



## Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield

April 6, 1954 - October 18, 2021

"I Shall Wear A Crown...

When it's all over, I'm Going to Put on My Robe and Tell the Story How I Made It Over

Soon As I Get Home... I Shall See HIS Face"

On Monday, October 18, 2021, on his grandson Jamon's 19th birthday, God in His Infinite Wisdom called home to Glory, Mr. Chauncey Dexter Rayfield, 67, at the Battlefield Park Health Care Center from labor to reward after a brief illness. Chauncey now has his Crown, well done thy good and faithful servant.

Chauncey was born April 6, 1954 to the late Charles Rayfield and Sadie Washington Harrison Rayfield. He was a great Joy to his parents and enjoyed spending quality time and helping them from the love of his heart. Chauncey in his early years grew up in "The Delectable Heights" on Harding Street in Petersburg, Virginia. With his infectious personality, Chauncey made lifelong friendships with many he encountered. He was always inquisitive learning about new ideas in electronics, technology and engineering.

Chauncey was a proud graduate of The Petersburg High School Class of 1972 located on Washington Street now the Appomattox Regional Governor's School. While being in high school, Chauncey was involved in various school

activities, including the Industrial Arts Club and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA).

Chauncey later matriculated to Virginia State College (now University) and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial Arts. He was very studious and later completed several courses in the graduate program at Virginia State College (now University). He loved his alma mater with all his heart. Hail State! After completing college, Chauncey taught briefly at Hopewell High School as an Industrial Arts teacher. He later landed a rewarding career at IBM as a Customer Engineer. Chauncey serviced many commercial accounts in Chicago, Virginia, North Carolina and Atlanta. He was one that went above and beyond the call of duty. He was skilled in servicing mainframe computer systems, computer coding and computer networking.

Chauncey was baptized and a member of The First Baptist Church, Harrison Street, Petersburg, Virginia for over 60 years, one of the first African-American Baptist congregations in the United States, and one of the oldest black churches in the nation. Being a faithful Servant of the Lord, he sang in the choir and assisted with electrical and technical issues in the church.

Chauncey had an entrepreneurial spirit that he established and became founder of his company, Crime Watch Systems in the early 80's. He installed alarm systems and security cameras throughout the Tri-City, Richmond and Northern Virginia areas. Chauncey developed a large cliental for residential and commercial based over the years and was considered the "Computer Guru". Many people would call Chauncey for electrical, technical and computer related tasks. Chauncey was an expert electrician and could fix almost anything. Without any hesitation, Chauncey was dedicated to all of his customers until his declining health.

In his past time, Chauncey enjoyed spending time with his loving daughter,

Cymondria and grandson Jamon, which he often referred to as "The Jay Man". Chauncey loved listening to music, among his favorites: The Isley Brothers, Donnie McClurkin and Old School Music. In the summer, Chauncey took pride and joy in the up keep of his lawn. Many will see him cutting his grass at home and would acknowledge him with a toot and smile. Chauncey loved drinking diet cokes and eating good food. Chauncey and his daughter would talk on the phone at least 10 times a day. He would choose a "Song of the Day" and he and Cymondria would have fun singing and laughing.

Chauncey is predeceased by his parents, Charles and Sadie Rayfield; siblings, Charles Jr., Calvin, and Paulette Rayfield.

Chauncey will be greatly missed by his family, customers and those in the community that knew him.

To cherish his legacy, love and memories, a devoted and loving daughter, Cymondria Zemia Smith of Petersburg, a loving granddaughter, Ciyani Monet Smith of Petersburg; a grandson that he adored, Jamon Lemeuel Smith of Petersburg; sister, Gussie Rayfield of Ocean City, Maryland; devoted and caring cousins, Robert "Bobby" and Bernice Harrison of Charlotte, North Carolina; cousins, Valerie Harrison Long and Gregory Harrison of Petersburg; and a host of numerous cousins and relatives. Devoted and awesome extended family, Bernard Lundy, Jr. and Pamela Lundy. Special Friends for over 40 plus years, Donald Mitchell, Jerome Bassfield, Ralph Bolling, Walt Parham, Charles Lewis, David Morgan, Jimmy L. West, Jr., Tina Urqhart, Shirley Critton and Ernest Barnes. Loving Neighbors of South West Street, Janelle Giles, Don Rose, James Louis and Chris Parham.

