



Wilbur “Dickie” Hayes, III was born on June 8, 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio to Wilbur and Charles Hayes and was the oldest child of that union. Dickie was baptized at an early age by the late R. L. Clark, at Progressive Baptist Church, where he served as a junior usher.

Dickie graduated from Glenville Senior High School in 1967 where he excelled in his studies and achieved extremely high SAT test scores. As a result, Ford Motor Company recruited him upon graduation to join their organization as a Data Processor. He later continued his studies obtaining college degrees in Business and in Economics.

For the past 15 years Dickie has shared his talents and gifts at St. Augustine Church Hunger Center. Dickie oversaw the preparation and distribution of meals to the Tremont community and to thousands from all over the city; the homeless, veterans, persons with special needs, those in shelters, second chance offenders, and anyone that was in need. St. Augustine Hunger Center provides meals three times a day seven days a week and special meals on holidays.

As the Head Chef, Dickie never once complained of the extreme undertaking. He shared the following comment with Fox8 Cleveland News, ***“I’m so gratified that I’m able to be here to help, to assist these people. Because, I mean, to see the smiles, the looks on their faces when they come in and they got a nice meal, and atmosphere, everything, everything is just lovely.”***



His interests included family, reading, chess, basketball, football and he excelled in tennis. His love of sports undoubtedly came from his late grandfather, Wilbur Filmore Hayes, who was the Sgt of Arms of the American Division of the Old Negro League Baseball Team. His grandfather went on to become the General Manager and eventual owner of the Cleveland Buckeyes Baseball Team.



Dickie was the life of any gathering. He had a great sense of humor and knew just the right prank to play or story to tell at any given moment. The use of facial expressions during one of his stories would cause one to cry from laughing so hard. Although Dickie found much joy in making others laugh, he himself really didn’t have a laugh, he would just say, “heah-heah, yeah.”

His love of learning often found him engaging in thought provoking conversations. Dickie had subtle ways of letting you know when you were being out-witted, but never looked down on you. He was focused and determined and could succeed at anything he attempted.

He shared his love for the Lord with his loved ones. He confessed that he had given his life to Christ and depended on Him to lead and guide him daily. He learned to trust that the Lord would show him how to become a servant to others and draw closer to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Dickie was a major influence in so many lives and played a crucial role with many people past and present. Being the eldest he was like a third parent to his siblings.

Wilbur “Dickie” Hayes, III passed away surrounded by family and friends on February 5, 2020 in Cleveland, Ohio after a valiant battle against Metastatic Liver Cancer. His passing has left a hole in many hearts, and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Larissa, father Wilbur Jr., and his brother, Harold “Mickie” Hayes, with whom he had an extremely close bond and fondness for.

Dickie’s legacy continues to live on in his children, which fueled his life and brought him happiness and joy, his grandchildren, mother Charles Hayes, sisters Helen (Jerry) Bland, Diane Jackson, Sheila Scott, Shirley (Carl) Ealey, and Donna Hayes, nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Now it is your time to rest good and faithful servant until Jesus returns. Rest in Peace!

***Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same
but as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.***



Your Smile

*Though your smile is gone forever
And your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we loved so much,
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

*It is sad to walk the road alone
Instead of side by side
But to all there comes a moment,
When the ways of life divide,
You gave us years of happiness
Then came sorrows and tears
But you left us beautiful memories,
We will treasure through the years.*



Order of Service

Reception of Body
Musical Selection
Invocation
First Reading *Wisdom 3:1-6, 9*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 23*
Gospel Reading *John 14:1-6*
Read by: Rev. Joseph D. McNulty
Homily *Rev. Joseph D. McNulty*
Obituary Reading
Reflections
Musical Selection
Eulogy *Elder Al McNair*
The Lord's Prayer
Prayer *Rev. Joseph D. McNulty*
Musical Selection/Recessional

Interment

Riverside Cemetery
Cleveland, Ohio

Pallbearers

Don Hayes • Rayshawn T. Walker • William Gayton
Joe Reccord • Christopher Gayton • John Reccord

Honorary Pallbearers

Gregory L. Walker • Ronald Boone • Herbert E. Walker
Derrick Hayes • Rodney Hayes • Phillip Taylor
Tony Smith • Stanley McKee • Harry McKee • Tyrone McKee

Repast

St. Augustine Church

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their gratitude to you for your expressions of sympathy shown to them during this hour of bereavement. A special thank you to Dickie's caregivers at the Cleveland Clinic and Hospice of the Western Reserve.



Celebration of Life Wilbur Hayes, III “Dickie”



Sunrise
June 8, 1950

Sunset
February 5, 2020

*St. Augustine Church
2486 West 14th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113*