

In Loving Memory of



Joseph W. Paige, Sr.

SUNRISE: May 5, 1948
SUNSET: November 19, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 10AM

Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church

2365 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10027

Rev. Jonnel Green, Officiating

Rev. Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary

Joseph William Paige, affectionately known as “Joe”, was born on May 5, 1948 in New York City to the late Margaret and W J Paige. He was one of seven siblings.

Joe Paige was educated in the New York City Public School System. He graduated from Fashion Industries High School in 1966. After school, he relocated to Rock Hill, South Carolina where he worked in his grandfather's gutter cleaning business. He met and married Eloise Ferguson Paige. Joe and Eloise moved to New York City and raised two sons, Joseph William Paige, Jr. (Massachusetts) and Jefferson Leon Paige (New York). Joe held jobs with the United States Postal Service as a Mail Carrier. Joe also worked for the New York City Transit Authority as a Token Booth Clerk. Joe was passionate about his family and the sport of basketball. He was a basketball official and coached youth basketball. He mentored and coached scores of youth, primarily out of the Frederick Douglass Community Center in New York City. Joe was a generous man who had a nice sense of humor and enjoyed a good laugh. Joe enjoyed playing cards, Joe had a love for music and was also known as a very skilled driver. Joe had an uncanny sense of direction and could navigate his way through any neighborhood.

Joe was also a strong family man and he cared for his community. Joe spent time caring for the elderly in his building and would often take the time to go and get medication and food for them. Joe was affectionately known in the neighborhood as “Uncle Joe”. Joe had another nickname, “Mr. Mom”. This nickname was given to him for his care of his aging mother while also assisting with the parental care of nieces and nephews to include foster children. His love and care extended to Lenard Mattocks and Barbara Keisha Mattocks who he considered as close as his own kids. Joe will be remembered for being even tempered and having a kind word for all who would take the time to say hello.

Joe was baptized at Second Friendship Baptist Church. Joe was also a member of the Sons and Daughters of Harlem. On behalf of the family, we would like to extend our gratitude to all who provided medical support for Joe in his last days.

On November 19, 2021, Joe Paige started his journey home. Joe is predeceased by his brothers, Robert Duppins, Jefferson Grant, and Marvin Page; a grandchild, Rashad Brown; and one nephew, Ravon Stevenson.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: two sons, Joseph W. Paige, Jr. and Jefferson Paige; as well as Lenard Mattocks (Brooklyn) and Barbara Keisha Mattocks (Brooklyn); four granddaughters, Tierra Paige, Amira Jones, Taylor Paige, and Fayone Brown; two grandsons, Marcus Fletcher and Jefferson Paige, Jr.; one brother, David Grant; two sisters, Romaine Page and Andrea Paige; a loving partner, Arnette Wheeler; a goddaughter, Dinee Harris; close friends; and a host of nieces and nephews remain to celebrate his legacy.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Scripture Readings

Rev. Jonnel Green

Prayer

Rev. Jonnel Green

Selection

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Acknowledgements

Barbara Keisha Mattocks

Remarks

Obituary

Renita Edmond

Selection

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Eulogy

Rev. Jonnel Green

Committal

Rev. Jonnel Green

Recessional

INTERMENT:

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, 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 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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