A very special thank you to Southside Virginia Emergency Crew, Officer Ellie Powers of Petersburg Bureau of Police, Saint Mary's Hospital, Richmond, and

Battlefield Park Healthcare Center for the care extended during Chauncey's illness.

We will forever cherish the wonderful memories of Chauncey. May you rest peacefully in Heaven, this is not a forever good-bye. We will see you later.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Tucker & Fisher Celebration of Life Chapel, 415 Halifax St., Petersburg, VA with Rev. Dennis L. Smith, officiating and Rev. Derek D. Lewis, eulogizing. Interment will follow at Blandford Cemetery, 319 South Crater Rd., Petersburg, VA. The service will be live streamed. Public viewing will Friday, October 29, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home. A repast will follow service and interment at The Twelfth Masonic Temple, 1004 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia.

Final Care and Compassionate Services are being provided to the family by the professional staff of Tucker & Fisher Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 Halifax St., Petersburg, VA.

# Cemetery Details

## Blandford Cemetery

319 S Crater Road  
Petersburg, VA 23804

# Previous Events

## Rayfield Public Viewing

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Tucker and Fisher Funeral Home  
415 Halifax Street  
Petersburg, VA 23803

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## Rayfield Celebration of Life

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

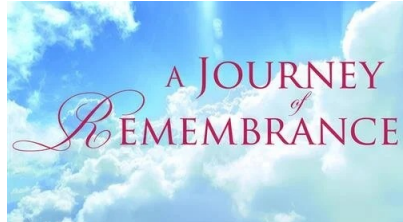
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# Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - October 28, 2021 at 02:36 PM

BB

*Bro Rayfield and have been friends since 1988. I was stationed at Ft Lee and I hanged around Tuckers FH and that's where I met Chauncey and we became good friends. He was a father figure and a mentor. I used to go with him and help home install alarm System's and I learned a lot from him. I regret not keeping in touch but I would always ask Kelvin Dixson if he saw him . Since Ft Lee I've completed college and own my own funeral Home in Tennessee. Rest well my friend and brother!!!! Brian Buckmon.*

Brian Buckmon - November 01, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Click Here For Live Stream in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - October 27, 2021 at 09:42 AM

MH

“ To Chauncey's daughter,  
Whenever your father spoke of you, his face would light up and his voice would tremble; it was apparent, you were the love of his life. Please accept our sincere condolences.  
Your father was our neighborhood security guru and quickly became our trusted friend. He was a great resource, very intelligent and witty. Chauncey will be greatly missed.

Mr. & Mrs. Hodge - October 30, 2021 at 10:21 AM

RH

“ I memory of my childhood friend.... From the Boy Scouts to Virginia State and beyond.



Randolph Harrison - October 30, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield.



October 29, 2021 at 03:08 PM

PH

“ Chauncey was a wonderful friend to my family. He will be truly missed. Take your rest in Heaven. Condolences to Cymondria and family.  
Paula W Harris



Paula W Harris - October 29, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - October 28, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DB

“ We will miss Chauncey, he was a great friend for many years. God bless your family, God only take the best.



Deborah D Benniefield - October 28, 2021 at 02:13 PM

SH

“ To the Family of Chauncey: I met him in 1973 and we became acquaintances. I found him to be quite the gentleman. Had not seen him in a very long time, but fond memories of a kind hearted, polite and courteous young man.



