



## Efrem Hayes

August 9, 1967 - July 10, 2014

He Made Every Moment Matter From the moment Efrem “Noel” Hayes entered this world on August 9, 1967, his parents, the Roosevelt Hayes and Inetta Hayes, set him on the path to fulfill his destiny. Efrem was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, the youngest of five. He accepted Christ at an early age at Emerald Avenue Church of God and let God direct his life. Upon finishing Fenger High School in 1986, out of love, his mother gave Efrem two choices for success: “Choose college or the military, but I will not lose you to the streets.” So in 1988, Efrem joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served proudly for nine years, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. He traveled throughout the United States, serving his country. His first and most important stop was Southern California where he met his life partner, Teresa Moss in 1988. By May 5, 1990, Efrem made Teresa Mrs. Hayes and they began their family in Quantico, VA. They welcomed their daughter Autumn Noelle in 1991 and for eight years she single-handedly stole her daddy’s heart. In 1993 they moved to the Atlanta Metro Area and in 1996 Austin Elijah Roosevelt was born. And even though he only lived for a brief time, he continues to be a spiritual force to the family. Next to join the family in 1999 was Efrem Jr., who proudly carries his father’s name. But the family wasn’t complete until the birth of their son Myles Roosevelt in 2003. Efrem kept his family rooted in the church, leading by example. He was an active member of Salem Bible Church, where he served under Rev. Jasper Williams Jr. as an Ordained Deacon and a member of the Mass Choir. He later joined The Church of

Gwinnett along with his family and served under Pastor Jasper Williams III as a member of the Leadership Team, Mass Choir and Armor Bearer. His final church home was New Mercies Christian Church, where he faithfully served under Pastor Jesse Curney III as the "Coolest Deacon" (how he was known to everyone), a Noble Warrior, a member of the Mass and Men's Choir, Media Dept., Youth Ministries, Men's Retreat Committee, and coached the New Mercies Coed Softball team. His love for gospel music kept artists like Jonathan McReynolds, Marvin Sapp and Smokey Norful on his playlist. In fact, his last Facebook post promoted his love of Marvin Sapp's song "Deeper." While living in Atlanta, Efrem worked at the United States Postal Service for over ten years. But although Atlanta was his home, his heart remained in Chicago. He was a loyal Chicago sports fan, rooting for the Chicago Bulls, Cubs and Bears all year long. Efrem will always be remembered for his caring spirit, infectious smile, quick wit and humor. His love for his wife and children was undeniable and he served as a role model for many. Efrem is preceded in death by his father Roosevelt Hayes, brother Adrian Hayes, sister Barbara Banks, and son Austin Hayes. Living to cherish Efrem's memory are: His wife Helen Teresa Hayes, daughter Autumn Noelle Hayes, sons Efrem Noel Hayes Jr, Myles Roosevelt Hayes and Aydan Harrison who he mentored as a son since birth; mother Inetta Hayes; mother-in-law Helen Moss; brothers JeDaune Hayes, (Sharon) and Burgess Hayes (Cynthia), brother-in-law Harvey Keith Moss; sister-in-laws Annette Jacobs and Cheryle Muckles (William), and a host of loving friends and family members. Home going services will be held 12NOON, Saturday July 19, 2014 at New Mercies Christian Church, 4000 Five Forks Trickum Rd. SW Lilburn, GA 30047, Pastor Jesse Curney, III, Senior Pastor. Visitation FRIDAY from 12-8 at our GWINNETT chapel. Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc, 914 Scenic Highway Lawrenceville, Georgia 770-338-5558.

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ Sent a gift in memory of Efrem Noel Hayes

B. Parks - July 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. As I read Mr. Hayes obituary I could tell he was a good man who was dearly loved by his family. Please no that death was never part of our Heavenly Father's original purpose for mankind. In fact, in His word the Bible He calls it an enemy (1Cor. 15:26) which He promises in the very near future to do away with (Rev. 21:4,5) At that time tragedies and accidents will be a thing of the past, no one will ever get sick (Isaiah 33:24) and there will be a reuniting, a bringing back to life instead of losing (John 5:28,29) Please allow these words to be of comfort to you and give you hope. (2Cor. 1:3,4)

TJ - July 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I had the honor of serving with Efrem for 31/2 years in the Marine Corps. He always conducted himself in a Christian manner and his demeanor was always rident.

arturo - July 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I served with efrem in the United States Marine Corps, he was a good leader and human being! Efrem and I shared many laughs and talks about everything all over the world. Semper Fi

devin ryan - July 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I too served in the Marine Corps with Efrem. He will surely be missed not only by his real family, but by his Marine Corps family as well. Semper Fidelis Efrem.

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**Steve Smit (Groo)** - July 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Noel was a great person who loved his family and was dedicated to his work and his church

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**Phil Boyd** - July 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Teresa, We are keeping you and the family in our prayers. The world has truly lost a good person. God chose a good soldier for his heavenly Army. He only takes the best. I can still see him smiling down on you and the kids. May his memories be a sustainer for your family. We love you. Aaron & Maxine McDaniel Loganville Georgia

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**Maxine McDaniel** - July 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM