



Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.

June 3, 1949 - December 2, 2020

Trustee Nathan Russell Bayton, Jr., 71, of Essex County transitioned from earth to heaven on December 2, 2020 at Bon Secours Hospital.. He was the oldest son of the late Nathan Russell Bayton, Sr. and the late Mamie Beatrice Green Bayton.

Nathan attended school in Essex County, where he graduated from Essex High School in 1967. He spent one year at Virginia Union University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Virginia State University. He was baptized at an early age at Oak Grove Baptist Church. As a young adult, he joined Angel Visit Church where he was a faithful member of the Usher Ministry, Men's Choir, the Men's Ministry and was serving as Chairperson of the Trustee Ministry. He also served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School.

The year 1972 was special for Nathan Bayton Jr. In January, he began his career as a Claims Adjuster for Nationwide Insurance Company. On August 12, 1972, he was joined in holy matrimony to Griselda Shavannah Amy. To that union, two sons were born; Nathan Russell Bayton, III and Garrick Adair Bayton.

In 1979, when his father's health was failing, Nathan decided to leave his rewarding career and return to Essex to take charge of the family farm.

During the month of September 1983, Nathan was interviewed by Anne Heinze and consequently an article was published in the Landhandler Magazine, entitled "He Buys Marketing Knowledge". This was considered quite an honor for a local farmer in Essex County.

After working several years on the family farm, he made a decision to sell the major farm equipment and initiated a lease agreement with a local farmer. This was the prelude to him becoming a Commercial Truck Driver. He was influenced to become a Truck Driver because of his admiration of his cousins, the late James Russell Bayton, the late Claudius Milton Bowler (Jack) and John Richard Bayton. Therefore, in 1987, Nathan purchased a Mack Tractor Trailer and became the Owner and Operator of N. R. Bayton Trucking LLC. During the era of the Citizens Band (CB) Radios, his handle was "Crowbar".

Under the leadership of Mr. Francis Savage, Nathan served as the Area Vice President of the Civic League of Essex County. He was also an active member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Essex County Wetlands Preservation Committee. In the community, he was known as a handy man and sometimes counselor. He was very resourceful and did not mind lending a helping hand or a word of encouragement.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing with his late uncle Harry Green, his cousin Darryl, friend William, his sons, and grandchildren. Nathan also loved driving his red Ford F150 and the blue Mustang. Driving mustangs was a hobby that he shared with his sons.

He leaves to mourn a great loss, his devoted wife of 48 years, Reverend Dr. Griselda Amy Bayton; sons Nathan Russell Bayton III (Robin) and Garrick Adair Bayton, Sr. (Dana); Grandchildren, Grandchildren, Kyla Monet Bayton,

Nathan R. Bayton IV, Nolan Isaiah Bayton, Cameron Anderson, Garrick A. Bayton, Jr., and Ghianna Marie Bayton; his brother Glenn Darnell Bayton (Diane), two nieces, and five nephews; six great nieces, three great nephews: two brothers-in-law Frederick Amy, Sr. (Glynova) and Reuben Amy, Jr; two God daughters Desylvia Bowler Taliaferro, Adarius Trent Curry, two God granddaughters (Janiyah and Kairis) and a host of relatives and friends.

A family and community viewing service will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 (4:00PM – 8:00PM) at Vincent's Funeral Home in West Point, Virginia.

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation

DEC 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Tribute Wall

A.

“Nathan was such a nice man. He will not be forgotten. We pray your family will forever remain strong together and will share peace and love during this difficult time. Please know we are praying for God to comfort you and give you strength to go through in the name of Jesus. We know we will see him again in the resurrection. Love Cousins, Chris, Ange, Omarr, Shanti and Baseer

A.Lewis - December 14, 2020 at 09:12 PM

WR

“Griselda and Family...Bill and I want to express our deepest condolences on the loss of your husband, Nathan. This kind of loss is indescribable ...we know. We hope that the memories you share will continue to sustain you during this time of loss. We are grateful for the life and children you share. Sincerely and with love, Wanda and Bill Ryan

Wanda Akers Ryan - December 13, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JL

“James L.Gray lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



James L.Gray - December 12, 2020 at 03:17 PM

AJ

“ Sincere condolences to the Bayton family. Praying for strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Augustus M. Jones

Augustus M. Jones - December 09, 2020 at 06:50 PM

GG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for you and your family 's strength.