*May he rest in Peace*

Sheila - October 26, 2021 at 09:56 PM

BD

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Rayfield family.*

*Bonita R DeWitt  
Class of 1972*

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**Bonita R DeWitt** - October 26, 2021 at 03:26 PM

BT

“ *Beverly Mabry Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield*



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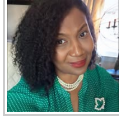
**Beverly Mabry Tucker** - October 26, 2021 at 10:29 AM

RS

“ *To Chauncey's daughter; from the day I met your dad as a little boy with David Morgan ( sister's childhood boyfriend) through my adulthood; to thee Army and back; up until the last time that i spoke 2 him 2 or 3 months ago; seeing him all the time at Dinwiddie's Foodlion. First subject would be David, then computers, then security systems. And then he would leave me with some good old life's advice which he figured that I was never too old for him 2 share. It has been an honor and inspiration 2 have known him. My sister TERRIE said that she met u on FB and prayed for u. I, too as well. I'm so sorry for your loss. If I could say one more thing 2 your dad it would be: have u heard from David; and secure a seat for me because security/taking care of folk was his thing. I will truly miss him 😭 God bless u. R.I.P. my brother, my friend 🙏*

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**Robert O. Walker, Sr.** - October 26, 2021 at 06:56 AM



*Thanks so much! My Dad was an inspiration to many. Please continue to pray for my strength. Love and Blessings. 🙏❤️*

**Cymondria Smith** - October 29, 2021 at 03:02 PM

CL

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Chauncey Rayfield.*

*He and his computer skills will be missed.*

*Calvin and Ardee Langford  
Chester, VA*



**Calvin & Ardee Langford** - October 22, 2021 at 02:51 PM

V(

“ *Chauncey was a good God-fearing man with a kind heart. I didn't see him much after school. When I did his smile was there. I pay tribute and I'm glad you are a member of PHS' Class of 1972*



**Vanessa Parham Williams (Vickie!)** - October 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

GS

*I remember Chauncey from my childhood days on Harding St...always a Wonderful person and kind spirit. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE*

**Gloria Savoy** - October 23, 2021 at 07:12 AM

AB

*Our family will miss this man soo much, he installed alarm systems in two houses, Daughter's house, both Mom's houses. You know Chauncey was all up in our business, he became family, I know his daughter will miss her dad along with so many others. Love you Chauncey!!*

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**Alma Bell** - October 28, 2021 at 12:47 PM

GJ

“ *Praying for Chauncey's family. We went to elementary school to high school together. Rest In Peace. ❤️🙏*

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**Gail Jarrett** - October 21, 2021 at 11:46 AM

LD

“ *Lynne B Dent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield*



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**Lynne B Dent** - October 20, 2021 at 11:42 PM

CS

“ Thank You Dad..... for these great 46 years being in my life.

*It's been rough these past days but I know you're at PEACE. You prepared me for this and I know you will be Shining down on us.*

*Jamon has been asking about Grandpa, I told him you are now in Heaven. We love you and I will miss our phone conversations about life and your words of wisdom....us singing "The Song of the Day". Rest in Heaven Dad.*

*Love Always,*

*Cymondria*



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**Cymondria Smith** - October 20, 2021 at 05:08 PM

LG

“ RIP Chauncy A good classmate, man and friend Godspeed to Heaven to work on God electronics. Lawrence (pete) Green PHS 72.



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**Lawrence Edward (pete) Green** - October 20, 2021 at 04:53 PM

MJ

“ You will always be “security”to me 🌹💕💕



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**Martina Johnson** - October 20, 2021 at 10:09 AM

JG

“ *Janell Giles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield*



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**Janell Giles** - October 20, 2021 at 08:22 AM

DC

“ *you will surely be missed my friend*

*David Ray Coleman*

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**David Ray Coleman** - October 19, 2021 at 07:43 AM

CA

“ *Courtnee Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield*



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**Courtnee Austin** - October 18, 2021 at 08:48 PM

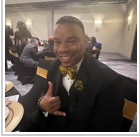
JS

“ *My child hood friend from Harding Street*



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**Joann street** - October 18, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield



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**Steve Green** - October 18, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ AL & MAVONNE MOORE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield



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**AL & MAVONNE MOORE** - October 18, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Antonio & Ruth Surley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield



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**Antonio & Ruth Surley** - October 18, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Herbert Venable lit a candle in memory of Mr. Chauncey D. Rayfield



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**Herbert venable** - October 18, 2021 at 09:57 AM