

Home-Going Service for Brother James Edward Harper

*Sunrise
June 17, 1936*

*Sunset
June 14, 2012*



Services

Friday, June 22, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

160 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. William M. Freeman, Pastor

Obituary

James Edward Harper was born June 17, 1936 to John R. and Gertrude Mae Oliver Harper in Chase City, Virginia. James was reared in the Concord Baptist Church. He attended public school in Chase City until the age of eight, at which time he relocated to Newark, NJ. He united with Union Baptist Church at an early age, and continued his formal education in the public school system until he graduated from Central High School.

James proudly served in the Army and received an honorable discharge. He continued in service to his country in the Army Reserve.

He united in holy matrimony with Evelyn L. Tharrington June 29, 1963. To this union two children were born: Kimberly and Patricia. Together they raised their children in the church and took part in the ministries of the church. He often spoke fondly of his service as an Usher at Union Baptist Church.

James worked for many years as a supervisor at S. Klien Department Store until it went out of business. He then rendered service as a custodian at Union Baptist Church, following which he worked as a senior animal lab technician at UMDNJ in Newark, spending twenty-one years there before he retired in September 2000, due to illness.

James E. Harper departed this life on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the John Paul II Pavillion at St. Mary's Life Center and Long Term Care Facility in Orange, NJ at the age of seventy-five.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Evelyn L.; two daughters, Kimberly Harper and Patricia Tucker; three grandchildren, Jasmine Harper, LeChai Mills and Naheem Harper; one great granddaughter, Ajanae Harris; one brother, Robert (Lena) Harper of Loris, South Carolina; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude Sister Yvonne Holmes

Call to Worship & InvocationRev. W.M. Freeman

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 121

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Gospel - John 14:1-7

Prayer

Ministry of Music “I Won’t Complain”
Bro. Gerald Miller

Acknowledgements

Family Tribute - Poem read by Jasmine Harper

Obituary Sister Jasmine Harper

Ministry of Music “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
Sister LeChai Mills

Message Rev. W.M. Freeman

Hymn “I’ll Fly Away” #432

Recessional Clergy, Family, Friends

Postlude Sister Yvonne Holmes

Entombment

Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery

Union, New Jersey

*Following the entombment we are inviting all of you back to
Union Baptist Church for lunch and fellowship.)*

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain
The majesty of a tree
The warmth of a summer sun
The calm of a quiet sea
The generous soul of nature
The comforting arm of night
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagles flight
The joy of a morning in spring
The faith of a mustard seed
The patience of eternity
The depth of a family need
Then God combined these qualities
When there was nothing more to add
He know his masterpiece was complete
As so, He called it, "
DAD"!

The Chain Will Link Again

*Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.*

-Author unknown

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