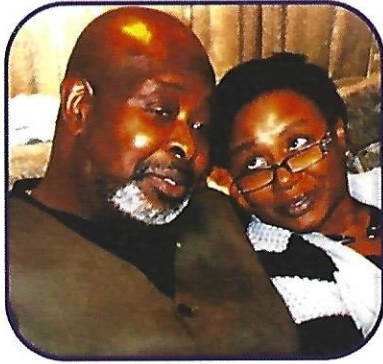


I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.



If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Acknowledgements

At this most difficult time, we are thankful to the Lord for friends who have interrupted their schedules to pay their last respects to our beloved Ron. For every prayer, thought, and word of comfort, concern, condolence, and strength during this, our time of bereavement, we are sincerely grateful. May God bless and keep you.

The Family

The Homegoing Celebration for Ronald Eugene Fayton

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7*



Sunrise
March 21,
1960

Sunset
October 19,
2020

Thursday, October 29, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 454
Rev. John H. Maze, Officiating

Obituary

Ronald Eugene Fayton was born March 21, 1960 in Columbia, North Carolina to Delores Fayton and John Downing Sr. Ron was called to glory on Monday, October 19, 2020 following a brief illness. He developed a relationship with God at a young age. Nurturing that relationship throughout his life, he was a devoted servant of the Lord and a dedicated deacon at Agape Bible Fellowship in Dayton.

Ron graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management from Roanoke University and worked his way up in the food service industry. For more than 35 years, Ron fed organizations like BET and MetLife and universities such as Morgan State, Bowie State, Wilberforce, and Central State. Growing to love the fast-paced feel, he eventually evolved to entrepreneurial status in 1995 by opening his own business, Fayton Hospitality, which serviced day care centers, schools, prisons, and had clientele such as Salvation Army, Dayton Urban League, and the City of Dayton. Ron's exceptional food and catering service was featured in *Black Enterprise Magazine*.

Ron's food service career was an extension of his nurturing personality. Ron never met a stranger and would strike up a conversation with anybody, often to the embarrassment of his children. He was a gentle man, who will be remembered for his beaming smile. He enjoyed the classics: music like gospel, soul, and blues; television such as *Guns, Smoke, Gomer Pyle*, and especially *Dallas* (J.R. Ewing was his favorite!). The meals he prepared for his family at Christmas were legendary, if non-traditional. On December 25th, Ron might barbeque or fix a pot of oxtails or roast a duck.

With a love that would span 34 years, Ronald married Pamela Windley-Fayton August 18, 1992. Together, they raised four children: Jeaneen Harvey (Leon B. Harvey Sr.), Anthony Cannon, Rhonda Fayton & Ashley Fayton.

Ronald is preceded in death by his grandmother, Francis Fayton; parents, (mother and father) Robert & Delores Fayton-Badham, (father) John Downing Sr.; siblings, Robert Fayton, Christina Downing & Ganel Downing.

Ronald leaves precious memories with his wife and children; grandchildren, Leon Harvey Jr., JaSean Oliver, Aaliyah Jennings, Kendall Heath, Nathaniel Hyrne & Gregory Ruffin; siblings, Earlice Dodd (Eric), Cynthia Fayton, John Downing Jr., Chae Downing, Amber Curtis (Paul Swaby), Anthony Downing, Anthony Curtis and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

True to his nurturing nature, Ron was able to give the gift of sight to someone via organ donation. Ronald Fayton showed his love with food, and he loved watching people eat. He will forever be missed.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalClergy and Family

PrayerAnthony Harvey Sr.

Opening SongAgape Bible Fellowship

Scripture:

Old Testament: Psalms 91

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Musical Selection..... Agape Bible Fellowship

Obituary

Resolutions

Reflections.....Family and Friends

(2 minute limit please)

Musical Selection..... Jeaneen Harvey & Rhonda Fayton

Eulogy.....Pastor John Maze

Committal

Recessional

Repast immediately following service

**Deja Vu Hall
4321 Salem Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45416**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1