



Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.

June 5, 1953 - October 17, 2025

Hiawatha Fryer, Jr. was born on June 5, 1953, in Buffalo, New York, to parents Hiawatha Fryer, Sr. and Cortencie Fountain Fryer. The family then relocated to Alabama, where Hiawatha graduated from Luverne High School in Luverne, Alabama.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Hiawatha joined the United States Army. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he settled in civilian life in Alabama. He later moved to Apopka, Florida, where he met and married the love of his life, Valeria Fryer. They were blessed with four children: Hiawatha, Paul, Tykeria, and TyShuana.

Hiawatha genuinely loved the Lord, and he loved serving God in His house. He was always eager and willing to go to church. When the Bible states, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord", that was the sentiment of Hiawatha. He was always going to church and giving his all in his service to the Lord. It is that very service and care for the Lord that molded, guided, and shaped his life as a husband, father, and overall human being. He joined the Pentecostal Overcoming Holiness Church in Apopka, Florida, under the leadership of Bishop Henry Hall, and then Pastor Sadie White. He remained a faithful member for 28 years.

Hiawatha was the epitome of a family man. He took great pride in being a

loving and devoted husband and was an equally loving and supportive father. He would spend his time bonding and connecting with his family, hosting family game nights, and playing games with his wife and children. He wanted to win fair and square (even though he proved not to be as good as his kids), and would not be too happy if they “gave him the game”.

In his pastime, Hiawatha loved to take pictures everywhere he went, especially among family and friends. He was indeed the family’s unofficial photographer. He also loved to cook and enjoyed experimenting with ingredients. He looked forward to having his family indulge in his tasty “food concoctions”, all be it good, bad, or indifferent. The highlight of his time was fishing. He enjoyed fishing more than anything. He would spend countless hours and days fishing with his children, dear friends, and even alone.

Hiawatha was preceded in death by his father, Hiawatha Fryer, Sr.; his mother, Cortencie Jennings; and his sister, Marjorie Battle.

Left to cherish his memory and continue in his legacy of faith...his loving and devoted wife, Valeria Fryer; sons: Hiawatha Fryer (Michelle) of Manama, Bahrain, and Paul Fryer of Apopka, Florida; daughters: TyKeria Fryer of Apopka, Florida, and TyShauna Fryer of Apopka, Florida; 4 grandchildren: Erykah Fryer, Elijah Fryer, Malakai Fryer, and Hiawatha Fryer; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousin, other relatives, church family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
927 South Central Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

NOV **1**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Florida National Cemetery Burial

NOV **3**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DN

“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Hiawatha Fryer Jr.*



Dot Newsome - October 29, 2025 at 08:11 AM

AB

“ *Allenea Bolden lit a candle in memory of Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.*



Allenea Bolden - October 25, 2025 at 02:47 AM

SW

“ *Sadie White lit a candle in memory of Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.*



Sadie White - October 24, 2025 at 05:59 PM

WE

“ *Wests lit a candle in memory of Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.*



Wests - October 23, 2025 at 05:01 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - October 23, 2025 at 02:32 PM

MK

“ *Mamie Long Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.*



Mamie Long Kelly - October 22, 2025 at 01:32 PM

CD

“ *Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.*



Clara Desue - October 22, 2025 at 09:49 AM

MS

“ *Minnie Long Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Hiawatha Fryer, Jr.*



Minnie Long Scott - October 22, 2025 at 12:30 AM