



## Grayson Crayton

March 19, 1936 - October 18, 2022

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On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, Mr. Grayson Crayton, a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend went home to be with the Lord and entered eternal rest in Austin, Texas.

Grayson was born to the parents of Glover Crayton and Kathleen Hood-Crayton, on March 19, 1936. The fourth child of six siblings in Hutto, Texas. His parents later moved and resided in Taylor, Texas before moving to Austin Texas.

Growing up, Grayson enjoyed his educational experiences both in Taylor and Austin. He was known as a great football player, with lots of potential.

Lettering and receiving a revered "Ducks" ' football jacket as well as being a drummer in the school band and making the crowd jump. Grayson graduated from the old A.C. Anderson High School in 1954. He would later attend and graduate from Durham Business College, in Austin, Texas.

An active member at both Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church faithfully, over a period of 50 years before life's transitions, Grayson was the Usher Board President and instructor, a Sunday School Teacher, a Male Choir member, a St. John Association Officer, a bible reader, believer and prayer servant.

In his professional arena, he was a worker that took the initiative. Never waiting to be told once instructed, he could execute and perform above

expectations. This led to multiple work recognitions from the Texas Highway Department, from which he was promoted to the Printing Administrator Supervisor, before retiring after 37 years of dedicated service.

Grayson was a great provider for his family and worked other part-time jobs just as diligently as his full-time position with the Villager Newspaper as a delivery courier for 20 years. As well as a cab driver which he and his brother Vernon tagged team for the Harlan Cab Company. He also did team bartending events with former Governor Ann Richards for The University of Texas and frequented her parties. Grayson was somebody who did not elevate himself.

As a widower, after 47 years of marital bliss to Ms. Louise Crayton before her demise, they were blessed with five wonderful children. Victor, Barry, Grace, Pearl, and Larry. Grayson loved his family.

Awww, but then in early 2016, the Lord looked down upon Grayson and saw that it was not good for man (him) to be alone. And into his life, he was blessed with another opportunity for true love. The Lord put a gleam in his eye and introduced him to Gloria Faye at Wednesday night bible study and praise service. Late night coffee led to restaurants and matrimony. Grayson and Gloria were wed in holy matrimony on August 18, 2018 until his eternal rest. Never leaving each other for any extended period of time, they traveled together, made new first memories, traveling to Washington D. C., Atlanta Ga., Alabama, Arkansas, Virginia, Bourbon Street in LA., North, South, East and West, Texas, going fishing, golfing, dancing, watching the sunset, going on nature walks, spontaneous car trips, riding, talking, and preserving family history and their stories. He was very optimistic and always said, and believed, blood will always stand by you. The most important family members did. Gloria, Grace, Tiffany, Courtney and Mother never left his side.

He was not a shy person on a topic he believed in, or was knowledgeable of. If he did not know, he would say so, then go get a book and be ready for the next time. He was a reader, an intelligent and well versed man. He was a generous, light-hearted, and spirited person. He believed in a man having a

word and living by what you said. No deviations, no excuses.

His friends at work nick-named him "Big Jolly", his football and golf buddies called him "Gato", his colleagues called him "Mr. C"., his business associates called him Mr. Crayton, his grandkids called him "Pepa", people that knew him casually called him Mr. Grayson and his wife called him "Babe". He was a highly respected and multifaceted man, not easy to figure out. He had a level of sophistication and an uncanny vision. He would talk you to death once he got started and then ask, what do you think? You ought to think something, he would say.

He loved the simple, country, truthful life. He made no excuses, he knew repentance and was a forgiving and private man, as so many he has helped can attest to.

Grayson Crayton will be remembered as a man of integrity, grit, truth, perseverance, ethical, moral, a God-fearing anointed soul, but most of all loving.

Today as we celebrate your homegoing, we thank God for the path that has led us to experience Grayson Crayton in our lives. Thank you, God.

Grayson Crayton was preceded in death by his late wife, Louise Crayton, son, Victor Crayton, daughter, Pearline M. Crayton, brothers, Waymon and Vernon Crayton, sisters, Mable Mays and Vernice Melontree, brothers-in-law, Issac Wallace and Andrew Melontree, and step granddaughter Cassandra-Harris Flournoy.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted wife Gloria F. Crayton of Austin, Texas, his loving daughter Grace M. Crayton-Sanders (Bryan) Irving, Texas, sons Barry Crayton and (Jackie-Harris Crayton) Austin, Texas, son Larry Crayton of (Dallas), grandchildren Courtney B. Crayton of Austin, Tiffany M. Sanders-Robinson (Travis) of Irving, Angel T. Smith and Leo Brown III of Dallas, Texas, sister Erma B. Wallace, great-grandchildren Symonne Crayton, Tytan Crayton, Angellek Patterson and Alia Jefferson, Mother-in-law, Oma G. Mackey and sisters-in-law Palma Crayton and MeLinda O. Hamilton and a

host of nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

NOV 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
2938 E 13th Street  
Austin, TX 78702

# Tribute Wall



“ *Grayson Crayton*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Vincent Sr And Carolyn Moore lit a candle in memory of Grayson Crayton*



**Vincent Sr and Carolyn Moore** - November 11, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Mary Diggs lit a candle in memory of Grayson Crayton*



**Mary Diggs** - November 06, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *My sincere sympaties to the Grayson Crayton family. I have been good friends with Gloria Crayton and met Mr.Crayton a few times. A man of few word but a pleasurable person.*



**Leene Misir** - November 05, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Grayson Crayton.*



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November 03, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grayson Crayton.*



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October 28, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grayson Crayton.*



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October 28, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Rest in Paradise brother-in-law.*



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**Mary Diggs** - October 27, 2022 at 02:02 PM