



Reverend Jasper Edward Peyton Jr.

December 31, 1926 - January 3, 2019

Reflection of Life

Peyton, Jasper Edward Jr., 92, passed away on January 3, 2019 in Richmond, Va. Rev. Peyton was born in Richmond, Va. to Jasper & Rosa Peyton Sr. on December 31, 1926. He graduated Armstrong High School in Richmond, Va. and attended Virginia Union University. He married Sarah Peyton in April of 1949 in New York. This union was blessed with one daughter, Rose Laverne Abernathy.

Rev. Jasper Peyton Jr. is preceded in death by his parents, Jasper & Rosa Peyton Sr.; wife, Sarah Peyton; his brothers, Errol, Welford, Vernon, and Reginald Peyton (Rip); sister, Alice Peyton & Evelyn Robinson; his grandson, Arke Abernathy, along with countless other friends and family members. Rev. Peyton is survived by his daughter, Rose LaVerne Abernathy; Mary Laverne Walker Fields (sister), Melvin Peyton (brother), Albert Peyton (brother), and Doris Carlton (sister); grandchildren, Angela Easley, Trinette Moseley, Ronaldo Moseley, Earnest Abernathy and Chaka Abernathy; 30 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a church family, and numerous people whose life he touched.

Rev. Jasper Peyton joined the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) in 1950 and served in several capacities including: organizer, shop

steward, editor of local newspaper, education director locally, assistant education and political director nationally, art class instructor, a founder of the Fulton Art Fair, Brooklyn < New York, and ILGWU training institute coordinator. During his Labor career, Rev. Peyton participated in international labor conferences in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Ghana, Africa. He was listed in Who's Who in American Labor. He retired in 1995. Rev. Peyton is the former President of the Congress of Christian Education of the New York State Progressive National Baptist Convention, and served as Chaplain in the New York State Supreme Court Officers Association, ILA-AFL-CIO.

Some of the most unforgettable highlights of his ministerial career include: participating in a Communion Service in the Upper Room in Jerusalem; conducting a Worship, Service on the Sea of Galilee; and, preaching from the pinnacle of the Mount of Transfiguration, where the Apostle Peter uttered the words, "Lord, it is good for us to be here: If thou wilt, let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." One of his most cherished memories is that of walking where Jesus walked, along the pathway en route to Calvary.

Rev. Peyton's many commitments at Bethany Baptist Church have included: former President of the Senior Choir, President of the Presidents Council, President of the Virginia Club, and Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was also the Adult Sunday School Instructor. In February of 2007, Rev. Peyton was presented the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Eastern Theological Seminary. Rev. Peyton served as Interim Pastor at Bethany Baptist Church until January, 2008. He then served as Assistant to the Pastor under Dr. David A. Hampton, the tenth pastor called to the Historic Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn until Dr. Hampton's departure in December of 2011, at which time, Rev. Peyton again took the helm as Interim Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church. In May of 2013, he was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey as Senior Pastor. Rev. Peyton came home to be

with his daughter and family in 2016.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JAN 9. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

31st Street Baptist Church
823 North 31st Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ Hello to the family of Rev Payton I was a former member of Bethany Baptist church of Brooklyn New York I remember Rev Payton with fondness he always had a smile and was very comforting when he visited my mother in the hospital and I was so distraught. May he rest in Eternal Peace with the Most High A beautiful Soul



Ann Alexander - February 15, 2024 at 12:57 PM

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Sorry to hear he past away... I was raised in Bethany... Boy Scouts... Doctor William August Jones... and Payton... sometimes in his passion he screamed and didn't hear a word he said.....sometimes at breakfast in the basement I sat and shared a meal with him... if he didn't sit at the pastors table with Jones

Frederick Lewis Vines , Sr - June 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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I was a usher there as well

Frederick Lewis Vines , Sr - June 15, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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Dr Jones baptized me there

Frederick Lewis Vines , Sr - June 15, 2025 at 12:33 PM

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Last Time I was there in Bethany, was at Dr Jones Homecoming, Sunset...

Frederick Lewis Vines , Sr - June 15, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Reverend Jasper Edward Peyton Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Frankie Pryor and Valerie Harris purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Reverend Jasper Edward Peyton Jr..*



Frankie Pryor and Valerie Harris - January 08, 2019 at 01:48 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 - January 07, 2019 at 01:40 PM