

Celebrating the Life of



Willie J. Harper, Jr.

Sunrise
February 5, 1936

Sunset
June 11, 2012

Service

Monday, June 18, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Mary Joshua, Officiating

Johnetta Bush, Organist

Reflections of Life

Willie John Harper, Sr. was born on February 5, 1936 in Warrenton, NC to George Washington Harper and Sannie Lee (Spruill) Harper, and resided in Paterson, NJ most of his life.

He attended the local schools in Warrenton, and moved to Paterson at a young age. He was employed by NJ Transit for many years. He also worked in the construction trades, and was a driver for Waste Management Corporation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George W. and Sannie Lee Harper; brothers, Clarence, Jessie, Russell, Alton, George and Curtis Harper; sisters, Alice Lee and Lucinda Harper.

He leaves to cherish fond memories his wife, Pearline Harper of Warrenton, NC; daughters, Tracy Gibbs and Kelly Broomes of Paterson, NJ, and Dana Smith of Willingboro, NJ; sons, Larry, Shayne, and Willie J. Harper all of Paterson and Jonathan Nelson of Virginia; one sister, Hazella Brown; nineteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; sons-in-law, Pedro Gibbs, Ken Smith and Wayne Broomes; daughters-in-law, Jean and Priscilla Harper; sisters-in-law, Mable Harper, Verlinda Harper, Veronica Pace and Peggy Brown; brother-in-law, Marion Brown; mother of his children, Marguerite Harper; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

PreludeJohnetta Bush

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy Pastor Mary Joshua

Recessional



Interment

Arlington Cemetery
Kearny, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Willie J. Harper, Jr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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