



Mr. Eric Von Haynes

April 19, 1953 - August 13, 2024

Eric Von Haynes was born on April 19, 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri, the eldest of three children born to the late Edward and Ethel L. (McDonald) Haynes. He was the proud brother of two sisters, Desiree (Desi) Haynes-Ashburn, and Angela Haynes

Although he did not have a brother, as an adolescent, Eric befriended Herman Allen, developing a ride-or-die brotherhood that lasted a lifetime.

Growing up in church, Eric established an unwavering faith in God and considered him to be his greatest source of strength. He loved reading and studying the bible, spending quiet time in deep thought, meditation, and prayer, and sharing about the goodness of God..

Eric graduated from University City Senior High School (1972) and continued his education at South Illinois University, Edwardsville, where he studied liberal arts. He also married and started a family during this time. In following the Haynes-Baucum military tradition since World War II, he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1976, proudly serving overseas as Staff Sergeant and Telecommunications Specialist. He retired after 20 years of service. Now single, he embarked upon a new career in Raleigh, North Carolina where he would be close to his sister Desiree. Eric served as a broadcast telecommunication engineer and was employed at Robert's Broadcasting

Companies (WNCN, WFPX and ION Media/WRPX) for 18 years. As the chief broadcast operator, he maintained services for broadcasting transmission, master control and automation. He was also active in his church's Gatekeepers/Men's Ministry and the Care Ministry. In fact, he was a caregiver at heart, having also provided loving care to numerous family members during their time of illness.

Eric's children were his heartbeat. Just hearing their voices brought joy to his heart. He loved hearing updates on their lives, encouraging them, inspiring them, letting them know how proud he was of them and reminding them how much he loved them.

In 2009, Eric ventured onto the Match.com dating site where he met Vicki Robinson. Although they lived 300 miles apart, they developed a long-distance friendship until, months later, agreeing to finally meet in person. Eric excitedly made the long-distance drive to Maryland. He and Vicki married in 2017. Upon relocating to Maryland, Eric, previously referred to as "Mr. Eric" became affectionately known as "Papa", "Pops" and "Pop-E. (poppy)," the one whose big smile and a big bear hug made you feel especially loved; the one who scooped up the grandkids as they ran in with knee-cap hugs. He was also the one the fellas would pull aside for some one-on-one guy talk. He always had an ear to hear and an encouraging word to impart.

Throughout his health journey, Eric held fast to his faith, declaring from the beginning that he would walk by faith and not by sight. One of his favorite scriptures was Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Time and time again, he experienced new strength, often putting away his wheelchair and walking on his own, amazing even his doctors and serving as a source of encouragement to others, which was always his greatest desire.

Eric leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Vicki Robinson-Haynes, one son, Eric Von Haynes, Jr. (Risa) of Chicago, IL; one daughter, Ita Haynes of Belleville, IL; three step-sons, Waymon Robinson (LeTasia) of District Heights, MD; Victor Robinson of Oxon Hill, MD; Trey Robinson (Kady) of District Heights, MD; one sister, Angela Haynes - a.k.a. "baby sister" (Chivas Johnson), of Belleville, IL, eleven grandchildren, two brother-in laws, Tony Stanfield (Wanda), James Stanfield (Janet); one sister-in-law, Valerie Stanfield-Holmes (Melvin); one nephew, Rene Donaldson; one niece, Sheena Parmer (Tony); and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ethel McDonald-Haynes, father, Edward Haynes, sister, Desiree Haynes-Ashburn, father-in-law, Sewell Stanfield, mother-in-law, Ella Stanfield-Hines, and brother-in-law, George Ashburn.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Funeral Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Eric Von Haynes*



Pope Funeral Homes - August 22, 2024 at 01:33 PM

“ To my dearest friend Vicki,

Sorry to hear of your loss, our deepest and most sincerest condolences to you and the family.

Congratulations, Eric, You Made It!!!!

On August 13, 2024, Eric, who I affectionately referred to as my brother, defeated death, hell, and the grave, just as Jesus did. Seventy-one years ago, Eric was conceived into this world as a Spirit; God wrapped him up in human flesh to walk among us for a little while, just as Jesus did. The spirit of our dear loved one has now gone back to where it first originated, and that is in the loving arms of Jesus Christ (Eccl. 12:7). Please find comfort in knowing that he does not remember anything about this world which is full of corruption and evil. He is now in Heaven, where he is free of all sickness, illness, and disease, enjoying his Heavenly Mansion that God has promised us all, that is in Him (John 14:2).

As we continue to celebrate the life of such an amazing man of Valor, I thank God for allowing him to grace our presence for seventy-one years. His purpose and destiny here on earth have been accomplished. He was full of love, life, and laughter. He had a smile that would illuminate any amount of darkness, and a heart after God's own heart. Strength should have been his middle name for he played every hand life dealt him with such grace and dignity. He was a very strong man. Even through the trials he faced in life, he never once complained. Always took the good with the bad, realizing that his good days always outweighed his bad days.

Although he is physically absent from our presence, his spirit lives on in Eternity and in the lives and hearts of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. We have so many beautiful memories of our dear brother that we will never, ever forget. He sowed the seed of love in the lives of so many because he knew who he was and whom he was representing (1 Corinth. 13:13). When you saw him,

you saw Jesus. He was the epitome of what Jesus expects from us all. He ran the race; he kept the faith (2 Tim. 4:7-8). He is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, just as Jesus is. Because of his faithfulness, his reward is extraordinarily great!

We are all saddened for now, but we must rejoice and be glad that he is in a better place, celebrating his new life and enjoying the company of those who have gone on before him. I can only imagine what a time, what a time they are having! Stay blessed my dear loved ones and know that we all will be reunited with him again someday.

*Love,
Gwendolyn Kelley and Family*

Gwendolyn - August 22, 2024 at 05:36 PM

RE

“ *Reggie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Eric Haynes*



Reggie Ellis - August 22, 2024 at 11:05 AM

TH

“ *To my U.City neighborhood brother Eric, I will love you always. To Vicki I wish you peace and time. To Angie (my sista) you know my heart and love for this family. My arms are extended to you and I wish I could be present. We all have so many wonderful memories to cherish. Distant but never forgotten.*



Terrie Hart - August 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

SA

“ There are special people in our lives who never leave us, even after they are gone. May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. Sandra Love

Sandra - August 22, 2024 at 09:48 AM

EJ

“ To: Vickie and Angela,
It has been a long and difficult journey. But what is accepted as true, Eric is no longer in pain or suffering. Please accept my deepest heartfelt sympathy at this sad time. Know that family and friends are sending you all prayers of support to get through this very sad time. God's peace be with you all now and in the days to come...
From: First Cousin, Earle W. Baucum Jr., Belleville IL

Earle Baucum Jr. - August 15, 2024 at 04:40 PM

MJ

Dear Angela,

My family is sending our condolences and deepest sympathy to you and Eric's wife and family. Eric fought a long time and he never gave up! You have been by his side through his journey and he was so blessed to have you. He can rest now and may God ease the families pain one day at a time. Enjoy the memories you've made.

Sincerely
The Jones

Mrs Canzada Jones - August 22, 2024 at 02:30 PM