Gloria Graham-Johnson

Gloria Graham-Johnson - December 09, 2020 at 06:38 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and your family and give you peace to endure.

*Rev. Janet Wynn
BGCVA*

Janet Wynn - December 09, 2020 at 04:53 PM

TF

“ The Cannon Family lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



The Cannon Family - December 09, 2020 at 03:04 AM

TF

The Lord will always be the strength that will help all endure.

The Cannon Family - December 09, 2020 at 03:07 AM

FJ

“ *My condolences to Dr. Bayton and family.*

Franklyn Joseph

Franklyn Joseph - December 08, 2020 at 09:36 PM

SG

“ *Saunders & Jackie Hodges Gloucester lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Saunders & Jackie Hodges Gloucester - December 08, 2020 at 08:50 PM

PJ

“ *Bayton family,*

Although we know at such a time, we can say little. Please know that you are in our thoughts today and be reminded that every passing life leaves something beautiful behind. May beauty live on in your memories and bring you peace.

*Baptist General Convention of Virginia
Women's Ministry*

Polly Jones-Mason - December 08, 2020 at 01:18 PM

JR

“ We want to send our condolences to the family. Mr. Bayton was a gentle giant that will truly be missed. We love you all so much and want you to know we are praying for each of you.

Love,
The Segar Family

Jacqueline Reynolds - December 08, 2020 at 08:43 AM

LM

Condolences from cousins the Morris family Jamaica Va.
Lucille Theresa Linda and Cleo and Theodore
Love you all our prayers

Lucille Morris - December 08, 2020 at 11:41 AM

EG

“ EricN. Greene lit a candle in memory of
Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



EricN. Greene - December 07, 2020 at 10:00 PM

LI

“ May, you and your family find comfort in
God's promise that he will never leave you
nor forsake you , no never alone . Lovingly
,Randolph Lane & Family .



Liggon - December 07, 2020 at 09:26 PM

LE

“ I am sending you my warmest condolences and my family is praying for you and your loved ones in your time of such great loss.
LaTanya Wood El and Family



LaTanya Wood El - December 07, 2020 at 07:37 PM

CP

“ Cordice Philmore lit a candle in memory of
Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Cordice Philmore - December 07, 2020 at 06:55 PM

JF

“ I am praying for you Pastor Bayton, your children and family to be surrounded by God's loving presence. Sending love your way.

Joseph A. Fleming

Joseph A. Fleming - December 07, 2020 at 06:53 PM

JC

“ My prayers are with the Bayton Family. May the ministry of God's comfort be with you during this time.

James E. Coleman, Jr.

James Coleman - December 07, 2020 at 06:14 PM

DJ

“My utmost condolences to Griselda, Nathan, and Rick for loss of your husband and father. May you find peace during this difficult time, but take comfort in knowing that Nathan Jr. is ever present with you. In every memory you possess, every lesson he ever taught, and the example he set in how to walk upright in this world, he is still here guiding and loving you all.”

Derek E Jeter

Derek E Jeter - December 07, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CJ

“We are so very sorry to learn that Nathan passed. We all grew up together. It is with great sadness that we say good by. We will keep his family in prayer.”

Charlyne Jackson-Fields

Charlyne Jackson-Fields - December 07, 2020 at 02:13 PM



BS

“Sending our love and condolences.
Brenda Combs Stokes and Family”

Brenda Stokes - December 07, 2020 at 01:24 PM



KD

“ Kimberly Stokes Davis-Stepney lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Kimberly Stokes Davis-Stepney - December 07, 2020 at 01:22 PM

SC

“ SRBA Convention Choir lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



SRBA Convention Choir - December 07, 2020 at 12:12 PM

BA

“ Barbie-D lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Barbie-D - December 07, 2020 at 12:10 PM

PR

“ Phil And Janey Rutter lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Phil and Janey Rutter - December 07, 2020 at 12:04 PM

WD

“ William & Gwendolyn Darby lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



William & Gwendolyn Darby - December 07, 2020 at 11:25 AM

DG

“ Doris Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Doris Gaskins - December 07, 2020 at 10:39 AM

NJ

“ We are going to miss you Cousin Nathan. I know that we seen each other sparingly, but you could feel the love when we met as a family. To my family the Bayton's hold on to God's unchanging hands, He will feel that space with Joy in due time. Love Always the Small Family.



