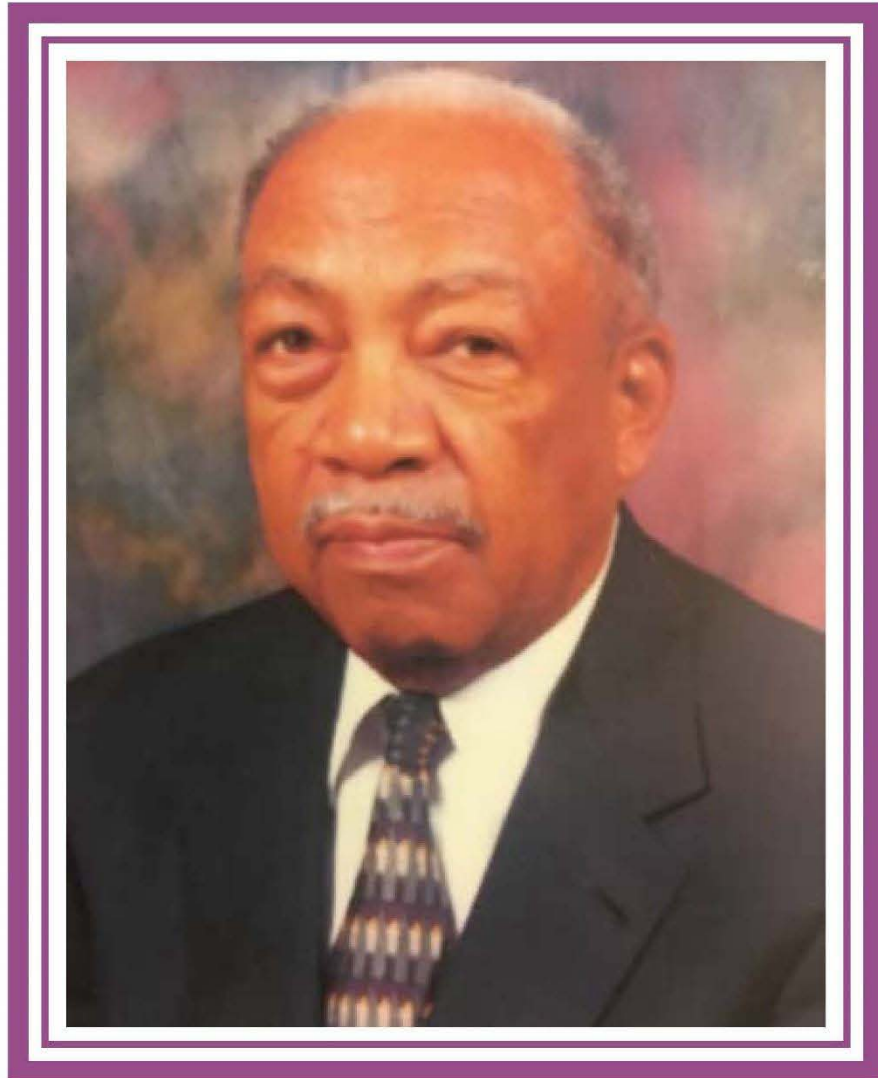


*Celebration of The Life and Legacy*  
*of*  
DR. ALFRED D. WYATT, SR.



Friday, October 6, 2023 | 11:00 AM

BEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2099 Fairburn Road, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Derrick R. Rhodes, D.Min, Ph.D.  
*Senior Pastor*



# OBITUARY

**Alfred Dyonisius Wyatt, Sr. Ed.D**, the last of 14 children, was born on December 15 1928 in Atlanta, Georgia to John F. Wyatt, Sr. and Lillie Bell Wyatt. At an early age, Dr. Wyatt became active at Cosmopolitan AME Church. Later, he joined Allen Temple AME Church where he joined the choir and became a trustee. He also entered the workforce at Curlee Cleaners learning shoe shining, shoe repair, and dry cleaning. Dr. Wyatt was educated in the Atlanta Public School system attending E.A. Ware Elementary and graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in 1946. He received his undergraduate degree from Clark College (1950). Dr. Wyatt also was a charter member of the Clark College Marching Panthers where he became their first Drum Major. He also attained postgraduate degrees from Vander Cook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois (1954), and a doctorate from Atlanta University (a.k.a., Clark Atlanta University) (1986).

After serving in the Army and being trained at the Naval School of Music in 1953, Dr. Wyatt's teaching career began in Forsyth, Georgia. In 1954, he moved his teaching career to Atlanta, Georgia where he taught 7th grade at Herndon Elementary School. In 1956, Dr. Wyatt was named band director at the newly opened Price High School in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon entering, he served on a committee that selected the school colors, wrote the fight song, and selected other logos and traditions. He served there for 18 years.

