

Hulon E. Crayton, M.D., 58, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his family.

Hulon E. Crayton was a physician, professional musician, philanthropist, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was sole practitioner and owner of the Arthritis and Infusion Center, which he opened in 1998 after relocating to Panama City from Wisconsin. He had a passion for the practice of Rheumatology, which was clearly evident by his compassion for people and empathy for their medical concerns.

As a professional musician and saxophone player, Hulon published two CD's, *First Impressions* and *After Hours*. His third and fourth CD's are still in production. Hulon played a duet with Jeff Kashiwa at the Martin Theatre and opened for Michael Bolton at the Marina Civic Center.

He and his wife, Dinah, endowed the first scholarship earmarked for African American students at Florida State University, Panama City campus, and also endowed a scholarship at his undergraduate alma mater, Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, which is a historically black university. He also served on a number of boards in the community such as the Bay County Chamber of Commerce, the FSU-PCC Development Board, Bay Arts Alliance, and the Military Affairs Committee. In addition, he was a member of the Panama City Rotary Club and served as President of Basic of Northwest Florida for HIV/AIDS. Hulon served in the United States Army and attained the rank of Captain.

Hulon is survived by his beloved wife, Dinah Crayton, J.D., his children Hulon II, Corinna, and Darryl as well as his beautiful grandson, Aiden. He is also survived by his sisters, Charlotte D. Bates, Adego Everline Bates, Waheeda Adul Mateen, Tommie Jean Joiner, and a host of nephews, nieces, colleagues and friends. His father, Tommie Crayton, and his mother, Mavis Bates, preceded him in death.

Calling hours for Hulon E. Crayton, M.D. will be held at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 1021 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Panama City, FL 32401 on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lynn Haven, 1005 Ohio Avenue, Lynn Haven, FL 32444. Interment will be held on Friday, February 27, 2015 at Barrancas National Cemetery with military honors.