



Wendell David Hairston Sr.

July 14, 1951 - July 16, 2011

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

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Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 22. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Family Hour

JUL 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JUL 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Transformation Church Of Jesus Christ
5150 Baltimore National Pike
Baltimore, MD

Service

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wendell David Hairston Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Wow*

Wendell Hairston - August 31, 2014 at 03:06 AM



“ *Mr. Hairston was my music teacher at Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. Elementary school . He was the best Music teacher in my life. When it was my birthday he played Happy Birthday on the piano. I remember the last time i saw him , Me and my friends were coming from a end of the year party in class, after the party we went to music in after school child first. He gave us donuts and gift bags with candy. I missed the time when he taught me how to play killer joe on the piano.*

This Message is coming from one of his students Jasmine LaPrade (12 years old)

He inspired me to get a Piano for christmas



Jasmine LaPrade - November 02, 2013 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ *Jernay Hinton lit a candle in memory of Wendell David Hairston Sr.*



Jernay Hinton - August 25, 2011 at 07:21 PM

JH

“ *First I would like to extend my condolences to The Hairston Family. My name is Jernay Hinton, I was a student of Mr. Hairston`s at Lombard Middle School form 1988-90. I can see very clearly in my mind the first day I met Mr. Hairston when I tried out for the jazz band of which I became drummer of. Im very hurt at the news of his loss. He was so much more than a teacher to me as well as the band the years we played with him. Dave Hairston was one of the few teachers that really cared about his students, he gave me inspiration and confidence to learn multiple instruments all as well as follow all of my dreams. Mr. Hairston gave many of us our first paying gigs, and most always used his own personal instruments to teach us. I can honestly say that Wendell Hairston was one of the greatest influences in my life. Im not sure if I had the chance to tell him that in any of our recent conversations,but I will say to his family. I`am Honored To Have Known My Teacher, Mentor And Friend Wendell Dave Hairston..May His Memory Live Forever..And He` Walks With Me Daily. Thanking GOD For Such A Beautiful Person That Made Life A Lil Better*

Jernay Hinton - August 25, 2011 at 07:20 PM

CD

“ Cynthia P. Davis lit a candle in memory of
Wendell David Hairston Sr.



Cynthia P. Davis - July 27, 2011 at 02:20 PM

DX

“ To The Hairston Family

*I was a student of Mr.Hairston at Forest Park Senior High School(
1974).He was a great teacher and very humble.My prayers
,thoughts, and blessings continue to be sent your way!
Doris*

Doris xxxxxx - July 25, 2011 at 02:55 PM

JS

“ John R. Blackwell, Sr lit a candle in memory
of Wendell David Hairston Sr.



John R. Blackwell, Sr - July 23, 2011 at 08:12 AM

JS

*The confidence and joy you instilled in my son, at Garrison JHS some
32 years ago when he was just 13 years old, remains with him today.
May the love of God rest, rule, and abide in your spirit, henceforth now
and forever.*

John R. Blackwell, Sr - July 23, 2011 at 08:21 AM

JL

“ *Mr. Hairston*
"You smiled, you cared, you laughed, you shared!"



The first time I saw you was in Child First. You taught me how to play the bells. Then a few months later you taught me how to play the xylophone. Then you picked me to play the keyboard in our school band at the Art of Change at the Walters Art Gallery.

Thank you so so so much!! On this very day I am now in pain. but, I will always have you in my heart. I thank God for him and I know he is going up to a good place because he was a good man. I will pray everyday and night that he is in heaven with God. When I grow up I want to be just like him!

Love,
Jasmine LaPrade
Dr. Bernard Harris, Child First

Jasmine LaPrade - July 23, 2011 at 06:30 AM

RG

“ *To The Hairston Family,*

My fondest memories of Mr. Hairston is his smile and his patience. He practiced with me to learn "If You Believe in Yourself" from The Wiz for an assembly at Garrison Junior High School. That year Mr. Hairston gathered his students and turned them into an orchestra for the production of the Wiz which should have been on Broadway. It's a tribute to a dedicated, gentle, kind, hardworking, gentleman and talented teacher.

