



## Dr. Johnson Haynes

March 17, 1953 - December 2, 2022

Dr. Johnson Haynes Jr. was born on March 17, 1953, the second of two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Haynes of Opelika. He accepted Christ at an early age, joining Bethesda Baptist Church. After graduating from high school in 1971, he entered Tuskegee Institute, where he concentrated in pre-med studies and pledged the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

He graduated from medical school at the University of South Alabama in 1980 to begin a career as an African-American trailblazer, the first to train as a resident and a fellow at USA. He joined the faculty in 1984 as the first African-American clinical and basic sciences faculty member. He was a devoted mentor to countless medical students and residents and a tireless advocate for more opportunities in medicine for students from disadvantaged communities.

Over the years, Dr. Haynes became distinguished for his expertise in researching and treating sickle cell anemia. In September, USA named its sickle cell center, which he headed since 2001, in his honor.

Dr. Haynes also found time for community service. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, and a member of several civic and social clubs.

He leaves to mourn his passing four children, Johnson “Jay” (Myrtis) Haynes III, Ryan Haynes, Austin McGrew-Haynes and Carly Robbins Tucker; a goddaughter, Kelli Samantha Watson; a sister, Linda

(Leanadous) Summers; a nephew, Brent Summers; two nieces, Kwanzaa Summers (James) White and Cynthia Clark; a great-niece, Alexandra White; a devoted friend and caretaker, Dr. Linda Lash Haynes; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Omega service will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, December 8, at Small's Mortuary at 950 S. Broad Street in Mobile.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, December 9, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 4051 on Old Shell Road. The burial service will be held at 12 Noon on Saturday, December 10, at Garden Hills Cemetery in Opelika, Al. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Johnson Haynes Jr. M.D. Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, 650 Clinic Drive, TRP III Ste. 1500, Mobile, AL 36688.

# Cemetery Details

## **Garden Hills Cemetery**

1218 Frederick Road  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Johnson Haynes*

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dr Haynes and my family visited each other when we lived in Colorado. He was interning at a Medical Center. We shared memories of our hometown in Opelika and vowed to stay in touch. We did. The news of his transition was heartbreaking to us. A true Medical Professional and friend.*

**James W Strickland PhD** - December 15, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Betty Conway lit a candle in memory of Dr. Johnson Haynes*



**Betty Conway** - December 08, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *A great doctor. One who dedicated his life to helping others. Pastor McCulloh*

**George C McCulloh** - December 07, 2022 at 11:28 AM

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“ *Betty Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Johnson Haynes*



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**Betty Williams** - December 07, 2022 at 10:33 AM