



## Herbert Rainey Jr.

June 15, 1951 - September 26, 2024

Herbert Rainey, Jr., born on June 15, 1951, in Richmond, VA, to the late Vivian Deane Rainey and Herbert Rainey, Sr., peacefully transitioned from this life, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and service. A proud graduate of Virginia Randolph High School, Class of 1969, Herbert Jr. was the first in his family to earn a college degree, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1975. His pursuit of knowledge and growth was a hallmark of his character, evident in both his personal and professional life.

Later in life, Herbert Jr. found a spiritual home with the Israelite Nation Worldwide Ministry, where his faith in God became an unshakable foundation. If you asked him about his beliefs, he would tell you with the conviction and grace that defined his spirit.

Herbert Jr. dedicated over 30 years to the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, where he served as a tireless advocate for youth. His commitment to the well-being of young people was not just his job—it was his calling, and he carried out this mission with passion and integrity.

In his leisure, Herbert Jr. was an adventurer of the mind and body. At 19, he discovered a passion for martial arts and began studying Karate, where he quickly realized his talent for powerful kicks. He also found joy in reading,

writing, traveling, exercising, and spending time with his beloved friends, especially his “OGs” from Central Gardens. He was also known for his vibrant spirit when it came to singing karaoke, where his voice and presence could light up a room.

Herbert Jr. leaves behind cherished memories with his two sisters, Lillie Rainey and Melba Rainey-Sayed, his brother-in-law, Magdy Sayed, two nieces, Kelli Rainey and Manal Sayed, and a vast community of extended family members and friends who will forever hold him close in their hearts.

Herbert Rainey, Jr.’s life was one of kindness and generosity, and his legacy will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

# Cemetery Details

## Signal Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum

12360 Hanover Courthouse Road  
Hanover, VA 23069

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Herbert Rainey, Jr., Please Click the Link below. in memory of Herbert Rainey Jr.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - September 30, 2024 at 05:10 PM

MF

*My deepest condolences to the family and friends 🙏 I met Rainey many years ago in Richmond VA as I was big into Karaoke and he would join me at the shows I worked for a friend who is an amazing KJ and she taught me everything I know. Every so often we would sing duets together and always loved to dance with him when he asked! Honestly, he was one of the most genuine souls I've ever met and had the pleasure of being a friend. He always looked out for me and the last time I got to see him, I had to tell him about a mutual friend who was in a coma And he was able to go visit him. He had broken down and cried over the news when I saw him at karaoke and I just held him as he cried. I'm truly going to miss him when I go visit VA again. All my prayers for his family and friends 🙏 May he sing over us all with his amazing voice and personality. God bless. Rest in the Lord's arms now Rainey. Love you my friend and will miss you 💔*

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**Melody Foote** - October 01, 2024 at 06:58 PM

RR

*'67, we moved to CG. I transferred from a Philadelphia school district to Va Randolph. Herbert introduced me to the neighborhood and school... we were all teenagers, we were all friends which made a CG brotherhood. So many old memories but good memories. Herbert was one that showed another way, a different way, in his own way. Herbert was always around, that constant person at reunions, CG luncheons...I really admired Herbert but never told him that. Ray Kareem Rasheed (fka: Ray Green)*

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**Ray Rasheed** - October 02, 2024 at 08:28 AM

BF

*In 1966 we moved to Central Gardens. My late brother and I met you the first week, and a bond was formed. Time passes so fast and for 58 years we had an unbreakable friendship.*

*As we reflect on every milestone in our life you have been there. You have been a brother-in-law to Sheila and an uncle to my children. Realizing I cannot reach you by telephone I will just remember all the good times. We will miss you. As the song goes, it is so hard to say goodbye therefore I will leave you with these words "until we meet again."*

*Bruce Fields Sr. and Family*

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**Bruce and Sheila Fields** - October 02, 2024 at 05:24 PM

AW

*We are keeping the Rainey Family in our thoughts and prayers. Herbert was a good neighbor and always had something funny to say. We will miss him very much. From Angie and Guy Walton.*

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**Angie and Guy Walton** - October 09, 2024 at 12:10 PM

SS

“ To the family Herbert will be missed. May God shine his light on each of you. Rest on Herbert take this well deserved sleep.



Stephanie Scott - October 10, 2024 at 12:47 PM

MH

“ My condolences to the Rainey family



Monica Holmes - October 10, 2024 at 11:04 AM

RJ

“ To the Rainey family my condolences, I met Herbert through one of his closest friends months ago, (Bruce Fields) I enjoyed talking to him and taking in some knowledge and wisdom, may he rest in heaven 🙏, Robb Jordan Jr

Robert L Jordan - October 09, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herbert Rainey Jr..



October 09, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Voni planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Rainey Jr..

Voni - October 09, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert Rainey Jr..



October 08, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ Chris Edwards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Rainey Jr..

Chris Edwards - October 08, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ Buddy Lee ,Anna, Arita, Mikey , Leteshia purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Herbert Rainey Jr..



Buddy Lee ,Anna, Arita, Mikey , Leteshia - October 08, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Buddy Lee ,Anna, Arita, Mikey , Leteshia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Rainey Jr..

Buddy Lee ,Anna, Arita, Mikey , Leteshia - October 08, 2024 at 01:55 PM

TL

“ *The Parks Family. One love! purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Herbert Rainey Jr..*



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**The Parks Family. One love!** - October 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM

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“ *The Parks Family. One love! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Rainey Jr..*

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**The Parks Family. One love!** - October 08, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert Rainey Jr..*



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October 06, 2024 at 08:25 PM

SJ

“ *Shannon, Chris and Jess planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Rainey Jr..*

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**Shannon, Chris and Jess** - October 06, 2024 at 08:25 PM

BP

“ *Brandy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herbert Rainey Jr..*

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**Brandy P.** - October 03, 2024 at 06:56 PM

KE

“ 2 files added to the album *Celebration of Life*



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**Kelli** - October 02, 2024 at 10:59 PM

RF

“ *The family of Herbert Rainey, Jr. wishes to extend our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, and presence have brought us great comfort as we remember and celebrate Herbert's remarkable life. We are forever grateful for the role each of you played in his journey and for standing with us in our grief.*

*Though our hearts are heavy, we find peace in knowing that Herbert's spirit lives on in the countless lives he touched. Thank you for sharing in his legacy of love, faith, and kindness.*

*With heartfelt appreciation,  
The Rainey Family*

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**Rainey Family** - October 02, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Herbert Rainey Jr..*



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October 02, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CB

“ To the family of Herbert Rainey, I met him a long time ago and he always had the brightest persona about himself. May god be with his family and loved ones at this time.

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**Carolyn Banks** - October 02, 2024 at 02:23 AM

MR

“ Words can not express the sorrow felt. Rainey, gosh can't even remember how long have know him, many years, a great man, singer, and soul. Will miss you brother...keep singing my friend.

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**Max Rogers** - October 01, 2024 at 12:55 PM

ET

“ I met Rainey many many moons ago when i got into karaoke. He was always so warm and kind. He always took the time to ask how I was doing. I loved hearing him sing and loved hearing his little nuggets of wisdom.

To anyone impacted by his passing, no matter what form that may take, i am sending love and light your way.

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**Ellisha Taylor** - October 01, 2024 at 10:16 AM

MM

Rainey family;  
I express my sincere sympathy to you. May the love of those around you provide comfort and peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Margaret (Peggy) Moore

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**Margaret Moore** - October 02, 2024 at 01:40 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 30, 2024 at 05:09 PM