His long productive, distinguished music career also consisted of serving as band director and adjunct music professor at Clark College / Clark Atlanta University, and a music resource administrator for Atlanta Public Schools (APS). Dr. Wyatt was a proficient French hornist and was one of the first Black Americans to play for the Atlanta Symphony. Academically, he was an assistant principal at Sylvan High School. He subsequently became an associate superintendent in Area Offices and the Secondary Division of APS before his retirement in 1996.

Dr. Wyatt was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on November 17, 1947. For over 75 years he was an active and involved brother locally, regionally, and nationally. As national chair of the Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt, Dr. Wyatt led the efforts to standardize the criteria of how the program should be run on every level of the fraternity. During conferences, Dr. Wyatt led the Omega chorale and organized singing brothers to perform at various programs. He was selected to lead a team to ensure that reclamation events were well-supplied with good food. Above all, Dr. Wyatt enjoyed the brotherhood and the camaraderie.

Dr. Wyatt was a member of several other organizations (including the Lions and Masons) and has received numerous awards. Most recently, in 2020, he was one of three recipients to receive the Samuel H. Johnson Education Award. Other awards he has received over the years are the Omega Psi Phi Man of the Year

(2003), Omega Psi Phi Founders Award, Omega Psi Phi Bridge Builder, CAU Spirit of Greatness, and CAU Band Director Emeritus, to name just a few. His wall at home is filled with plaques and accolades

Dr. Wyatt's vision for a community band to enhance the lives of underserved children and adults resulted in his establishing the musical organization called the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band (MACB) in October 1996. MACB's debut performances took place in December 1996 at Greenbriar Mall in Southwest Atlanta and South DeKalb Mall in Decatur, Georgia. Since that time, MACB has made more than 200 appearances and given several scholarships. Probably the most notable were performances at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the Air Force Memorial in Washington, DC, during Memorial Day weekend of 2015. MACB has also performed at many other venues, from city concert halls to churches to elementary schools. Over the years, MACB received the reputation as 'the hardest working community band in show business!'

Aside from music and education, Dr. Wyatt was renowned for his famous barbeque ribs and chicken, smoked turkeys, and barbeque sauce. He also enjoyed traveling with his contemporaries, attending CAU and Atlanta Falcon football games, going to church and singing in the choir, and spending time with his family.

As Dr. Wyatt ascends from this realm to join his beloved wife, Mrs. Carolyn Elaine Hill Wyatt, he leaves to cherish his memory his son, Dr. Alfred D. Wyatt, Jr. (Cheryl) his daughter, Gina E. Wyatt, two granddaughters Dr. Sharla E. Wyatt and Dr. Nina N. Wyatt, a great-granddaughter, London Messick, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Rhodes, *Senior Pastor*  
*Officiating*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... *"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

GREETING ..... Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Rhodes  
*Senior Pastor, Ben Hill UMC*

HYMN OF CELEBRATION ..... *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* - UMH #140

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament - *Psalm 150* ..... Ms. Cynthia Cody

New Testament - *Colossians 3:16* ..... Ms. Irene Morns

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Rev. Dr. Vincent Howell

CELEBRATION IN SONG ..... *"God Is"* ..... C. L. Henderson Trio  
Leslie Tanner, Angela Matthews, Sharon White

REFLECTIONS (Maximum of 3 minutes per person)

Mary Francis Earley, *Colleague/Friend*

Henry Porter, *Fraternity Brother/Friend \*\*\*combo of reflection & song*

Dr. Alfred Wyatt, Jr., *Son*

CELEBRATION IN SONG ..... *"Musical Medley"* ..... Milkshake Mayfield

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Rev. Susan Buckson, *Pastor*  
*Allen Temple AME, Atlanta, GA*

CELEBRATION IN SONG ..... *"On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss"* Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Ms. Carol Wesley

