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“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born and a time to die...” Ecclesiastes 3:1

A TIME TO BE BORN

Willie Clarence Hargrove Jr. was blessed by God to be born on November 19, 1947 in Harrisburg, PA. He was the eldest son of seven born to Odessa Daniel Hargrove and the late Willie C. Hargrove Sr.

A TIME FOR EDUCATION

Willie attended William Penn Senior High School. Desiring to further his education, he attended Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) to study Theology. He continued his education in Theological Studies at the Biblical Institute of Baltimore, Maryland.

During his working career, he was employed and retired from the City of Harrisburg, Sanitation Department, after 28 years of tireless service, and he retired from the Department of Transportation as a Heavy Equipment Operator after 16 years of service. He was also a cook in his younger years at the former Harrisburg Host Inn where he learned to speak Spanish fluently. Willie was an entrepreneur and CEO/President of Busy Boys Janitorial Service for more than 42 years. He was a faithful hard worker.

A TIME TO LOVE

Willie was united in holy matrimony to his lovely devoted and faithful wife, Wanda L. Hargrove. Through his wife, he learned the true love and art of

gardening. He loved caring for his wife, children, grandchildren, great-granddaughter and Precious his other (grandchild puppy) who he loved and called his “muffin.”

Of all the titles he possessed, none were dearer to him than “Bop-Bop, Pop-Pop, Hargrove, Reb and Pookie.”

His passions were reading and studying the Word of God—that is what he lived for. His favorite saying was, “Whatever You Do, Don’t Leave Here Without Christ.” He had the love of God always in his heart, and he knew his Bible.

Willie also enjoyed boxing, fishing, swimming, playing and spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter. He was very hilarious and always telling jokes. He loved watching Judge Judy with his great-granddaughter; feeding his fish with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter; watching boxing, karate and action movies on television with his daughter; and watching and going shopping with his wife.

He attended retreats, graduations, weddings, and he also performed wedding ceremonies, baptisms and christenings. Willie had a love for all God’s children; he was definitely a “people-person.” He always visited the sick and shut-in, the prison to minister to the inmates and the mission to have Bible Study to spread the Word of God in support of his true love.

Willie did volunteer work for many organizations until his health failed. He touched many lives. By God’s grace, he and his lovely wife were able to create three beautiful children together, Surbrena, Willie III and Jermaine. Willie was very supportive, loving, nurturing, protective, a very good listener and encouraging. He was an amazing person who served his family, his community and God in various capacities. Willie was a HUMBLE man of FAITH and GOD!

His absence will leave a hole in the hearts of many, but deeper with his family.
A TIME TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

Willie began his spiritual journey and his early years at the Redeem United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic. He served the church as a Sunday School

Teacher, Janitor, Deacon, Trustee, Associate Minister and President of the Men's Department. He served as Assistant Pastor under the leadership of the late Overseer Jordan and was elevated as the new Pastor of Redeem United Church on July 19, 1995. He also served as Chairman of the Dauphin County Brotherhood Association.

Pastor Hargrove was an anointed man of God who preached and taught the WORD of God without controversy or compromise; one who loved God, his people and was filled with the Holy Ghost.

A TIME TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY AND PRESENT WITH THE LORD

On Sunday, February 24, 2013, after a lengthy illness, Pastor Hargrove passed away peacefully at his home transitioning from this earthly life into eternal life.

A TIME TO MOURN

Pastor Hargrove leaves to celebrate his life and to cherish precious memories of life together with him: his beloved, loyal and faithful wife, Wanda L. Hargrove; one faithful, loving, dedicated and devoted daughter, Surbrena D. Hargrove-Dunbar; a devoted son-in-law, William D. Dunbar; sons: devoted son, Willie C. Hargrove III, devoted son, Jermaine Hargrove Sr., Glen Hatcher and Tony Crawford, all of Harrisburg; his mother, Odessa Daniel Hargrove; mother-in-law, Leila M. Watson; eighteen grandchildren; a devoted granddaughter, Shanayia N. Hargrove; devoted grandson, L. Jason Davenport Jr.; one great-granddaughter, Za`Brea Nicole Richardson who he called his "Peanut;" one sister, Hattie Hargrove-Mosley (Wilson Mosley Jr.) of Middletown; brothers: devoted brother, Nathaniel Hargrove, Trent Hargrove (Eugenia Hargrove) of Harrisburg, Harry James "Puddin" Hargrove (Yvonne Hargrove) of California; two sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law of Harrisburg;

one uncle, Willie M. Hargrove of Washington, DC; other relatives and friends. Willie was preceded in death by his father, Willie C. Hargrove Sr.; and two brothers, Walter Lee "Bay" Hargrove and Sylvester "Pie" Hargrove. His life will be honored at a Community Memorial Celebration at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 3, 2013, at Redeem United Church, 860 Wood Street, Steelton, with viewing from 3 to 5 p.m., and a final National Farewell HomeGoing Celebration at 11 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2013, at The Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 212 N. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, with viewing from 9 to 11 a.m. Interment will be at William Howard Day Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Willie Clarence Hargrove.*



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“ *With deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dr. Valerie Daniel Hurt and Family
Eatonton, GA*

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