



## Solomon Haywood, Sr.

May 10, 1936 - January 8, 2015

Solomon Haywood, Sr., was born May 10, 1936 in Halifax, North Carolina to the late Rebecca Haywood. On January 8, 2015 he peacefully transitioned from his earthly home and safely arrived at his new home in heaven. Solomon was reared by his maternal aunt, Emma Haywood, and grandmother, Hester Haywood who loved and cared for him throughout his formative years. It was during those years Solomon learned the importance of compassion and sensitivity to the needs of others.

He was educated in the Halifax County Public School System in North Carolina. While attending school Solomon learned the importance of committing to a task until the job was completed. At an early age Solomon developed a strong work ethic which became a daily part of his character. As a teen Solomon relocated to Richmond with his aunt Emma and his grandmother Hester A. Haywood, where he learned the craft of tailoring. Gifted with his creative abilities he quickly found a job as a tailor at Eljo's Men's Clothing Store in downtown Richmond and at Azalea Mall. For several years he mended, altered and made men's suits. It was because of his desire to accomplish much in life he established goals for himself desiring to improve the quality of life for himself.

In 1959, Solomon married the love of his life, Arnell Easter, and to this union five children were born Michele, Claudia, Nicole, Solomon and Spencer

Haywood. It was during the early 60s that Solomon became a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, where he was still an active member. He was a member of the Male Chorus and the Holy Rosary Gospel Choir under the direction of Dr. Joseph Robinson. Solomon loved his church and participated for many years in The Passion Play, "What a Week for Jesus" playing the role of a soldier.

In November 1973 Solomon became an active member of the Knights of Columbia, Father Charles O'Leary Council 6457 at Holy Rosary. Solomon rose through the ranks and became Treasurer of the Council service for more than 20 years. Solomon also participated in the Fourth Degree active member of the Msgr. John J McMahon Assembly 2205 Richmond, VA.

Solomon Haywood was a trailblazer, an astute businessman and entrepreneur. In the early 70's, he became the first black man to work as an insurance agent with Prudential Life Company of America in Richmond. After twenty-five years of dedicated service Solomon retired from Prudential Life Insurance Company. After retiring, he became the co-founder of Associated Insurance Company, Inc., where he sold life and health, property-casualty, and investment insurance. He also found the time to open his own restaurant in addition to owning rental property.

Solomon's zest for life and love for people guided him to work as a taxicab driver for Manhattan Taxi Company. He worked for Manhattan Taxi Company for many years before acquiring his very own taxi cab company, Metropolitan Cab Company. Solomon proved to be an outstanding businessman, managing the company with a fleet of ten operating taxi cabs. Solomon transported the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the sick and the infirmed. Solomon would always provide transportation to those in need whether they could afford the service or not. One of the highlights of his transportation career was the time he transported NBA basketball players, Mr. Charles Oakley and Mr. Ben

Wallace. He proved sports including NFL football, NBA basketball and tennis.

Solomon was a quiet, gentle gifted man. He possessed the gift of compassion and was always looking for ways to help his fellow man. It was intent and desire to help young black men become productive citizens. Solomon provided jobs for many who needed employment.

Solomon never forgot those famous words shared by his elders, "it matters not where you come from but what you do when you get there." Solomon was a wonderful husband, loving father and proud grandfather, where he instilled in his children that education is the key to success.

He enjoyed traveling with his family to Toronto, Canada, Denver, Colorado, New Orleans, LA, and Las Vegas, NV. Atlantic City, NJ, several cruises and most of all to the beautiful island of Aruba where he visited several times.

Solomon Haywood, Sr., was predeceased by three sisters, Maggie Fleming, Eva Whitaker Bower and Beulah Whitaker Daniels; two brothers, William and Clinton Whitaker. Leaving to treasure his memory to his loving wife Arnell E. Haywood, three loving daughters, Michele Heywood (Germantown, MD.) Claudia Haywood (son-in-law, Terry McMurry), Clarksburg, MD., Nicole Mehlbrech( son-in-law, Stephen Cresskill, NJ; two attentive sons, Solomon Heywood, Jr., Chesterfield, VA and Spencer Haywood, Sr., Henrico, VA; seven caring grandchildren, Juanita Wilkerson, Sierra Mehlbrech, Justin Mehlbrech, Aiya McMurry, Quinton McMurry, Spencer Haywood, Jr., Lela Cauthorne and Ayshia Cauthorne and many devoted nephews nieces cousins and friends

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Previous Events

## viewing

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

JAN 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
3300 "R" Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ *Solomon Haywood, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Michele lit a candle in memory of Solomon Haywood, Sr.*



**Michele** - March 11, 2015 at 07:15 PM



“ *My Dad was a strong, kind, sensitive and caring man. He loved serving the people of the Richmond community through his work. He was a great father and loved all 5 of his children in a unique way.*

*I am missing him today, but want to keep his legacy alive by being an example of caring for other people.*

*Michele Haywood*

**Michele** - March 11, 2015 at 07:15 PM

SH

*My belated condolence to the family. You will meet your dad again in heaven just as I will meet my dad. My name is Sharon Haywood and my dad name is TC Haywood from Bastrop Co, Texas. my sister and I we do family research and I remember hearing your dad's name some were. very powerful and bold name. would it be possible for you to email me to let me know did your dad ever speak of relatives in Bastrop Texas or Austin Texas. thank you have a blessed day and Merry Christmas to you.*

*Sharon Haywood  
sharon56haywood@gmail.com*

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**Sharon haywood** - December 20, 2016 at 04:46 AM

KC

“ *God shared one of His great gifts with all of us. Now this gift has returned to the Father to do greater things.*



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**Karen Carterrr** - January 16, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Solomon Haywood, Sr..*



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January 12, 2015 at 09:38 AM

SF

“ *May you be comforted by the memories and love he left in your hearts ,till you meet again. Love to all of you*



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**Sherry Feeney** - January 12, 2015 at 08:58 AM

MA

“ God will definitely show you the way to smiling again. I know this experience will change you forever. Just remember all the good times you shared with your father and all the love he gave you throughout the years. He is not gone. He will live in your hearts forever.



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**Monique Adams** - January 12, 2015 at 08:25 AM

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**Claudia Haywood** - January 11, 2015 at 09:36 PM

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**Claudia Haywood** - January 11, 2015 at 09:33 PM

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**Claudia Haywood** - January 11, 2015 at 09:30 PM

DP

“ *Deborah Patillo lit a candle in memory of Solomon Haywood, Sr.*



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**Deborah Patillo** - January 11, 2015 at 05:47 PM

DA

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of your loved one . How comforting to know that Almighty God has not only the power but the desire to reunite us with our loved ones by means of the resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible at John 5 : 28,29*

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**Delores Allen** - January 10, 2015 at 05:17 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 09, 2015 at 04:49 PM

MI

*As Father's Day, I think of the time we spent together last year at this time. Although the time we spent together was short, the quality of the time spent was so enjoyable. Daddy, I will always love you for the strong man you were and the lessons you taught me about life. You will always be the number one Dad and the man I most admired. You left us too soon, but I now understand that God needed an angel like you in heaven.*

*Happy Father's Day and I love you always!  
Michele Haywood*

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**Michele** - May 29, 2015 at 09:23 PM