

*In Loving Memory of*

*Larry Harper*  
*"Big Harp"*

**Sunrise**  
**December 22, 1957**

**Sunset**  
**May 8, 2015**

Friday, May 15, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

**FAITH CHAPEL REFORMED CHURCH**

618 Broadway • Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Darryl Redmond, Officiating*

*Denzel Cohen, Organist*

## *Reflections of Life*

On Friday, May 8, 2015, **Larry Harper** completed his journey and is now at rest from all his labors on Earth. To God be the glory for the great things He has done.

Larry Harper was born on December 22, 1957 in Hackensack, New Jersey to the late Willie J. Harper, Sr. and Marguerite Harper.

Larry was a life long resident of Paterson, New Jersey and was educated through the Paterson Public School District and graduated from Eastside High School. Larry also played for the football team while attending Eastside High School.

Larry married his high school sweetheart, Jean Austin on August 28, 1996 at Eastside Park in Paterson, N.J.

Larry Harper left a record of stability as he was employed with Montclair University for over thirty-five years. Larry's wife, children, family and friends will tell you that he was a very funny person who loved his NY Giants football, westerns, war movies and most of all fishing. Larry would often tell his children jokingly of course, about his "war stories" of how he had been in the war. Larry was a family oriented man who loved to share, take his family to Seaside Heights, Rye Beach and anywhere he could be with his family.

Larry was predeceased by, two sons, Larry Austin and Clarence Austin.

He is survived by: his wife, Jean Harper; sons, Brian (Zendra) Austin and Moses Austin; daughters, Donna, Ledenya, Jai Ann and Marguerite Austin; brothers, Willie J. Harper, Jr., Shayne Harper, sisters Tracy Gibbs, Kelly Broomes and Dana Smith.

Larry will be missed by a host of family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

**Prelude**

**Invocation**

**Hymn**

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:9-14  
New Testament - 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Song of Comfort**

**Remarks, Acknowledgements and Obituary**

**Song of Comfort**

**Words of Hope and Comfort**

Pastor Darryl Redmond  
Ecclesiastes 3:9-14 (NLT)  
“Knowing What To Do With What God Gave You”

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Fairlawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# *My Final Goodbye*

I refuse to question God and ask Him why?  
Wondering why I never got the chance to say goodbye.  
Remember, He only loaned me to you for a while.  
When times get hard just remember my smile.  
Although we are physically apart,  
Just know that I live on in each one of your hearts.  
As you look at yourselves in the mirror,  
You will see a reflection of me.  
Just know that I'm at rest and my soul is free.  
Let go of the hurt and pain by allowing God to shower you with peace.  
And allow your love for one another to increase.  
I love you all, now dry your tears.  
And hold on to the memories we've shared through the years.  
For today, I refuse to ask God why?  
But to all of you I say my final goodbye.

- Zandra M. Austin

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Larry Harper** wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Faith Chapel Reformed Church and all of our friends for their prayers, acts of kindness and words of comfort shown to our family during this difficult time. We say "thank you" and may the eternal blessings of God be with you always.

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