



Mr. Mahari Haile

July 5, 1960 - March 13, 2014

MR. MAHARI HAILE

Mr. Mahari Haile, 53, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, departed this earthly life on Thursday, March 13, 2014, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

He was born to the late Mr. Kidane Haile and Ms. Goi Kahasai on July 5, 1960, in Asmara, Eritrea. Mahari comes from a big family including eight brothers and four sisters, Negish (deceased), Berhane, Habte (deceased), Freweini, Yohannes (deceased), Abeba, Amanuel (deceased), Yared, Tedros, Ephriam (deceased), Mesfin and Wahazit. In Asmara, he attended Addis Alem Elementary School, Bete Gergish Middle School and Keyih Bahri High School. Due to war and conflict in Eritrea, he departed his beloved country leaving his family, friends and many loved ones behind heading for Sudan. He then traveled through and lived in Jordan, the former Yugoslavia and Italy before arriving in the United States in 1980.

In 1984, Mahari married Ms. Neghisti Beraki, and they were blessed with a daughter, Yordanos, and a son, Daniel. He provided a warm, loving home for his wife and children and cared deeply for them as he made sure his family reached their own goals in life and were successful—as this was his main priority. Mahari took responsibility for his entire family, guiding and providing for all of them like a father.

Due to his passion for learning, Mahari continued his education in the United States, first receiving his Associate's Degree from Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) and, thereafter, obtaining his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Penn State University. Mahari worked for AMP, Inc., for over nineteen years working his way up to being a Supervisor. He then went on to work at Highmark Blue Shield for over eleven years, most recently serving as a Technical Assistant.

While building a wonderful home for his family here in the United States, he maintained his responsibility to his native country and community. Mahari worked continuously to support the Eritrean Independence movement and instilled love and responsibility for Eritrea in his children. Mahari is well loved and respected in his community as he worked tirelessly throughout the years to better the state of his native country. He also was very involved in local Eritrean-community affairs in the diaspora and most recently made great strides in establishing an Eritrean Orthodox Church with his fellow country people in the greater Harrisburg Area.

Due to sudden illness, he passed with his family and many loved ones by his side at the Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Mahari is survived by his wife, two children, brothers, sisters and countless close family members and loved ones.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

Funeral service will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 22nd, at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church of Harrisburg, 1701 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103, with interment at Paxtang Cemetery.