



## Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.

September 8, 1947 - July 24, 2018

With profound sadness, the family of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. announces his passing which occurred on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Being a native of Oklahoma, Dr. Wynn has traveled extensively and we are fortunate that he chose to spend so many years in Durham. Survivors include his devoted wife, Peggy, his son, Rahsaan Phail Wynn (U.S. Marine Corps), mother, Dr. Valree' Fletcher Wynn of Lewisville, Texas, brother Michael Wynn (Cheryl) Lewisville, Texas and an aunt, Mary Wynn of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

His career is inclusive of service provided to Durham Technical Community and Duke University for a period exceeding forty-five years, respectively, touching the lives of so many adults, as well as, young people, through initiatives spearheaded by Dr. Wynn's wise thinking and efforts.

Yes, Phail was instrumental in varied initiatives which impacted our community in such a positive manner. To enhance his being, Phail was affiliated with a plethora of boards, organizations, businesses and fraternities. Inclusive in that listing are Alpha Tau Boule' and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Additionally, by serving in the United States Army, he honored our country.

Phail was admired and respected for his accolades, his unassuming manner and his willingness to help others. Dr. Wynn will be deeply missed by all whose lives he touched and remembered as a man of principle who was

committed to bringing positive change to his/our community, which he so generously embraced. May Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. 's legacy live on.

A celebration of life will take place on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Duke University Chapel, 401 Chapel Drive Durham, NC 27708. Dr. Wynn will lie in state at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N. Queen Street, Durham, NC 27701 on Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Lie In State

JUL **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.

309 N Queen St

Durham, NC 27701

(919) 682-1171

[scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com](mailto:scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com)

<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

## Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Duke Chapel

401 Chapel Drive

Durham, NC 27708

[dukechapel@duke.edu](mailto:dukechapel@duke.edu)

<https://chapel.duke.edu/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *On behalf of Duke Student Government and all Duke students, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Phail Wynn. We had the honor and privilege to work alongside Dr. Wynn, and he taught us all so much about true service and commitment to our community. We will strive to continue our work with the same drive and passion that Dr. Wynn always exhibited. His work will continue to make tangible, positive change in Duke, Durham, and beyond. Thank you so much Dr. Wynn for all that you've done.*

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**Uwa Ihionkhan** - August 18, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ *All thank you for your kind words and support. It is a blessing to see the impact that my Father had on so many people. He loved his work and he loved the people that he worked with. Again thank you all. God Bless.*

*RP Wynn*

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**Rahsaan Phail Wynn** - August 17, 2018 at 10:33 PM

JH

“ Mrs Wynn and Rahsaan, I extend my sincere condolences and will continue to keep you in prayer. It was my honor to know Dr Wynn not only through church but also through working on a new building at Durham Tech. He contributed much and encouraged so many, including me.

with love,  
Janeen Harrell

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Janeen Harrell - July 31, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr..



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July 31, 2018 at 03:39 PM

TM

“ Theresa McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.



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Theresa McLaurin - July 30, 2018 at 01:55 PM

TG

“ Dr. Phail Wynn and I first met while taking graduate school classes at NC State University in the 1970's. He was an exceptional student and it was quite evident he was destined to become a great leader in the community college system, university system or other major organization. And, I was ecstatic to learn of his appointment as president of Durham Technical Institute which was later named Durham Technical Community College.

*Dr. Wynn was a pioneer for African Americans to serve as president of a community college in the State of North Carolina. Moreover, his capable leadership proved how successful African Americans could be in such leadership capacity when given an opportunity.*

*Blessings and peace are extended to the the family of Dr, Wynn for the loss of your loved one.*

*Terry E. Garrison  
Member, NC House of Representaives  
District 32 (Vance, Warren & Granville Counties)*

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**Terry Garrison** - July 30, 2018 at 09:47 AM

HC

“ My deepest sympathy to Phail's family. I greatly enjoyed working with him during his time at Duke and on the board of the Forest at Duke. He always had tremendous insights but always delivered them with a great sense of humor. I am sorry that he did not get to spend more time riding his motorcycles. He will be missed.

*Harvey Cohen*

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**harvey jay cohen** - July 30, 2018 at 08:42 AM

AY

“ Wishing the family peace to bring comfort and the courage to face the days ahead. May the loving memories forever be in your hearts.  
-Anita Ramseur Young

Anita Ramseur Young - July 30, 2018 at 08:18 AM

BM

“ My condolences to the family of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr., my supervisor for more than 20 years at Durham Tech. May God bless you and give you strength during this most difficult time. May fond memories of him remain with us all.



Beatrice Muhammad - July 29, 2018 at 10:17 PM

RW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time. Phail left a legacy for all to follow. His caring ways was a model for all of us to follow. A great Alpha man! Bobby and Cathy Wall



Robert and Cathy Wall - July 29, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ Bren Cleary lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.



Bren Cleary - July 29, 2018 at 03:21 PM

LL

“ I have been at Durham Tech for 7 years as a student. I finally graduated this year in May and it was a great honor to hear him deliver the commencement speech. I never knew how much of an impact his words could mean to me today. My condolences all with you all.