Nathaniel P. Small Jr. - December 07, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ Janice Cauthorne lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Janice Cauthorne - December 07, 2020 at 12:39 AM



“ *Janice Cauthorne lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Janice Cauthorne - December 07, 2020 at 12:38 AM

BJ

“ *words can't describe the emotions or feelings of trying to process this. But I know Nathan will live on through all of us and especially through Rick and Nathan. Because all of his hard work and values shows through them and the family. He will be missed until we meet again.*



Brad Jones - December 07, 2020 at 12:02 AM

GF

“ *Gloria E. Fortune lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Gloria E. Fortune - December 06, 2020 at 11:11 PM

PB

“ *Pauline Amy Byrd lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Pauline Amy Byrd - December 06, 2020 at 10:14 PM

SC

“ Stanley & Delois Clarke lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Stanley & Delois Clarke - December 06, 2020 at 08:29 PM

RJ

“ He was always kind and caring. Thank God for the blessing of friends. May God bless you Rev.Dr. Griselda Bayton and family. You are in my prayers.
Rev.Dr. Ella Harris Johnson.

Rev. Dr. Ella Harris Johnson - December 06, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DH

“ To The Bayton Family: Charles and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. So sorry for your lost. I will always remember the his smiling face. God Bless you and your family! Love You Delories Henderson

Delories Henderson - December 06, 2020 at 07:38 PM

JJ

“ Janet Jeter lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Janet Jeter - December 06, 2020 at 06:57 PM

AC

“ *Angela Cauthorne lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Angela Cauthorne - December 06, 2020 at 03:19 PM

EJ

“ *We are so sad to hear of Cousin Nathan's passing, There are no words which can ease the pain of your loss, however, if caring thoughts will help, they are with you right now. Always remember the endless love and happiness you shared. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Nathan will be truly missed.*

*Sorrowfully,
Freddie & Esther Jones*

Esther Jones - December 06, 2020 at 02:59 PM

SB

Truly shocked to hear of cousin Nathan's passing. He was a cousin, brother and uncle to my family. He will be truly missed! He was so full of life and full of laughter. My prayers are with the family, their lives were blessed with Nathan in it. His legacy will live on and he will never be forgotten by anyone who met him! Love cousin Susan Amy Brown

Susan brown - December 06, 2020 at 07:28 PM

JD

“ *Jerry And Sandy Davis lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Jerry and Sandy Davis - December 06, 2020 at 02:12 PM

YM

“Gone way too soon! Cousin, I’m going to miss your smile and good cheer always when we met. Your love for family, even extended, was obvious. You were an example of a “real” man. Faithful and loving to your wife, an example to your sons. Thank you for being like a son to Dad. With tears in my eyes I accept God’s will! Will love and miss you always! Yvonne (Sissy) Green-Ryons

Yvonne Murry - December 06, 2020 at 12:50 PM

JA

“Prayers are with you and your family.

Jameel



jameel - December 06, 2020 at 11:38 AM

DS

“To the entire Bayton family. I deepest condolences. Mrs. Bayton my prayers are with you and your entire family right now. He was SUCH an amazing, funny, smart, loving man. It was an honor to have known him. I know his everlasting love will pour over you, Rick, Nate and the rest of the family forever. God bless you all. Love, D’Lorah

D’Lorah Small - December 06, 2020 at 10:29 AM

WB

“Griselda praying for you and your family.
Wilma Kenney Battle and Family 🙏🙏

Wilma Battle - December 06, 2020 at 10:16 AM

FC

“ *Faye Carter lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Faye Carter - December 06, 2020 at 09:30 AM

JR

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing to you always. We ar here for you for whatever you need. Hugs to you!- Janeen and Tony Richards*

