

Reflections of Life

Gerald Hinton Hayes departed this life on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 after an extensive illness. Gerald, the eldest son of Geraldine and Earnest (Willie James) Hayes was born in Hahira, Georgia.

His maternal grandparents, Katie and Matthew Rhym raised Gerald. He traveled north with the Rhym family moving to Paterson, NJ in 1955 where he attended Paterson Public Schools. He graduated from Eastside High School and attended Passaic County Community College, Fairleigh Dickenson and Kean Universities. Gerald was a founding member of The Serenity Baptist Church of Paterson, NJ where he was a member of the Inspirational Choir and the Trustee Board. In 1983 the Rev. Willie James Worthem licensed him to proclaim the Gospel. He was also a proud member of the Passaic County Elks.

Gerald was a social worker for the Passaic County Division of Welfare for fifteen years and a supervisor at Holley Child Care Center where he concluded his career.

His grandparents, one aunt, Almarie Morgan, two uncles, Willie Rhym and Earl Morgan and a brother, Dione Robinson predeceased Gerald. He leaves to cherish wonderful memories: his long time partner, MaryAnn Descarfino of Clifton; his mother, Geraldine Hayes of Newark; his father, Earnest Hayes of Florida; two children, Milona Hayes and Gerald Hayes of Arizona; his brothers, Earnest, Ricky, Darryl and Derek Hayes of Newark, Terrance Hayes and Eric Taylor of Paterson and Tyrone Ford of East Orange; his sisters, Joyce Patterson (George) of Indiana, Wanda Mickens (Michael) of Paterson, Penelope, Gizelle and Tashonda Hayes of Newark, Stephanie and Glenda Richmond of Paterson; two grandchildren, Genyiah Hayes of Paterson and Giordan Hayes of Arizona; one aunt, Mary Brown (formerly of Paterson) and many other family members and friends all whom will miss him greatly.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Prelude

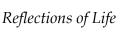
Processional

Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements and Reflections



Selection

Eulogy Rev. Harris Holloway

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey

Serenity Prayer

GOD, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen

-Author unknown

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of the late **Gerald H. Hayes** 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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