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CELEBRATING
HIS LIFE
AND
LEGACY

Bird #22
**ANTOINE
PAIGE**



1969

HIS *Story*

2021

Antoine Jose Paige was born on July 14th, 1967 to Judith Paige and Andrew Mickens. Antoine, affectionately known as "Bird", departed this life after 54 years on August 29th, 2021.

Antoine was baptized on July 14th, 1968 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. In July, Antoine rededicated his life back to Christ at Michigan Park Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

Antoine attended Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Shaw Jr. High School and Dunbar Senior High School, where he graduated in 1985. Antoine was very intelligent and received a high achievement award in math from the Higher Achievement Program while in high school.

Not only was he high achieving academically, "Bird" loved playing basketball, softball and baseball. In 1984, he pitched a five-hitter and led Dunbar to a 5-1 victory over Ballou in their first game. His athletic ability ultimately earned him a scholarship to play baseball for Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Antoine's love for children led him to be employed with the Potomac School of McLean, YMCA and later, DC Public Schools, as a bus driver. Returning to his other passion for home improvement, he continued his education at the University of the District of Columbia, where he received his HVAC certification in 2014. He then worked as a Maintenance Technician with Edmondson and Gallagher Group.

Antoine always had a love for painting and fixing things. As a child he worked alongside his father and his uncles with M&K Home Improvement. This passion carried on into his adulthood where he became a jack of all trades. "Bird" was known for his superb painting skills, carpentry, and making nothing out of something.

Antoine loved family more than anything. He had a special bond with whoever he came into contact with, but the relationship with his cousins and friends was extra special from childhood. He had a sense of humor that could make everyone laugh, from the youngest in the room to the oldest. Regardless of the circumstances, you could count on Antoine to make a joke and lighten the mood. Antoine was always there when you needed him, big or small. He made sure to spend whatever time he had with his grandchildren. Affectionately called "Pop Pop" and "Uncle Antoine", he enjoyed watching and having fun with the kids. He was also a lover of dogs. He may not have had rhythm, but he loved to dance.

Antoine leaves to cherish his memory, kind-heart and loving ways: his parents: Judith Paige and Andrew Mickens (Jeanette); one sister, Darnetta Paige; four daughters: Shuanique Clark, Tiara Paige, Andrea Johnson and Lokia Johnson; eight grandchildren: Daron Clark, Xavion Clark, Milan Geddie, DeAndre Jamison Jr., Keliyah Mclean, Kevin Johnson, Makenzii Johnson and Ray Johnson; long-time companion, Susan Springer; two nieces: Dana Paige and Dajah Paige; one nephew, Darius Minor; three aunts: Jacqueline Hendricks (Edward), Audrey Brown (Jon) and Patricia Paige; three uncles: Charlie Roy Mickens (Lillian), Kelvin "KB" Mickens (Maria), and Wallace Lovie, and a host of other family and friends.

Order Of Service

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord...
That they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Revelations 14:13

Friday, September 10, 2021
Viewing 9:30 am | Service 11:00 am

First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
602 N Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

REV. ORAN W. YOUNG, PASTOR

Processional
Family & Friends

Invocation
Rev. Oran W. Young

Ministry in Song
Felicia Thompson

Scripture Reading
Patricia Paige
Old Testament: Lamentations 3: 22-26
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Prayer of Comfort
Patricia Paige

Ministry in Song (soloist)
Michael Williams

Church Statement
Darlene Perry

Acknowledgements
Claressa Mason

Reflections (2 minutes)
Family & Friends

Obituary
Dajah Paige

Ministry in Song (soloist)
Michael Williams

Eulogy
Elder Nik Mason

Invitation to Discipleship
Elder Nik Mason

Recessional
Family & Friends



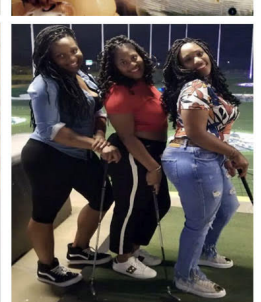
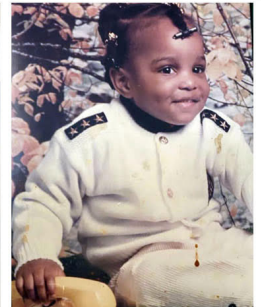
Daddy's Girls

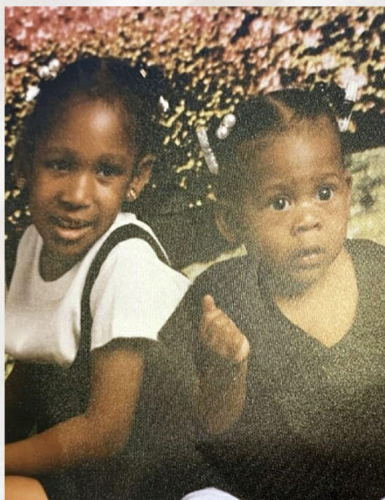
It's never the right time
To say goodbye.
We will miss you, Dad,
And here is why.
You taught us so much:
To show no fear,
To always have fun,
And face the day with cheer.

You were always so able,
So fast and so strong.
In your little girls' eyes
You could do no wrong.
You would always listen,
And you never pried.
You were the arms around us
When we cried.

