

*In Loving Memory of*



*Gene John Paige, Sr.*  
*“Boxie”*

*Sunrise*  
October 22, 1951

*Sunset*  
July 31, 2014

Service  
Thursday, August 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

## *Life's Reflections*

**Gene John Paige, Sr.**, was born on October 22, 1951 to the late Charlotte and Theophilus Paige at New York's Sydenham Hospital. He is preceded in death by his sister, Gloria Venable.

He attended elementary through high school in the New York Public School system. Though he did not finish high school here in the City, he did enlist in the United States Army, where he received his General Equivalency diploma, fought in the Vietnam War, and received an honorable discharge.

Gene was known to his family, friends, and many of Greater Zion Hill's church members as Boxie, he was baptized and became a member of the church under the pastorship of Rev. W. J. Moragne. He remained a member along with his family until he no longer could attend due to his failing health.

In 1971, Boxie met the love of his life, Annie Dickerson, whom he married in 1974, and loved her so much, that he married her again in 2009. During their 40 plus years of marriage, Boxie and Annie bore five children.

Boxie's spirit remained high during his illness. He loved watching his favorite western movies, playing computer games, occasionally visiting the elders to play chess, and spending time with his grandchildren. One thing many people loved about Boxie was his sense of humor. He would always take a bad situation and make it brighter. If anybody knew Boxie, they would know that he was a "no non-sense" person.

When life threw a curve ball his way he would always say, "It doesn't matter". Boxie, the funny person, always had a funny saying, "Hip Hip Hooray Hooray", "Good Googley Boogley", and "Annie, it's in the script!"

Boxie was employed by the Greater Zion Hill Community Action Network, and then Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church for most of these last 10 years. After the Manhattan Avenue church burned and it moved to the Eighth Avenue site, Boxie became an active member of the Temple Guard ministry.

He leaves to mourn: his loving wife, Annie; their children, Gene Jr., Herbert, Russell, Gloria, and Tina; four daughters-in-law, Kimberly, Tawana, Simone and Lumisha; two sons-in-law, Shamar and Ronnell; thirteen grandchildren, Gene III, Russell Jr., Herbert Jr., Courtney, Justin, Lemar, Jordan, Aleya, Caniya, Tatiana, Victoria, Sian, and Aurora; his twin sister, Jeannie Baker; mother-in-law, Dorothy Hinks; two God children, Michael and Zakiya; four nieces, Angela, Janice, Jeannie, and Jessica; a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Boxie will always be remembered for the saying  
"It doesn't matter..."

# Order of Service

## Processional

PRESIDER .....Pastor Roland T. Smith

SELECTION .....Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Pastor Gary Colter

SCRIPTURES: Old and New Testament .....Pastor Donna Swift

SOLO .....Grandson- Russell Paige, Jr.

REMARKS: (Please try to keep it to 2 minutes each)

Open Remarks: Temple Guard Ministry, Nurses Ministry,  
Choir, Deacon's Ministry  
Pulpit Guests

SOLO.....Min. Darren Carr

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES.. Deaconess Benita Stembridge

OBITUARY..... Deaconess Benita Stembridge

SELECTION .....Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir

EULOGY .....Pastor Gary C. Swift, Sr.  
The Wholeness Missionary Baptist Church • Bronx, NY

INSTRUMENTAL DEDICATION..... Bro. Herbert Paige, Sr. and Musicians

## Recessional

### **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

# *Asleep*

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.  
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.  
But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...  
You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,  
I thank God because He came for me.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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