I am sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.

--Rosalind Gittings, Former Teacher at Garrison Middle School

Rosalind Gittings - July 22, 2011 at 09:06 PM

BC

“ To Mr Hairston's family,

Our fondest memories will remain of Mr. Hairston and his young proteges performing at our Annual Beautillion-Cotillion. For 13 years, the Winston Jazz Band was a much anticipated feature of the event. Mr. Hairston was a gifted mentor to countless youth, who can appreciate the time and talent he shared with them.

May the Source of Peace and Comfort grant both to those he loved.

*Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

Barbara Crawley - July 22, 2011 at 02:15 PM

RJ

“ *Dave was that rare individual whom if you were fortunate to encounter left a profound impresssion upon your life! His positive attitude and love for people, especially children was incomparable. I am greatly sadden to learn of the untimely departure of a such dear friend, visionary and community leader. However the ripples from this exemplary life will continue to touch, teach and inspire. In closing we must strive to be the best we can be and reach for the greatness in others, but most of all ourselves.*

Robert C. Griffin Jr. - July 22, 2011 at 02:04 PM

RM

“ I had seen Mr. Hairston in many events around town over the years and I had always wanted to do something where he could play at that event. When I was ordained to the priesthood this year, Mr. Hairston and company played at my reception and it was delightful seeing the young people play and my parishoners dance to their music. What a generous and delightful man, and he will be missed by many. Our loss is heaven's gain. May God Bless his Soul.

*Rev. Charles Mercer
Assistant Rector
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church*

Rev. Charles Mercer - July 22, 2011 at 11:22 AM

LP

“ I met Mr. Hairston at his father's 85th birthday party. I was the caterer for that event. What a lovely family. When my own father passed away, I asked him to play at my father's repass. He graciously accepted. My father loved jazz, and Mr. Hairston put on an extraordinary performance. I am sure he will be greatly missed. He was a very generous and kind man.

*Lynn Pickens
Bottom Line Caterers*

Lynn Pickens - July 22, 2011 at 11:12 AM



“ According to His tender mercy, God, who is infinite in His wisdom, has seen fit to move from our midst our beloved brother in Christ, David Wendell Hairston.



And whereas brother David Wendell Hairston demonstrated a lifelong commitment to God and served his church and community with faithfulness and honor.

WHEREAS, the passing of this great leader has caused a deep sadness in the community, and he will be remembered well.”

Therefore be it resolved, that Pastor Kaiser W. Jones Jr., The Official Board, and Disciples of the Refuge Missionary Baptist Church are truly sadden to learn of the passing of our beloved brother in Christ, David Wendell Hairston. Although his voice is silent he shall forever remain a part of our memory. We pray that God may grant you the comfort needed at this time. May you lean heavily on the promises of God and trust Him for His grace. There is no other one who can comfort your hearts and console your mind. Understand that His will must be done.

Life is but a Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place, A pause in what's to be,

A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys, Different paths along the way,

We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place, Far greater than we know.

For some the journey's quicker, For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends, We'll claim a great reward,

And find an everlasting peace, Together with the lord

Author unknown

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in church files.

Done and ordered this 21st day of July in the year of our Lord, 2011.

*Humbly Submitted,
Rev. Kaiser W. Jones, Jr., Pastor
Robert E. Cole, Chairperson, Board of Deacons
Sherrill E. Moore, Chairperson, Board of Trustees*

Refuge Baptist Church - July 21, 2011 at 01:28 PM

CS

“ *Many years ago I was a teacher at Garrison Junior High. I taught eighth graders, so did not attend the ninth grade graduation in the auditorium. I was in the teachers' lounge during my lunch break, when I heard this dreadful version of Pomp and Circumstance being played as the graduates were filing in. I ran into the band teacher in the parking lot a few days later, and he talked about how pitiful his band students were and how they were unable to learn the music. The following year, that music teacher was gone...Wendell Hairston had replaced him. Well, within a year's time, Wendell had taken that same group of students and had turned them into a jazz band not to be believed. They put on a production of The Wiz that was so good it traveled to other states. Needless to say, Pomp and Circumstance was played for the ninth grade graduates as it should have been...well...by those very same students who, the year before, had been decribed as unable to learn the music.*

