



Rev. Dr. Haywood Day

January 2, 1937 - July 23, 2023

The Reverend Dr. C. Haywood Day, of Flowery Branch, GA, passed away, surrounded by loved ones, on July 23, 2023. He was 86 years old.

Mr. Day was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore McKinley and Eddie Lou Day and his son, Mark Day. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Gail Haney Day; son, Nathan Day (Shelly) of Flowery Branch, GA; daughters, Laura Cruce of Buford, GA, and Libby Taylor (Eric) of Oakwood, GA; granddaughters, Bethany Huckaby (Nick) of Winder, GA, Elizabeth Taylor of Cleveland, TN, Brooklyn Taylor of Oakwood, GA; and great-granddaughter Easton Huckaby of Winder, GA. Haywood is also survived by sisters, Lujean Moody (Jim) of Winter Haven, FL, Maxine Mauldin (Steve) of Danville, VA, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Haywood was born January 2, 1937, in Columbus, GA and graduated from Columbus High School in 1955. He held a BA from Mercer University, Master of Divinity from Southeastern Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored many churches, in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and even Germany throughout his ministry, spanning some 50+ years, until retiring from Bluewater Community Church in 2013.

Haywood was truly one of a kind! He walked through this life with an incredibly

positive attitude and never met a challenge that intimidated him. Haywood was an avid golfer and enjoyed his golf buddies as much as the game. He was an everything-sports fan, but loved watching the Falcons, the Braves, and especially the Georgia Bulldogs; more than the sports, though, he loved his wife and family, and they loved him.

His foundation of faith was unwavering, and he was a true example of the Christ he served. His impact was far-reaching, and he will be greatly missed. We, his family, are certain that when Haywood left this world and stepped into heaven, he was greeted by his Savior with the words “well done, my good and faithful servant, well done.”

Thank you, Haywood, for giving to the Lord. So many are so, so glad you gave.

Service information

Visitation: Sunday, July 30, 5:00 p.m. at Celebration Church, 5560 Thompson Mill Rd., Hoschton GA 30548

Celebration of Life: 6:00 p.m. at Celebration Church with Dr. Mike Day, Rev. Calvin Haney and Rev. John Haney officiating

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Celebration Church Building Fund (One Celebration) or your favorite charity in memory of Haywood.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Church
5560 Thompson Mill Rd.
Hoschton, GA 30548

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I served with Haywood at Bowdon BC in the 70s. He was a great preacher and pastor, but also a prankster. His pranks were never demeaning or cruel, but always fun and well-received. He could take being "pranked" as well, because he processed a delightful sense of humor. I'm so sorry I didn't get to visit with him again before his passing. Ironically, I was trying to locate him online about the time he passed in July. My deepest sympathy to Gail, Nathan, and the whole family.

Alan Mitchell - August 06, 2023 at 08:06 PM

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“ One afternoon in October 1955 on the Mercer campus I was looking for someone when I walked in on a group of ministerial students to ask if they knew him. I listened for a while they discussed all things Baptist until one asked me if I was Baptist. I was raised by a Baptist minister but decided to play devil's advocate and said "No, I am an Episcopalian". All but one responded by trying to show me the error of my ways. That one person listened and began supporting my arguments. When we left the room and the door closed, that student turned to me and said "I guess you know we will be on every prayer list on campus by days end. My name is Haywood Day". We had a good laugh and that started a friendship that lasted for 63 years. During the glorious 50's we were rarely apart and became more like brothers than friends. I had the privilege of seeing him grow into the man he became as he ministered in Georgia and Alabama while I went along to provide the singing. He has supported me and my family through difficult times down through the years and was especially supportive as I faced my own health issues in the last few years. I would like his family to find comfort in the knowledge that he is now resting in the arms of the savior he served so faithfully. My friendship with him will never end and I look forward to continuing our friendship when my time comes if I am fortunate enough to join him. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all his family, especially Gail, Lujean and Maxine as you move forward.

Clint Doss (and Polly)

Clint Doss - July 30, 2023 at 04:21 PM

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“ *What a wonderful pastor and friend he was, and we will always treasure times shared with him and Gail and the dear people at the church where he served in Bluewater. We feel such sadness in knowing Haywood has transitioned from life here on earth, though we have to believe his deep faith in God, his wonderful people skills and his delightful sense of humor will continue to bless those on the other side. Our prayers will continue for Gail, their family, and for all who knew and loved him. His life and now his passing remind us once again to treasure every single day and to express our love and gratitude to those who touch our life at such deep levels. We love you, Haywood and Gail!*

Marie and Charles Knowles, Columbia, Missouri

Marie Knowles - July 25, 2023 at 08:46 PM

RB

“ *Haywood was a good friend and an excellent mentor to me. His sense of humor and disarming wit were reminders to enjoy life through the different seasons and circumstances of living. Thank you Haywood for your friendship and leadership. - Doug Burrell, Winder, Ga*

Reverend Doug Burrell - July 24, 2023 at 09:12 PM