Janeen M Richards - December 06, 2020 at 08:26 AM

FC

Holding you in prayer with much love Faye Carter

Faye Carter - December 06, 2020 at 09:25 AM

MS

“ *Marlene Scott lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Marlene Scott - December 06, 2020 at 07:50 AM

JS

“ *Jr and Linda Harris*



Jr and Linda Scott-Harris - December 06, 2020 at 06:38 AM

RW

“ Ray And Kay Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Ray and Kay Whitaker - December 06, 2020 at 05:25 AM

JF

“ Joseph & Ramona Whitaker-Garner & Fami lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Joseph & Ramona Whitaker-Garner & fami - December 06, 2020 at 05:23 AM

JC

“ We are praying with you and the family. James A. Green family and church family Indianapolis, IN



James A. Green, cousin - December 06, 2020 at 05:18 AM

MR

“ Mary E. Redden lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Mary E. Redden - December 06, 2020 at 01:16 AM

MW

“ Sending my love prayers and condolences to the family from me Ron



Mary Arlene Washington - December 06, 2020 at 12:59 AM

KR

“ Dr. Bayton and family. Expressing my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your husband, father grandfathet,grandfather,. I Pray for you and your family in your hour of bereavement.
Krista Roundtree



Krista Roundtree - December 06, 2020 at 12:42 AM

VH

“ Victoria Hayden lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Victoria Hayden - December 06, 2020 at 12:11 AM

IJ

“ Rev Dr Bayton and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I,m sitting here listening to Ira (Doughboy) reminiscing about the good ole days on the road. Sounds like he was a wonderful man with lots of wisdom. So sorry for your loss.
Blessings Ira and Pat Johnson

Ira & Pat Johnson - December 05, 2020 at 11:01 PM

HH

“ Prayers and condolences to the family

Hallie Holmes - December 05, 2020 at 10:53 PM

TJ

“ Tiffany And Richard Robinson Jr lit a candle
in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Tiffany and Richard Robinson Jr - December 05, 2020 at 10:43 PM

E1

“ Essex High School Class Of 1967 lit a candle
in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Essex High School Class of 1967 - December 05, 2020 at 10:42 PM

RJ

“ Tiffany and Richard Robinson Jr.



Richard Robinson Jr. - December 05, 2020 at 10:42 PM

TF

“ *The Wright/Malmberg Family lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



The Wright/Malmberg family - December 05, 2020 at 10:27 PM

NP

“ *Nicole Phillips lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Nicole Phillips - December 05, 2020 at 10:23 PM

PB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Nathan, Jr. will be greatly miss. Patrick and family*



Patrick & Pat Bayton - December 05, 2020 at 09:02 PM

MB

“ *Mildred Burrell lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.*



Mildred Burrell - December 05, 2020 at 07:09 PM

SF

“ Sharon(Vaughan)Bibbens & Family lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Sharon(Vaughan)Bibbens & Family - December 05, 2020 at 06:18 PM

LH

Sorry for your loss. We are going to miss you my buddy. Diane and James Hill.

Laura hill - December 05, 2020 at 06:55 PM

MP

You smiled every time you talked about Nathan,Jr. and your other shining stars. Your grief and loss have saddened all of us who know you. Please accept condolences on behalf of the Norrell and Swansboro Elementary Schools. We love you.

Grace and peace,
Mary P. Pierce
(Retired Principal)

Mary Pierce - December 09, 2020 at 01:50 PM

CM

“ Clarence & Patricia Morris lit a candle in memory of Nathan Russell Bayton Jr.



Clarence & Patricia Morris - December 05, 2020 at 06:13 PM

JJ

Sending prayers and condolences from The Phillips Family. Howard, James, Carolyn and Janet

Janet Jeter - December 06, 2020 at 06:56 PM

GW

On the behalf of myself, Deaconess Gerri Wiltshire and the entire Welcome Baptist Church family of Newark, New Jersey, we send our deepest condolences and prayers to the Bayton family. May God comfort you and give you peace as it is needed.

Geraldine Wiltshire - December 07, 2020 at 07:45 PM

RS

Just know that your friends love you and are praying with your entire family.

Rena Shipp - December 08, 2020 at 03:43 PM