

*Celebration of Life for*



*Harry M. Paige*

**Sunrise**  
October 11, 1919

**Sunset**  
March 2, 2016

Thursday, March 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**MT. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

399 South Broad St.

Ridgewood, New Jersey

*Rev. Thomas Johnson, Officiating*

*Order of Service*

*Rev. Gloria Nobles, Presiding*

Prelude ..... Bro. Roman Daniel  
Processional.....Selection - #248 “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hands”  
Invocation  
Musical Selection..... Mt. Bethel Choir  
Scripture Readings  
Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Tyesha Smith- Ellison  
New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 .....Shakyrá Dixon-Daniel  
Musical Selection ..... Mr. Nigel Smith  
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Russel Graham  
Prayer Hymn  
Remarks  
Church .....Deacon Harold Bradley  
Chairman Deacon Board  
Family  
Acknowledgements, Resolutions .....Deaconess Betty Rainey  
Obituary.....Read Silently  
Musical Selection  
Eulogy .....Rev. Lemuel Brown  
Closing Song/Hymn.....“I’ll Fly Away” - Mt. Bethel Choir  
The Benediction and Recessional

**Interment**

*Friday, March 11, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

George Washington Memorial Park

Paramus, New Jersey

# *Reflections of Life*

## THE PAIGE PATRIARCH

**Harry Morris a.k.a “Hippy” Page** was the first child born to the late Diannah Holmes- Paige and George Paige, Sr. He was born on October 11, 1919 in Coffin Point, South Carolina. Coffin Point is a community located on St Helena Island on the outskirts of Beaufort, South Carolina. Harry was the oldest of seven children and the last of his siblings to be called to eternal rest. He departed this life on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 after living a long abundant life.

At the age of nine he moved to Savannah, GA, and resided there until he enlisted in the US Army during World War II in 1941. In 1945, he received an honorable discharge as a corporal in the state of California. In 1947, two weeks after meeting Augusta Ann (Gussie) Mann. They were married on July 19, 1947, in Ridgeland, South Carolina. They shared many blissful years together until her demise on May 21, 1985.

He later moved north to the Bronx, New York in 1947. He then later moved to Passaic, New Jersey 1965. Finally, in May of 1966, he relocated to the city of Paterson, New Jersey where he became a long time resident. He worked for Ace Wire Company (Universal Wire) Paterson, NJ. He became employed by the Fairlawn Bus Company Fairlawn, NJ for eight years. He was also employed by Wagner Tours Bus Company Haledon, NJ where he worked as a maintenance worker for many years until he retired at the age of 65. He continued to reside in Paterson, and was a resident of the Riverview Towers for almost 51 years. He was one of the longest living tenants to reside there.

In addition, Harry was a humble servant of the Lord. He rededicated his life to the Lord on May 30, 2014 at the Mount Bethel Baptist Church Ridgewood. God blessed him with the opportunity to cast his vote and witness the election of our first African-American President of the United States of America, Barack Obama.

Harry was a man who loved life, loved to travel, and most importantly he loved people. He was highly and greatly respected in the community by all who knew him, young or old. On any given day you may catch him either going or coming from a Mets game at Shea stadium, his weekly bus rides to Atlantic City, sitting in the park or just taking a daily stroll throughout the city of Paterson.

He leaves to cherish fond memories his loving and devoted daughter, Gail Smith-Dixon; one son-in law, Levay Dixon of Paterson NJ; two sisters-in-law Louise Hamilton of Williamstown, NJ; Harriet Bradley (Harold) of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ; four grandchildren, Tyesha Smith-Ellison (Stefan) Jarrett Dixon, Darnell Dixon, Shakyra Dixon-Daniel (Iglesias) all of Paterson; ten great grandchildren; Ashli, Kiel, DaeJa, Nigel Smith, Tyana, Ryziah, Matthew Dixon, Syriah, Zaccyr, Gavyn Daniel and three great-great grandchildren; A’Zariah, Alijah Shabazz, and Kylee McCoy all of Paterson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

## *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

### **Active and Honorary Pallbearers**

Deacons Mt. Bethel Baptist Church Ridgewood

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Harry M. Paige** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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