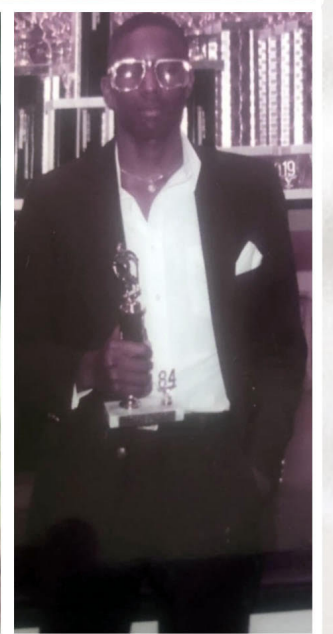
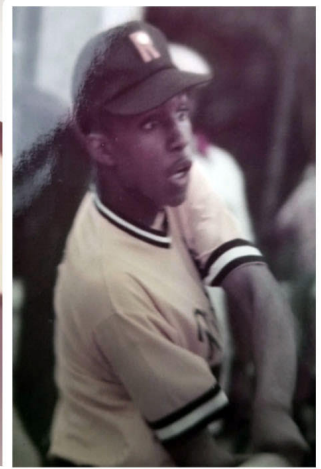
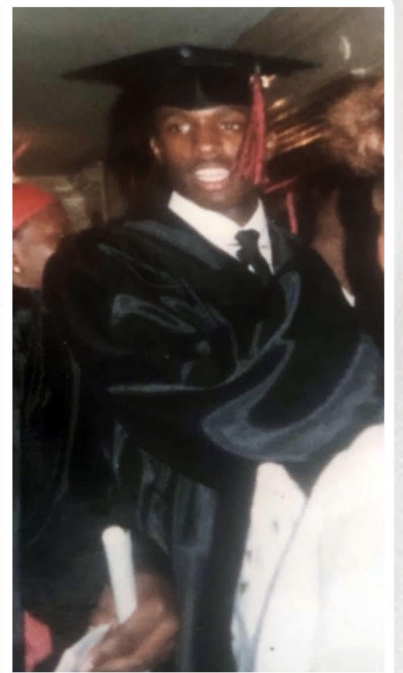
You never looked for praises,
And you were never one to boast.
You were always there
For those you loved the most.

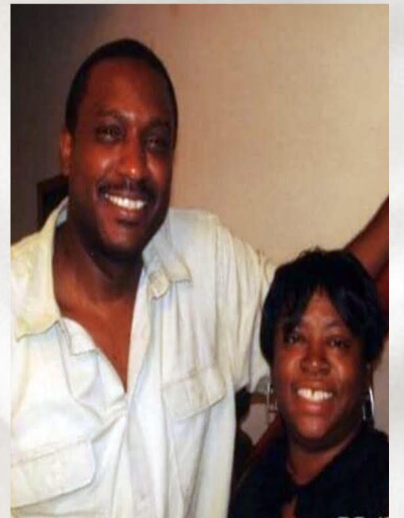
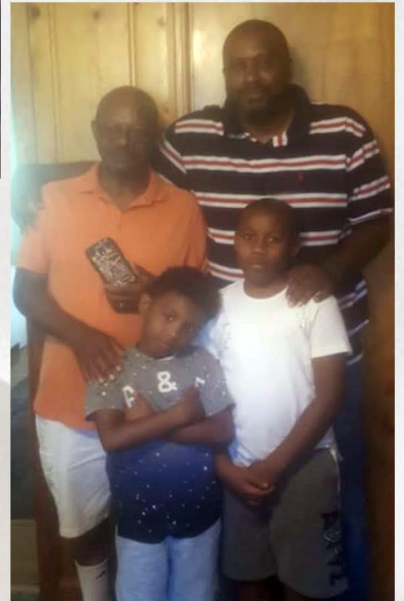
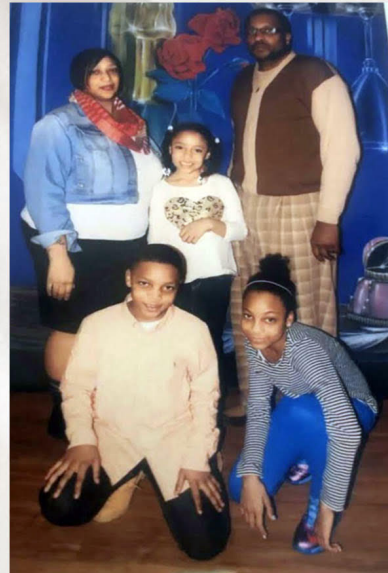
You worked so hard,
And those strong working hands
Led us through life
And helped us understand
That life can be hard,
And tough, and sad,
But through it all
we had our Dad.





Remembering Bird





Pop Pop

Grandad,

We know you can longer stay with us,

You fought long and hard to be with us.

We know you now watch over and protect us.

Although we cannot hear your voice or see your smiling face,

We know deep down in our hearts that you have not left us.

Uncle Antoine

We had a wonderful uncle,

One who never really grew old;

His smile was made of sunshine,

And his heart was solid gold;

His eyes were as bright as shining stars,

And in his cheeks fair roses you see.

We had a wonderful uncle,

And that's the way it will always be.

But take heed, because

He's still keeping an eye on all of us,

So let's make sure, he will like what he sees.

Pallbearers

Darnell Carpenter

Anthony Durant

Renaldo Mason

Terrance Mason

Frederick McNeil

Jose Murphy

Ronald Washington

Turan Waymer

Our Sincere Thanks and Appreciation

The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone for your expressions of kindness, condolences and prayers during this time of bereavement.

Interment

Heritage Cemetery 13472 Poplar Hill Road Waldorf, MD 20601

Celebration and Fellowship

Unique Events at the Den 9400 Livingston Road Suite 102

Fort Washington, MD 20744

Services Entrusted to

Robinson Funeral Home 1313 6th St NW Washington, DC 20001

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