordan-Sayles and Family during this difficult time. May God continue to wrap his arms around you.

Sherri Page-Thomas - July 30, 2025 at 08:28 AM

VA

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Dr. Cheryl Jordan-Sayles and the family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

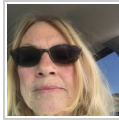
Vernis & Irene Alexander - July 30, 2025 at 10:30 PM

SB

Dr. Cheryl Jordan-Sayles" and family, We send our condolences. Praying that you find peace and comfort in this time of sorrow.

Bennye and Sheila Bridgeforth

sheila Bridgeforth - July 31, 2025 at 04:05 PM



May God enfold Dr. Sayles in His loving arms. Bring loving memories and comfort to his living wife, Cheryl Jordan-Sayles and family. Scottie Rankin

Scottie Rankin - August 12, 2025 at 10:15 PM