



Paul Harper III

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Paul Harper III, 66 years old, went to be with the Lord on August 23, 2020. Paul was the eldest son of the late Bishop Paul Harper, Jr. and Mildred Hilda Ritter-Harper. He is survived by his devoted brothers Anthony Mark (Vashtye), Jerome (Linda), Keith (Yolanda) and Michael (Ruby) Harper. Paul was predeceased by his beloved sister Brenda Lee Harper-Potts and his dear brother Elyone Harper. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, along with his former wife, Karen, with whom he maintained a strong and loving relationship until the end.

Paul proudly worked in the field of Human Services for more than forty years. His work history included serving as a Youth Services Officer for the State of CT, as well as a Program Director and Supervisor for several area Social Service Agencies. Paul went above and beyond in showing his clients the dignity and respect they deserved. He was known for his rapport with troubled youth, mentoring and encouraging them, as well as being a fierce advocate for the homeless. Former clients often approached Paul on the streets sharing their success stories with him and gratefully attributing their ability to overcome adversity to Paul's assistance.

Paul loved his family deeply. He was brought up in a profoundly religious home with a father who was a Bishop of the Baptist faith and a mother and father who staunchly and lovingly taught their children to love and serve the Lord. Paul and his siblings sang and were active in the Church their father founded, Uprising Free Will Baptist Church. After his father's death, as the eldest son, Paul took on the role of protector and defender of his family. Paul and his brothers continued to dote on their loving mother, who they adore, gathering together in the home they all grew up in, celebrating and reminiscing on her birthdays and holidays and visiting with her frequently, letting her know how much she is loved and cherished.

Paul was an avid sports fan, loyal to both the New York Giants and the New York Knicks. He was well known and loved in the community. Paul was known to be a sharp dresser who loved to dance, attend concerts, shoot pool, and enjoyed spending funtimes with family, friends and interacting with the youth. Words cannot express how much he will be missed by them all.

Cemetery Details

Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Harper III*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Anthony and Vashtye,
With our deepest sympathy in the loss of your
brother our thoughts and prayers are with you
and your family.*



Terry and Estelle Spearman Atlanta, Georgia

Estelle Spearman - August 31, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *My Brother,
will always love you for ETERNITY
(RIP) !!!!*

Anthony M.Harper - August 30, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Harper family. Paul was truly a
gem, I had the pleasure of knowing Paul throughout my teenage
years. Paul was quite a dresser and such a nice guy, he will truly be
missed. We all die. The goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create
something that will. You had a great impact on so many you will
truly be missed.*

Joyce Pittman 🙏🏻 100 ✅❤️

joyce Pittman - August 30, 2020 at 06:20 AM

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“ *To: Paul's family:
You have my deepest sympathy. It was such a pleasure working with Paul as his supervisor a few years ago serving the homeless in Norwalk.
May God Bless each of you.
Izora Ebron*

Izora Ebron - August 30, 2020 at 02:06 AM

CH

“ *My Condolences and sympathies to the Paul Harper family and friends. The Lord will indeed strengthen your way as Paul now makes a separate, but joyous, journey to be with the Lord. Bless you and yours. Rest Paul's soul. Peace..*

C Joe Hundley - August 29, 2020 at 11:25 AM

SM

“ *Me & Paul Met through a mutual friend in the 70's through several Singing buddies I formed groups with in the New Haven area, as well as Boston and New York. He was always positive, giving compliments and encouraging you to go on and SEEK your dream. He had an infectious laugh that was contagious for anyone that was around him, making the environment a peasant place to be. Brutha my heart is broken I won't see you again but I know you're safe in the arms of the Creator, Angel's & Ancestors. Rest Well My Brutha until We All meet again.*

Seph Moore - August 28, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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“ Anthony M. Harper (brother) lit a candle in memory of Paul Harper III



Anthony M. Harper (brother) - August 28, 2020 at 09:41 AM

ME

“ MelvaMoyeMurrell lit a candle in memory of Paul Harper III



MelvaMoyeMurrell - August 28, 2020 at 06:49 AM

ME

“ MelvaMoyeMurrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Harper III



MelvaMoyeMurrell - August 28, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Harper III.



August 27, 2020 at 02:26 PM

NH

“ My deepest condolences to Pauls's family at this time, My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Nate Hurse - August 27, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Harper III.



August 27, 2020 at 07:38 AM

EB

“ I remember playing basketball at Edgewood or Golf St. park. It would be brothers against brothers, Paul & Anthony vs. myself and brother Gerald. We would battle like our life depended on it, playing the best out of 3 games. Although me and bruh would win a few times, we normally were the underdog. But the competition and desire to win was there on both sides. Those days will always be a part of remembering Paul, plus we worked together at the Y.M.C.A, Forbes House for Youth, The Children's Center of Harden and last Long Lane in Middletown. Rest in Heaven my brother.



Ernest Bobo - August 26, 2020 at 09:26 PM

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To the Harper family:

*May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him.
So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit .
(Romans 15:13).*

*May you all feel God's love and comfort at your time of bereavement.
My deepest condolences to you all.*

Love Paulette

Paulette Gentry - September 07, 2020 at 07:24 PM