



## Mr. Taft Henry Hylton, Jr.

June 22, 1936 - January 11, 2025

Taft H. Hylton, Jr., age 88, entered eternal rest peacefully on Saturday, January 11, 2025. He is lovingly survived by his son, Darryl Hylton, Sr.; devoted grandson, Dr. Darryl Hylton, Jr.; granddaughter, Eliana Hylton; dear friend and former wife, Shirley Hylton; brother, N. Saleem (Ivy) Hylton; along with several cherished nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Mr. Hylton dedicated over three decades to the U.S. Government before retiring in 1989. Beyond his professional career, he was a gifted musician, widely known in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area for his exceptional talent on the piano and organ. Over the years, he shared his love of music by teaching countless students and serving as an organist and choir director for several churches. He also served as a lead organist for numerous funeral services, leaving a lasting impact on his community.

Mr. Hylton's enduring legacy will be celebrated as a man who deeply valued music, education, and family. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Hylton will lie in state on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home, 7474 Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785, and on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at

Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church, 4501 16th Street NW,  
Washington, D.C. 20011, where a celebration of life service will follow at 11:00  
a.m.

Interment will take place at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly request donations be made to The Collegiate  
Black Male Network 14111 Yardarm Way #1209 Laurel, MD 20707. [www.thecbmnetwork.org/donate](http://www.thecbmnetwork.org/donate)

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Suitland, MD 20746  
(301) 568-5400

# Previous Events

## First Visitation

JAN **22**. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home  
7474 Landover Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20785  
(301) 322-2300  
jbjenkins@jbjfh.com  
<http://JBJenkinsFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Simpson - Hamline United Methodist Church  
4501 Sixteen St, NW  
Washington, DC 20018

## Funeral service

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JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Simpson - Hamline United Methodist Church  
4501 Sixteen St, NW  
Washington, DC 20018

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I worked with Taft for several years in the DC government. He was always kind to me, even going out of his way to pick me up in his car on his way to work. He was a very smartly dressed man all the time. He was a good friend and I will miss him.* ”

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**John Hardwick** - February 14, 2025 at 01:19 AM