

In Loving Memory of



**Christopher Malik Hayles**

**January 12, 1995 – December 2, 2019**

## **Service Information**

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

Viewing - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Service - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 13, 2019**

Devotion: 9:00 a.m.

## **CRAWFORD MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

3757 White Plains Road

Bronx, NY 10467

## **Interment**

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, New York

## **Pallbearers**

Michael Armstrong-Cousin

Theo Hayles- Brother

Ainsworth Hayles- Brother

Paul Hayles- Brother

Ariel Fermin-Family Friend

Jordan Hayles- Nephew

Khristia Bromfield- Cousin

# Order of Worship

Thursday, December 12, 2019  
Rev. Janet G Hodge, Officiating

Words of Grace

Greeting

Procession.....Clergy & Family

Hymn.....#77 "How Great Thou Art"

Prayer of Comfort

Psalms 23.....Congregation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 .....Mikayla Armstrong  
(Cousin)

New Testament - Revelations 21:1-7.....Anayah Walters  
(Cousin)

## **Tributes**

(Those Wishing To Share Remembrances of Are Invited To Do So  
At This Time. 2 Minutes, Please.)

Musical Selection....."His Eye Is On The Sparrow"  
Gabrielle & Quilana Young

Obituary.....Theo Hayles  
(Brother)

Hymn #369 ..... "Blessed Assurance"

Letter From Christopher To Grandmother.....Michael Armstrong  
(Cousin)

Dance Selection.....Valencia McKoy

Eulogy/Sermon.....Rev. Harold Morris, Sr.  
(Pastor of Asbury UMC, Mt. Vernon, NY)

Prayer of Commendation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Selection....."Days of Elijah"

Benediction

Final Viewing

## *Obituary*

On January 12, 1995, **Christopher Malik Hayles**, also known as “Big House” and “Big Smooth”, was born in Bronxville, New York. From the beginning of his life, it was clear that Christopher would be a beacon of love, humor, and kindness for anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Christopher was a brilliant student. He took an analytical approach to solving problems; he was an independent thinker; and, he was a thoughtful writer. The educators in Christopher’s life recognized that he was rich with potential, and as a result, Christopher received several awards for his academic achievements and success in the classroom.

Christopher was a dynamic person. In addition to being a smart boy, Christopher was also an exceptional basketball player. In middle school, he played for his school’s basketball team and for the Impact Invaders, where he earned a spot on their AAU traveling team. While playing for the Invaders, Christopher competed against young basketball players from all across the United States.

Christopher was dedicated to improving his basketball skills. Following the advice of his coaches, Christopher wisely used his spare time to practice free-throws and his jump shot in the driveway at his home in Queens, New York. His mother, realizing that he was so deeply committed to the sport, re-paved the driveway so that he could have a better surface for his personal workouts. Christopher’s accomplishments on the court earned him championship trophies, individual awards, and a meeting with NBA player Ron Artest. Christopher chose to attend Holy Cross High School to continue his blooming basketball career. He aspired to declare for Syracuse University, like his basketball idol, Carmelo Anthony.

Christopher was a lover of people. He placed the well-being of others ahead of himself. He would do small things to let his loved ones know he cared about them, such as, waiting in his mother's bedroom until she safely arrived home from work; with his long arms he would initiate group hugs; and he made sure the Impact Invader's team manager had something to drink when she was thirsty. Christopher's character exemplified how true children of God should always aspire to live.

Christopher had a profound affection for his family. The years he spent around his mother and grandmother taught him that cooking, and giving to others, are just two ways to express one's love. Christopher proved to himself that he could also cook by learning how to prepare his favorite dish: chicken parmesan.

In April 2010, Christopher's vibrant life was abruptly interrupted when he suffered a tragic accident doing what he loved the most, playing basketball at a tournament in Virginia. For nine and a half years, Christopher's body was relegated to the care of physicians, nurses, and other aides. However, the fond memories of Christopher and his beautiful spirit remained with his family, friends, coaches, and teammates.

On December 2, 2019, Christopher was called to rest by God. He leaves behind his mother, Marjorie; his father, Anthony; his stepmother, Fay; his beloved grandmother, Maxine; his brothers, Andre, Ainsworth, Theo, and Paul; his aunts, one uncle, other relatives, and a host of friends that loved him dearly, and are here to celebrate his short-lived, yet extraordinary life.

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### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Christopher Malik Hayles acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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