



## George Curtis Halyard II

February 8, 1954 - November 24, 2024

Early Sunday morning, November 24, 2024, the Almighty God called his good and faithful servant, George “Curtis” Halyard, home for a well-deserved rest. Please join the family and friends at his Homecoming Memorial service on December 20, 2024 at 1 pm at Rainbow Park Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a donation to <https://gofund.me/0721e295> which will be used in its entirety to establish a college scholarship fund for a student majoring in art or art education in Curtis’ name. We hope to make this an annual scholarship award.

Celebration of Life Service for George Curtis Halyard II will be held on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4754121>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration of Life (Live Streamed)

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Dr  
Decatur, GA 30034-4146  
(404) 288-1910

# Tribute Wall

SV

“ There are not enough words to express our brother and beloved Curtis. I loved his generosity, his love for life and others, and his energy was electric and contagious. He would come into our house and say “woman, where is that husband of yours”. I would laugh cause he knew he was in motion, in the studio. And had not returned his many calls so he would call me. He will be greatly missed in the natural, but he’s all over our house, and his spirit will be alive there. May he rest in peace until we see him again. We really loved our brother ❤️

Sharron Vines

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sharron vines - December 22, 2024 at 05:03 PM

ML

“ 90% of the art in my home I purchased or had framed through Curtis. In my mind, where else would I go?! I remember the first time visiting his shop almost 40 years ago. I was so impressed my his attention to detail and his willingness to offer such reasonable prices for framing. I remember there was a piece of art that I couldn’t afford that was featured on the show “A Different World”. I just had to have it and Curtis let me put in on law away for more than a year until I was able to pay it off. Every time I would come in to pay on it, he would just smile and shake his head 😊. To many memories to share. Sending my sincere condolences to his family during this difficult time.

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Marcella Law - December 21, 2024 at 12:04 PM

WK

“ I have known Curtis over 30 plus years. He sold my art in his Gallery for years and was always supportive of my work and growth as an artist. When he started painting he even got more interested because the techniques of painting intrigued him. He had a desire to always improve on work to do the best. I also remember him fondly because whenever I saw him he always had this smile on him. Peaceful essence. Always.

To Joyce and his whole family, my sincere condolences to you all.  
Peace, William Kwamena-Poh

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**William Kwamena-Poh** - December 20, 2024 at 01:20 PM

MF

“ I have known Curtis for twenty (20) years or more. I meet him at his Art Store when looking for black art. At that time his was located on Snapfinger in Decatur, Georgia. He was a person that wanted to make sure that his customers were pleased with his art work. He would go a step further to hang the artwork for you. He had a pleasing personality, he loved talked-about his daughter and wife. Curtis will surly be missing by those that knew him.

Mary Fletcher

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**Mary Fletcher** - December 20, 2024 at 12:04 PM

LA

“ I’ve known Curtis for over 20 years and considered him an uncle, as he and my dad were like brothers. He had a kind spirit and was always going out of his way to lend a helping hand. If it wasn’t him coming to our home to hang some of his beautiful art pieces, it was coming over to build my daughter’s closet or put shelving in our garage. Whatever you needed, Curtis was right there. That’s just who he was. We are going to miss him but we know God makes no mistakes.

Joyce thank you for sharing Curtis with us and becoming a part of our family. I will forever remember him and how kind he was to me and my family. Until we meet again...

Love,  
Kelvin, Britta, Lauren, and Kendall

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**Libritta Anderson-Griffin** - December 19, 2024 at 07:49 PM

ZA

“ Curtis’s time on earth was just a blink of an eye, approximately....  
70 years

849 months

3694 weeks

25,858 days

620,592 hours

37,235,520 minutes

2,234,131,200 seconds

but his powerful influence on me will have a lasting effect.

So very grateful that I got to spend some of that time in his presence.

Thank you Curtis for who you were and for sharing yourself with all of us.

Rest in Peace my friend.....

Zandra Matthews

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**Zandra** - December 18, 2024 at 09:25 PM

FR

“ *As salaam Alaikum  
To the family and friends of brother Curtis my neighbor and friend we worked together in our neighborhood of Deshong Estates for a lot of years . We worked together on projects to change our entrance sign as I served a vice president and president of our lovely estate he will be missed may Allah forgive him of the wrong and give credit for all and admit him to paradise ameen.  
Brother faheem s.Rasool*

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**Faheem Rasool** - December 18, 2024 at 06:35 PM

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*for all the good he done. Ameen*

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**Faheem Rasool** - December 18, 2024 at 06:36 PM

SM

“ *My brother Curtis. You surely shall rest well among the ancestors you have now joined. Having known each other for decades, together we've shared our passion for art and African American culture. As an early pioneer to the access and distribution of art that spoke to our people, we could not have had a more loving, compassionate and knowledgeable ambassador than you. You have left an indelible footprint on the community you served so well and I as your friend will always cherish that memory. Rest well my brother, in Power and in Peace!* 🙏

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**Sam Mahone** - December 18, 2024 at 09:34 AM

DG

“ To my second cousin, Curtis you will be missed. Every time you would come down from Atlanta to South Carolina in that white van, you always have some painting and the camera. Always had a smile on and let nothing bother you. Memories will forever be with me but your spirit will live on.  
Love Diana.

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**Diana LaShelle Green** - December 12, 2024 at 08:47 PM

CA

“ I met Curtis over 27 years ago. Our first meeting involved the two of us haggling over a piece of art I was buying for my daughter. The relationship evolved into the two of us becoming like brothers who I fondly referred to him as "Junior". He helped me to gain an appreciation for black art. We became family .The enjoyable events we attended , golfing together, Thanksgiving dinners and Curtis famous Mexican cornbread which we always enjoyed.

Joyce and Marci, we miss Curtis. He was a true friend. We have memories of him in every room of our home but most importantly memories in our heart. We were blessed to have known him . A true soldier has gone but will never be forgotten.

Charles and Dot

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**Charles Anderson** - December 08, 2024 at 07:29 PM

DS

“ Deborah Sullivan lit a candle in memory of George Curtis Halyard II



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**Deborah Sullivan** - December 04, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RM

“ Thank you my Beautiful Brother. Your life was a blessing in so many ways. I’m reminded of you everyday, continuously. I miss you profoundly. One of my favorite humans has left me physically, but your Spirit will carry on in me always. Fly on Brother, Fly On...  
*Robert V Moseley*

Robert V. Moseley - December 03, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of George Curtis Halyard II.



December 02, 2024 at 05:13 PM

HH

“ My first cousin, Curtis, you are gone but will always be remembered in my heart. Your infectious grin, your love of family, your passion for photography, your creativity. I will miss you. My sincere condolences to Joyce, Marcia, and all of our family.  
*Love,*  
*Hattie Green Howell*

Hattie Green Howell - December 01, 2024 at 12:44 PM

DR

*I met Curtis initially as a customer at his frame shop in the 90s. Because of that meeting I started to frame pictures . Curtis taught me sooooo much about the business over the years and was always willing to share. As recently as a couple months ago he shared with me some eateries in Charleston during a visit. I'm gonna miss my brother.*

DENNIS RUFFIN - December 03, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JG

“ *Fair Winds and Following Seas to my very dear first cousin. Always a shining light to his family and friends. Joseph and Cora Green*

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**Joseph Green** - November 29, 2024 at 07:32 PM

CS

“ *Remembering Curtis...*

*Oh brother, Curtis... we linger in this moment to comprehend this news of your passing. You gave life your greatest fight and you won!*

*We will speak of you, Curtis, often as long as we breathe and live. We are so thankful that we got to love you and you loved us. Rest in your glory before God. We give thanks for your life!*

*Joyce, we miss our friend and brother in this season of loss! Love to you and Curtis' family and legacy! Curtis was a true friend and confidante for decades. He also helped us create visual memories through framing our special art stories and wedding day memories. He always knew how best to frame and curate our memories. Curtis was truly gifted in storytelling through Black art collections and special moments. Thank you, Brother Curtis. Bryan and I will think of you often and we will cherish our many conversations especially our last time to hear your actual voice. We are broken but we will carry on through our understanding of your divine life and on our faith in God! But God! Rest in power and glory, Curtis! ~ Bryan K. Lindsey & Connie F. Smith-Lindsey*

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**Connie F. Smith-Lindsey** - November 28, 2024 at 11:41 AM

ZW

“Curtis was like a bro to my brother Derrick. They were friends more than 60yrs. Neighbors, roommates and brothers. Joyce and Marcie please accept my condolences. Zenobia-Wright McNeil, Derrick's sis

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**Zee Wright-McNeil** - November 28, 2024 at 09:36 AM