Lavern Lucier - July 29, 2018 at 02:42 PM

DB

“ For the untimely loss of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.-- my boss, my counselor, and my friend for over 25 years, I extend my condolences and heartfelt sympathy wishes to the Wynn family. I pray to the Lord to give the departed soul eternal peace and strength to his beloved family. “His” indelible footprints have been left behind, so, know that he will not be forgotten.

Dora (“Ms. Doll”) Bailey

Dora Bailey - July 29, 2018 at 01:40 PM

BH

My sincere sympathy to sincere sympathy to the Wynn family during your bereavement. May God's word bring much comfort to each you. I worked under his leadership for sixteen years. I count him as being a great man and leader.  
With much love,  
Barbara Patterson-Hatcher

Barbara Patterson Hatcher - July 29, 2018 at 02:17 PM

AF

It is with great sorrow to hear the passing of my past President of Durham Tech of 20 + years during my employment. He truly inspired faculty, staff and students. His brilliance and love for others made him a great leader. May God comfort and give strength to the family today and in the weeks ahead.  
Ann Faircloth, Retired Auxiliary Services Director at Durham Tech

Ann Faircloth - July 29, 2018 at 02:33 PM

HF

*My sincere sympathy to the Wynn family. I am praying for your peace and comfort. I am thankful for the support Dr. Wynn provided for me while I worked at Durham Tech. Helen Featherson, Retired Director - Retired & Senior Volunteer Program*

**Helen Featherson** - July 29, 2018 at 11:14 PM

LD

“ *Larry Daniel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.*



**Larry Daniel** - July 29, 2018 at 11:37 AM

RD

“ *Ruth Daniel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.*



**Ruth Daniel** - July 29, 2018 at 11:35 AM

AE

“ *Peggy and Rahsaan, I know your hearts are heavy . Please know that God will give you peace as only he can. Please know that my family is terribly saddened at your loss as well. Phail left only good memories in my family's life. We will be there for you as you need in the future.*

*Your best friend forever.  
Alma Egerton*

**Alma Egerton** - July 29, 2018 at 06:17 AM

DB

“ There are so many memories wrapped up in the time spent with Dr. Wynn and the 30+ years of friendship and service at Durham Tech! His circle was HUGE and his influence was DYNAMIC! One word to describe him -- EXTRAORDINARY!

Dorothy A Brower - July 28, 2018 at 04:17 PM

DC

“ Darlene Clayton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr.



Darlene Clayton - July 28, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr..



July 27, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr..*



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July 27, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Tonya M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr..*



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**Tonya M.** - July 27, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ *Dr. Wynn always supported my endeavors, goals, and career. He did so with an amazing smile (and a lot of times, with a jolly laugh) and warmth that stretched for miles. I mourn your passing and God has another Angel who will look down upon us with mercy and kindness as, we who are left behind, continue our journey. My prayers are with the Wynn family.*



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**Tonya M** - July 27, 2018 at 09:28 AM



*I have many fond memories of Dr. Wynn. My sympathies to his family.*

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**Terra B.** - July 28, 2018 at 06:29 PM

AC

“ Dear Peggy and Rahsaan,

*Please know we share your grief and that we also are broken-hearted by your awesome loss. We know Phail loved you both unconditionally and that he was so deeply proud of you and the wonderful family life you shared. Thank you also for the loving support you always gave him so generously. Our hope and prayer for you is that as the days goes by you will be sustained and affirmed by the multitude of memories you have of Phail as the dedicated, caring husband and father he always was and will remain in your hearts.*

*Art and Melody Clark*

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**Arthur Clark** - July 26, 2018 at 01:56 PM

WL

“ *William and I were saddened to learn of Dr. Wynn's passing. May God comfort you during this very difficult time. Our prayers are there with you.*

*William and Queen Lawrence*

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**William & Queen Lawrence** - July 26, 2018 at 11:40 AM

CC

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.*  
*Cynthia Carter*



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**cynthia carter** - July 26, 2018 at 07:27 AM

LV

“Peggy and family, we are sorry to learn of Phail's passing. A great co-worker, friend, and leader in the community college system. He was greatly admired as a president of Durham Technical Community College. May God bless you and family as you face this difficult time. We love you . L.A. and Mary Veasey

L.A. Veasey - July 25, 2018 at 07:36 PM



My condolences to the Family of Dr. Phail Wynn. Dr. Wynn knew everyone by name at Durham Tech. He always asked how I was doing and spoke every time he saw me. Some years ago he gave me the special coin. It said "You Done Good". Dr. Wynn, You Done Good too. Rest in the heavenly father's arm. May the family find peace that surpasses all understanding as we pray for the family.

Cynthia Davis - July 30, 2018 at 06:10 AM

DK

Mrs. Wynn, Rahsaan, and family: It is and was sad to learn of Dr. Wynn's passing; it was a blessing working with him at Durham Technical Community College. For several years I worked as an English Instructor within the ABE/AHSD/GED curriculum. I worked more closely with Dr. Wynn while at the Day Reporting Center/Criminal Justice Department. Dr. Wynn was always encouraging and inspiring to me for being so young in the field of education. It is because of Dr. Wynn and many others that I will always be close to the field of education. He was a great person and always available to assist anyone. My prayers are with his family.

Daryl K. Kennedy: Former English Instructor Durham Technical Community College

Daryl K Kennedy - July 30, 2018 at 12:27 PM