

<u>Obituary</u>

Our Beloved James Hardie was born July 31, 1946 in Littleton, NC to Allen and Martha Goins-Hardie; James "Chili" Hardie was called home on February 4, 2020.

Kind, loyal and honest Chili was devoted to his friends and family. He spent his early years working as a respiratory therapist at Wyckoff Hospital; it was there he met his wife

Betty Smith-Hardie. James found his calling working with MTA repairing train signals for 41 years. He loved his work, waking up at the crack of dawn daily to get there on time, seldom missing a day's work despite often enjoying late night parties with friends and family. His sister Martha Jones-Daughty, nephew (son) Stevenson Jones, brother-in-law Junius (Lee) Daughty and sister-in-law Cheryl Daughty (Bonnie) were his best friends; he loved

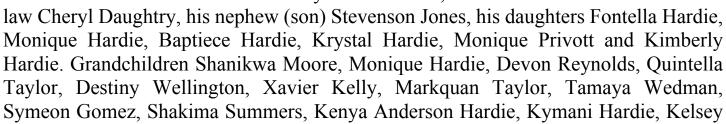


them dearly, spending countless time with them on Jefferson Avenue in Brooklyn. Them with his brothers Samuel, Mack and Charlie became "The Crew" later extended to friends like Matt, Jerry(s), Jonathan, Virgil and Al, they became his brothers when his brothers passed away.

James was actively involved in the civil rights movement of the 70's living a life rich in Black Pride. A quiet, serious, man's man, but once the music started, he became the life of the party. He loved to cook and BBQ. He specialized in potato salad, burgers and

ribs, but Chilli could cook anything and would experiment often. Chili loved music, his favorites included all the Motown artist, Mick Jagger, Bruce Springstein and Bob Marley.

But now God has smiled on him and has set him free. Left to cherish his memories are his wife Betty Smith-Hardie, his sister-in-



Mccoy and Kayden James Hardie. Several great grand-children, along with a host of cousins, relatives, "The Crew – His living Brothers" and countless devoted friends.



Awaiting his arrival – his sister Martha Jones -Daughty, brothers Mack Hardie, Charlie Hardie, and Samuel Hardie. His brother-in-law Junius (Lee) Daughty.

Order of Service

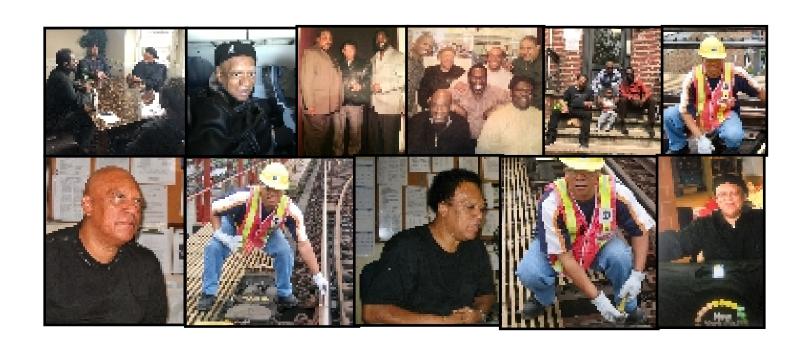
Prelude

Processional

Selection

Recessional

Scripture Reading Psalm 121 & John 14:1-6 Brenda Dixon, Andrea Jefferson
Prayer of Comfort
Solo
Acknowledgements & Remarks
Obituary Read Silently
Selection "Three Birds" Bob Marley - Kayden James Hardie & Kelsey McCoy (audience join in)
Eulogy
Final Viewing "Miss You" by Mick Jagger



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!

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The family of **James Hardie** wish to convey our thanks and appreciation for every expression of love, sympathy you have shown us.

We appreciate your many acts of kindness.

The Hardie Family

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