RECESSIONAL ..... *"When We All Get To Heaven"*

## INTERMENT

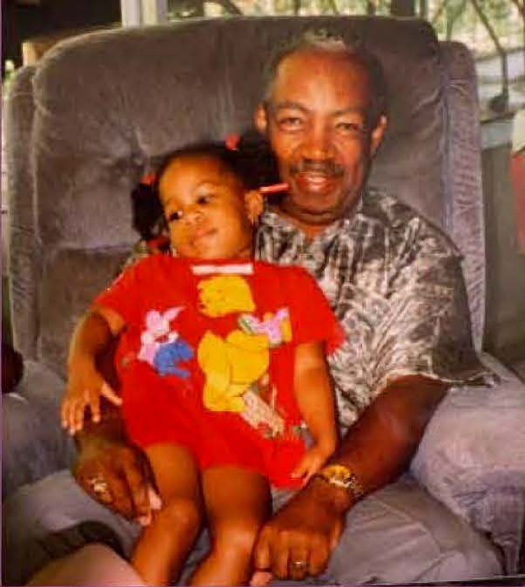
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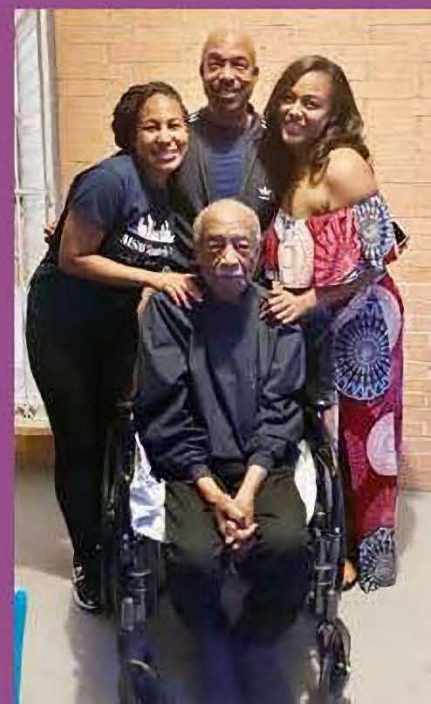
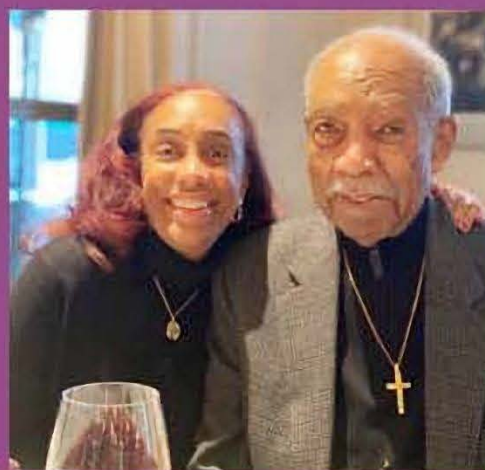
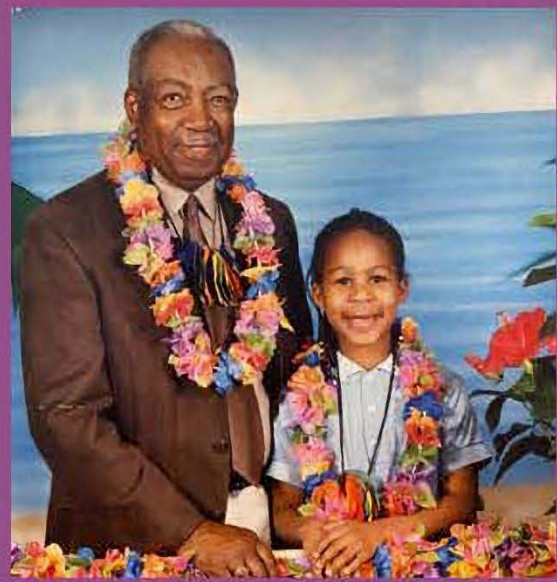
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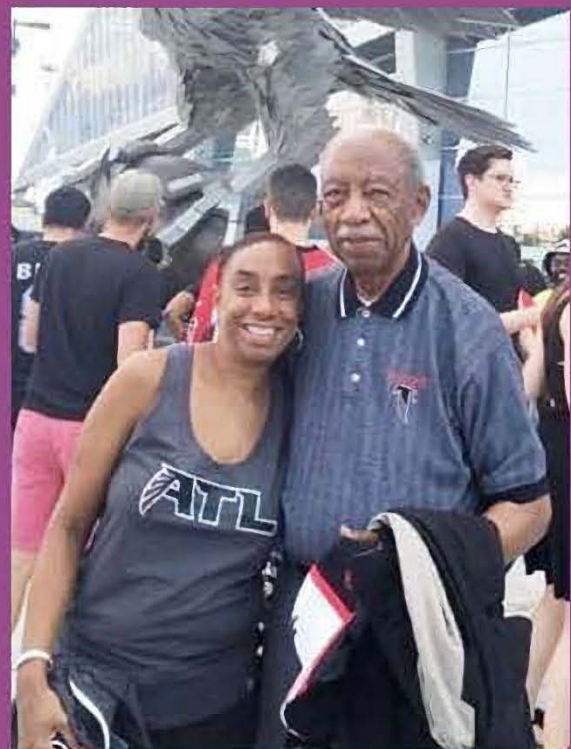
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**PALLBEARERS**

Nephews, Great-Nephews and Family

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Eta Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

**FLOWER LADIES**

Nieces, Great-Nieces and Family

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of Dr. Alfred D. Wyatt, Sr. is grateful, appreciative and touched by the many acts and words of kindness, prayers, phone calls and visits extended to us for the loss of our loved one, who meant so tremendously much to us. The love and kindness you have given us will always be remembered and forever hold a place in our hearts.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

**PRECISION PRIVATE HOME CARE**

For all the wonderful caretakers you provided that genuinely cared and loved our dad and grandfather

Gracinia Miller/Caretaker

Katie Rhodes/Loving Friend

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