



## Eric McKinley Hayward

August 25, 1967 - May 6, 2017

Eric McKinley Hayward, Sr. departed this life on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1:35 p.m. He was born August 25, 1967 in Salisbury, MD. He was the son of Pauline Oakley and Earvine Hayward, Sr and the adopted son of the late Isaiah Oakley.

Eric was educated in the Somerset County Public School System. He graduated from Washington High School in 1986. While attending Washington High, he attended Masonry classes and worked in that area after graduation. In July of 2010, Eric married Kathy Barry Hayward. She preceded him in death in January 2012.

Eric was employed at Jubilant Cadista when he became ill. Prior to that, he was employed as a manager of Soft Touch Car Wash for over 27 years.

Eric accepted the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at an early age. In his younger days, he attended St. Marks in Oaksville, MD. He often asked questions about the Bible and the Lord. Spiritual TV shows were a favorite of his.

Eric was a quiet person who basically went to work and came home. He was so laid back, that his friends often called him "Preacher Man". He loved to play cards and bragged about the "whipping" he was going to give his opponents. He also loved cars, especially Mustangs. One of his favorite past times was going to the race track.

He leaves cherished memories to: two daughters, Ebony Hayward of Baltimore, MD and Tia White of Salisbury, MD; three sons, Eric Hayward, Jr.

and Jadon Hayward both of Salisbury, MD and Wendell Hitch of Princess Anne, MD; his mother, Pauline Oakley of Salisbury, MD; his father Earvine Hayward, Sr. of Lincoln, DE; four brothers. Lionel(Zina)Gale, Earvine(Courtney) Hayward, Jr., Troy Hayward and Victor Armwood all of Salisbury, MD; three sisters, Stephanie Hayward of Baltimore, MD, Vanessa Russell and Michel(Bruce) Clark both of Salisbury, MD; three uncles, Sidney(Beatrice) Hayward of Princess Anne, MD, Archie(Barbara) Leatherbury of Wilmington, DE and Donald McCready of Stone Mountain, GA; two aunts, Norma Lee Disharoom of Princess Anne, MD and Lois Douglas of Salisbury, MD; one great aunt, Agnes Eason of Philadelphia, PA; four grandchildren, Jerminah, Noelle, Amayah and Lakyla; a very special friend, Lena Brown of Salisbury, MD and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind, but Almighty God is going to remove death, sickness and pain in the near future. The bible gives us hope of seeing our loved ones again at Acts 24:15, during the resurrection of the dead. Please look forward to that time. Until then, may the God of all comfort grant your entire family peace.

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**Doretha Sampson** - May 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

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**H. Fields** - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. At difficult times like this we realize how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). As your family and friends comfort one another, as a neighbor please also be comforted by the sure hope the Bible gives us for all those who have died (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). As recorded in the Bible, Jesus promised that one day he was going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). That is why he encourages all of us to exercise faith in that promise, the life that Jesus gave in our behalf, and be blessed as we see that promise fulfilled (John 11:25; 3:16). The Bible makes it clear that death is an "enemy" not only to mankind, but also to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is also why God promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and death that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10,11,29). At that time soon, as the Bible indicates, both the living and the dead who are brought back to life will enjoy life, everlasting life, as God originally purposed for this earth thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28; Jeremiah 29:11). What a glorious day that will be for mankind who are doing what God asks of us, namely that we simply do His Will, not our own (1 John 2:17; 5:3; Proverbs 3:5,6). Please read and meditate on all these scriptures in your Bible and be comforted and blessed (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**George Ragusa** - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones** - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To The Family,

*I want to take this time to offer my condolences to Eric's Family. Eric & I worked together at Cadista Pharmaceuticals. He was a wonderful worker and took his job very seriously. I loved to be around him. He told me many stories about how he spent time in Crisfield, his friends there and establishments he visited.*

*I have missed Eric over the months that he was out, but today, I can see his smiling face. And I know that there are many mansions in Heaven. And those floors, well they need to shine. I can just picture him, shining those floors. RIP my dear friend, and until we meet again, I will pray for your family.*

*Rest Easy My Friend. I Know Your Body Has Been Made Whole.*

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**Donna Justice Smart** - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM