



Heyward Washington

February 19, 1941 - August 22, 2021

Heyward Washington was born in Fort Pierce Florida on February 19, 1941, to Emma Johnson and John David Washington. He was the youngest of 4 children from their union, and the 4th of seven children from Emma. He attended high school at Lincoln Park Academy, commonly known as LPA, in Fort Pierce, Florida where he enjoyed being in the Science Club, Industrial Arts Club, enjoyed fishing as a hobby and called out his ambition to be a doctor as a graduating senior in 1959. After high school, he attended Lincoln Junior College where he was a stellar student consistently making the Dean's List. He then transferred to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida in September 1962 and graduated in April 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. In December 1966, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Bertha Lee Toomer. Instead of pursuing a career as a doctor, Heyward began a rewarding career with the federal government.

Heyward was a dedicated civil servant whose federal career began as a teacher at Heber Job Corps Center, Heber, Arizona on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Due to his knowledge and communication skills, he was promoted to Principal-Teacher. Upon closure of the Heber Job Corps Center, Heyward was transferred under a Personnel Employee Development Plan to the Washington Office. Upon completion of the program, he was reassigned to the Personnel Office of Region Eight (R-8) in Atlanta, Georgia where he would

serve until his retirement. Two of his most notable awards included one for his contribution to the negotiation of the Master Labor Agreement between the Forest Service and the National Federation of Federal Employees and another for contributing to the safe evacuation of the R-8 executives and employees during the infamous Peachtree 25th building fire on June 30, 1989, which claimed 5 lives. Heyward was a consummate and highly respected professional whose “North Star” was always what is right for the greater good.

Heyward enjoyed listening to music and was known for having an extensive collection of albums and CDs across a wide genre of music. Through the years he kept up with and purchased quality equipment and speakers to listen to his music. He enjoyed photography and was the default photographer at many social events. He was mechanically inclined and enjoyed handyman projects fixing things for friends and family whenever they called. He was a survivor, overcoming various health challenges through the years and being one of 3 siblings to live past 60 years of age, his mom even died at 58. He was sociable and would strike up a conversation with anyone. Most importantly, he was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Heyward passed on Sunday, August 22, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Leonard Washington Sr., and Charles Townsend; sisters, Margaret Washington Johnson, and Agnes Washington Thompson; and his “ride or die” compatriot during his tenure at the Forest Service R-8 office, Charles “Chuck” Dooley. Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Bertha, children, Selecia Martece (H. David) Miller, Marcus Heyward (Deria) Washington, grandchildren, Zaria Miller, Mya Washington, Marchari Washington, Breanna Brown, godson, Michael Ladd, sisters, Altamease Bennett and Wanda Lundy and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He will be direly missed by his close friends and past co-workers.

Celebration of Life Services for Heyward Washington will be held on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 11:00AM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service 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 service.

<https://vimeo.com/592164829>

Service entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory;
Lawrenceville; 770.338.5558

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Burial

AUG **30** (ET)

East Shadow Lawn
87 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Heyward Washington



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - August 30, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ With sincere sympathy we extend our condolences to Bertha and Heyward's family and loved ones .Heyward was such a cool dude. We truly enjoyed his company. He and Bertha made such a beautiful couple. We remember him as being so intelligent and with a dry sense of humor. He was a gentleman , so knowledgeable on many levels and a great conversationalist , but never pretentious. Just cool. He loved his wife and family and was a great friend. It was good to have known him. May he rest in eternal peace. God will take care of you.

Johnny and Marilyn Hill

Marilyn and Johnny Hill - August 30, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ Sharon Mabrey You All Are In My Prayer lit a candle in memory of Heyward Washington



Sharon Mabrey You all are in my prayer - August 30, 2021 at 03:46 PM

SH

“ Sharon sent a virtual gift in memory of Heyward Washington



Sharon - August 30, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LV

“ Hi Bertha, this is Lillie Mae Hall Vereen originally from Fort Pierce, Florida, presently living in Jacksonville, Florida. I am so sorry to hear about Heyward's death, but God does not make a mistake. I vividly recall when I first introduced you to Heyward at Aunt Bertha's Beauty Salon over fifty years old ago. Heyward and I were neighbors and called ourselves cousins he and I also graduated from Lincoln Park Academy High School. We kept in touch and talked frequently. So take care and know that you are not along, God is with you.

Love,
Lillie Mae

Lillie M. Vereen - August 30, 2021 at 01:11 PM

YJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Yolanda Jones - August 30, 2021 at 12:10 AM

YJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Extended Family*



Yolanda Jones - August 29, 2021 at 11:53 PM

DP

“ *To the Washington and Miller Families*

We were very fond of our “beloved” cousin Heyward Washington.

We will miss him; however, we will cherish the happy memories.

Our sincere sympathy to you.

With love,

Drs. Robert and Betty Strickland Perdue

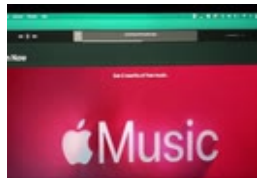
Joyce and Rod Ealey

Dr. Betty Strickland Perdue - August 29, 2021 at 05:12 PM

YJ

“ On February 19, 2021, Uncle Heyward became the newest octogenarian on the maternal side of my family AND, he became the FIRST of my grandmother's SEVEN children to reach the age of 80. He and I shared an interest in family history and we both enjoyed capturing memories through photography and/or videography. We've shared emails, personal findings, phone calls, and text messages over the years. He, along with his 1st cousin, Arthur James Young, planned and organized our inaugural family reunion in Atlanta, GA (1996). He was the only uncle with whom I had a close relationship and I am truly grateful for that. I will miss him terribly.

I love you forever, Uncle!



Yolanda Jones - August 29, 2021 at 05:10 PM

YJ

Correction: The year was 1994 when Uncle Heyward and cousin Art planned and led our first family reunion in Atlanta, GA. My oldest daughter won the award for the YOUNGEST family member in attendance. I will forever remember that awesome event.

Yolanda Jones - August 31, 2021 at 11:38 AM

LL

“ We lost a good one today. The last, living brother, of my dad, (Mr. Heyward Washington), left his earthly home today. Uncle Heyward made it to see his 80th, birthday, in February. Uncle Heyward was a great husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, and more.... He will never be forgotten. R.I.P. Uncle Heyward, you will be missed... We love you....
Keep my family in your prayers....

For memory sake, my husband and I hold dear to our hearts, visiting him and Aunt Bertha, in Atlanta. Memories we will forever cherish, and I am also, so grateful for the memories that he captured of my, mom and dad, at his, and Aunt Bertha home, that I keep on display, and will forever cherish the memory of that moment, that he captured, and gave us;...

*R.I.P Uncle Heyward! You will never be forgotten!
We love you!*

Your niece and nephew, LaWanna Washington Lee, and Kirt Lee!



LaWanna and Minister Kirt Lee - August 29, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Heyward Washington.*



August 28, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Our old neighbor Haywood. Sending our deepest sympathy to the family during this difficult time.*

Pat Pillow - August 28, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *I don't have many 📝 of my uncle Heywood as I would love to have had, however my uncle loved his family and my auntie Bertha and the last conversation we had was about his health and I am glad I was able to share some information that I had with him and auntie and we laughed on that phone call and when we visited them back in east pointe we had a great time together you will be missed uncle stay strong auntie stay encouraged Marcus and Martece I love you guys always REST IN HEAVEN UNCLE HEYWOOD*

Suggar Lewis - August 27, 2021 at 10:44 PM



“ *Earth has no hurt that Heaven can not heal.*

Elaine Davis - August 27, 2021 at 07:51 PM

DK

“ I have known Heyward Washington since fourth grade. His family lived four blocks from me. He was a good student and he loved words.

I not only had a chance to know him, I came to know his entire family. When he learned to drive his stepfather's truck, he would drive over to my house to give me driving lessons. But, he was not successful in teaching me how to drive.

Heyward and I had many adventures when we were boys. We went fishing, hunting rabbits, talking about girls and discussing academic subjects.

I will truly miss him.

Dr. William Keith

Dr. William Keith - August 27, 2021 at 04:02 PM

GP

Heyward Washington's transition marks the end of an enduring friendship between three accomplished Black men from Florida: Remer C. Prince (Ft. Pierce), Dr. Joseph B. Vaughn Jr. (Jasper), and Heyward (Ft. Pierce). Their reunion will be one of great joy. May they be welcomed by the Ancestors, shake hands with the Elders, and sit down in the Great Cloud of Witnesses—as God grants them eternal rest. Servants: Well done!

Gladys Gary Vaughn, Ph.D.

Gladys Gary Vaughn, Ph.D. - August 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM

DJ

It saddens me greatly, to learn of the passing of a great friend and high school classmate! The obituary confirms what we all would've expected from his life's journey and accomplishments!! Heyward will continue to live in my heart!! To the family, you are being kept in prayer!

Dorothy Jackson - August 31, 2021 at 10:57 PM

MM

Fondly remembering Heyward as a member of the awesome class of '59. My condolences to Bertha and the family he leaves behind. Rest in peace dear classmate from Dear Lincoln.

M. Iyailu Moses, Ed.D.

M. Iyailu Moses - September 01, 2021 at 09:25 AM

LE

“ *I was saddened to hear of Heywards passing.. Heyward was the the uncle that most I related to. He was well-educated and wise beyond his years. We had great conversations and he was always inspirational and positive. Throughout my college and law school years he was always there with wise words of encouragement.t. He was a "Renaissance Man"...he could do everything. I guess that's why we nicknamed him MacGyver.*

Rest in peace Uncle Heyward. 'Well done thy good and faithful servant"

*Larry S Drayton, Esq.
Hardeeville, SC*

Larry S Drayton, Esq - August 27, 2021 at 02:42 PM

SB

“ *Sylvia Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Heyward Washington.*



Sylvia Brown - August 26, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Heyward Washington.*



August 26, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - August 26, 2021 at 12:49 PM

LL

Absolutely beautiful, Aunt and Uncle... R.I.P Uncle Heyward!!! Never forgotten!

LaWanna Washington Lee

LaWanna and Minister Kirt Lee - August 29, 2021 at 03:11 PM