In short, Wendell Hairston was an incredibly talented musician and teacher. He inspired young people and helped so many of them to develop their musical talents. I was so sad to hear of his passing. I hadn't seen Wendell for many years, but this sad news brought back the memory of what one dedicated individual can do to change lives in a positive way. I wanted to share that story with his family and to express my sincere sympathy.

*Respectfully,
Chris Snee*

Christine Snee - July 21, 2011 at 12:09 PM

RJ

“ *Mr. Hariston will truly be missed by all who knew. Take comfort in God and know that he is with you during this time.*

*Anthony & Ruth Jackson
Gwynn Oak, MD*



Ruth Jackson - July 21, 2011 at 09:52 AM

HM

“ *I can't begin to tell you how shocked my wife and I were to hear about this tragedy. We have fond memories of Mr. Hairston. He came to our house in Randallstown back in the late 1980's and taught our daughter the bassoon. She became all county bassoon thanks to his private lessons. I had a piano and my drums in the basemant where he gave his lessons, and on several occasions, Mr. Hairston would sit at the piano and I would play drums and we would do some jazz jamming. Years later my wife and I were visiting the Baltimore Museum of Art and there was a yound jazz ensemble playing. When I followed the music I noticed that Mr. Hairston was leading the children. They were terrific. During the break, I walked over to Mr. Hairston and he remembered my daughter, and me and my wife. He was a genuinely nice man. He loved music. He loved working with young people, and I'm sure the school system will miss his talent and smiling personality. Know that we are all greiving this loss.*

*Respectfully,
Sheila and Howard Maleson*

Howard Maleson - July 21, 2011 at 09:51 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 - July 20, 2011 at 10:35 AM

MW

On behalf of the students and staff of the After school program at Dr. Bernard Harris, Sr. Elementary School, we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Hairston. Our memories will last forever because Mr. Hairston was the BEST instrumental music teacher our program has ever had. We will miss him dearly. We are blessed because he was a part of our lives and he taught us beautiful music.

Mae Williams - July 20, 2011 at 09:14 PM

DW

I worked with Mr. Hairston at Yorkwood Elementary School. We worked closely on various activities together during his stay at Yorkwood. When I saw the interview from 1996 on the news, my heart just sank. We had such a great time putting that play together and allowing the students to learn about Renaissance era. He was a wonderful music teacher, with so much talent and compassion for his work and the students and an all around nice man. We have truly lost a gem. I feel honored and blessed to have known and work Mr. Wendell Hairston. Praying for his wife and family.

Denise Whye

Denise X. Whye - July 21, 2011 at 10:47 PM

MH

To my family I am sorry that I could not make it to Baltimore for David 's funeral service. Be asured that I love all of you and my prayers are with the family always. Be blessed God it still in control and he never makes a mistake.

Uncle Marvin, Columbus Ohio

Marvin C. hairston - July 22, 2011 at 02:38 PM

CH

A couple of years ago when I lost my sister/best friend, someone shared this quote that I now share with Dave's family and friends. "Grief is the price we pay for loving". We will all grieve according to the love we have for him. He was a great friend, a great colleague, and great collaborator to me and many others. God Bless his soul, and his families hearts. Send them comfort Lord.

Cash Hester

Cash Hester - July 23, 2011 at 05:49 PM

RC

Dave was a great teacher and friend. He took the time to teach anyone who wanted to learn. I am grateful that he took the time to teach me. I have never seen anyone so excited about the success of his students than him. He said, " Time is the most precious gift you can give someone." He will be missed by all.

Rhonda Coleman

Rhonda Coleman - August 02, 2011 at 07:02 PM