



## Maynard Oliver Crawley,, Jr.

March 7, 1951 - March 10, 2016

### Legacy of Life

"I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace." -Ephesians 3:7

Maynard Oliver Crawley, Jr., was born to the late Maynard O. Crawley, Sr. and Velma V. Crawley on March 7, 1951 in Richmond, Virginia. After a traumatic year of health challenges, which he overcame victoriously, Maynard transitioned too soon this life on March 10, 2016 surrounded by family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 35 years, Pearl Wise Crawley; daughter, Kayla Joy Crawley, and 3-year old grandson, Tsion M. Smith, both the Joy and the Apple of his eye. The first child of 5, Maynard earthly departs brothers, Lamont, Aldric and Terrence Crawley, and sister, Mrs. Alison Wilson, along with beloved extended Montagaue, Crawley, Vaughan (MCV) & Wise families and a host of friends and colleagues!

From elementary through high school Maynard grew up in an U.S. Air Force family, travelling the world, grounding him with a universal, can-do approach to life. He excelled in basketball, which led him to scholarships and eventually ALL STATE MICHIGAN tournaments in late 1960s. He graduated from Hillsdale College with a B.S., Sociology in early 1970s. He started his career with the VA Department of Corrections. Beginning in the 1980s, Maynard's professional,

executive career covered 17 years at Prudential Financial, Inc., which included Vice Presidencies in Marketing, Education, Training, Accounting & Agencies.

Thereafter, he executed his skills in institutional programming, strategic thinking/innovation in areas of the arts, literature, film, radio, television, and other studio productions: He collaborated with many companies, e.g.,: Amazon, Newark, NJ; TV34, Montclair, NJ; West Deptford Free Public Library, Trenton, NJ; Ken Browne Productions, NY; Dr. Ozz Radio Show-Oprah & Friends, NY; The Forest Park Trust, Inc., NY; New York Times; Baltimore City Public Schools, MD; Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS; Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, TN; Child Care Professional Development Institute- SLC, UT; and Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit-Gresham, OR. Of such business acumen, Maynard was all about love and we felt it.

And throughout his life Maynard harnessed his passions-- ) For gathering and sitting down with family, friends, just talking and eating; and 2) As a musician, playing guitar and bass on gospel and rock! For 17 years he played with the Virginia-based Soul Seekers gospel band, stirring our souls. And throughout his life he jammed classic rock and R&B music in other local bands or in the comforts of his home sunroom or garage. Maynard was our patriarch, rock star, and family minister of wisdom for living! For all of us today who are listening/reading this, Maynard held his relationships- -Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Cousin, Nephew, Friend, Neighbor- -closest to his heart, and they remain with all of us through the lessons he shared and the music he played as a servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

P.S. "If you call me in the morning/And I fail to answer the phone/I may be getting ready or may be already gone/Because I just stop by on my way home..." --From song "On My Way Home" by William Howard, Sr. as shared

this lyric, 3-11-16, by Gerard Brooks, of Soul Seekers.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street  
Richmond, VA 23220

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 15. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

MAR 15. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Baptist Church  
2040 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maynard Oliver Crawley,, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I was Maynard’s friend in 1969 -70 at Barnard Hall on the campus of Central Michigan University. Our dorm rooms were across the hall from each other. He and his roommate Fred were generous and kind people who made my time there a blessing which I treasure to this day. I learned of his passing as I searched the web for jim, hoping to see him again as we moved into our later years. I remember him with great affection. We lusted together to John Mayall hour after hour. Sometimes he would come by and have me play a particular cut just to hear a brief sax part. So much more I could say. He was special. -Mike O’Meara*

**Mike O’Meara** - March 12, 2018 at 06:57 AM



*Forgive my typos. I meant we “listened” to John Mayall.*

**Mike O’Meara** - March 12, 2018 at 07:00 AM



“ *Love, Austin, Michelle, Renee and Marie Harton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maynard Oliver Crawley,, Jr..*



**Love, Austin, Michelle, Renee and Marie Harton** - March 15, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Maynard Oliver Crawley,, Jr..*



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March 15, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ *TO Kayla and the Crawley family, My family and I are so sorry for your loss, we are praying for you daily may the lord comfort you at this most difficult time,  
GOD BLESS ALL of YOU  
Janet Jones, Reginald Tucker and family  
New Haven CT*



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**Janet Jones** - March 15, 2016 at 09:41 AM



“ *Mrs. Crawley, Kayla, Tsion and Family,  
We are keeping you close in thoughts and prayers. Praying that the Lord, the source of all consolation, comfort you, uplift your spirit and be with you and your family at this time in your life's journey. Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:14. Memories are just a quick thought away. May you remember the love and blessings of life that you shared with Mr.Crawley and cherish these forever.*



*Smith Family  
Rahway,NJ*

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**R.L.Smith** - March 14, 2016 at 06:28 PM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences to Kayla and family during this time of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal.

*Patricia A. DeWitt and Family, New Haven, CT*

Patricia A. DeWitt - March 14, 2016 at 11:40 AM

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“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family. May you find comfort from the Father of tender mercies which the Bible relates at 2Cor. 1:3,4. We hope his word will continue to provide comfort for the family especially at this time of grief.

Armstrong Family - March 14, 2016 at 10:18 AM

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“ P.C. and Kayla, my condolences to you in Maynard transition from duty to reward. As with all of my other Soul Seeker uncles I loved him dearly. God bless you and keep you.



LaTanya Shelley - March 14, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ 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 - March 12, 2016 at 07:17 PM