In Celebration of And Thanksgiving
For The Life Of
James Harden Daugherty
"Pat"
DECEMBER 24, 1923 - JANUARY 20, 2015

The People's Community Baptist Church
31 Norwood Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20905

Rev. Haywood Robinson, The Peoples Community Baptist Church – Host Pastor
Rev. Dr. Sterling King, Jr., Macedonia Baptist Church,
Bethesda, MD 20816 – Officiating Pastor
Rev. John Powell, Heritage Christian Church – Family Church

January 30, 2015
Family Background

James Harden Daugherty, affectionately known as "Pat", was born December 24, 1923 in Washington, D.C. He was the youngest of five children of the late George and Lillie May Daugherty. Two sisters, Dora Belle and Rose Anna Daugherty, and two brothers, George and John Daugherty preceded him in death.

At an early age, he joined the Twelfth Street Christian Church in Washington, D.C. He has continued to be affiliated with the Christian Church; has been a faithful and loyal member of the Heritage Christian Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. His philosophy of Christian duty was to use his time and talents to make a difference in the world by meeting the unmet needs of others.

Education and Military Career

In 1942, Pat graduated from Dunbar High School. In February 1943, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and assigned to the 92nd Infantry Division, commonly known as the Buffalo Soldiers. It was the only unit comprised of African Americans to fight in the European Theater. The Buffalo Soldiers were great American heroes who waged a fight for freedom abroad even as they were denied freedom at home. He was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement and the Combat Infantryman Badge for outstanding performance of duty in action. He was discharged in February 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Upon returning from the war, Pat felt compelled to document his wartime experiences as an African American. In 2009, coinciding with the 65th anniversary of D-day, he self-published his firsthand account as a Buffalo Soldier in his memoir, "Buffalo Saga". This accomplishment was considered such an amazing feat that local and regional newspapers
published articles about him and he was the recipient of numerous awards.

Pat attended Howard University, Washington, D.C. under the G.I. Bill and earned a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in 1950 and a Master of Public Health from Columbia University, New York, New York in 1951.

**Love and Marriage**

While attending Howard University, Pat met and dated the former Dorothy Elizabeth Ward. They were joined in Holy Matrimony, November 23, 1950. From this union four sons were born, Derek, Don, David and Daniel Daugherty; a daughter, Diane and a grand-daughter Tiffanly preceded him in death. In spite of his many career, community and organizational activities, Pat found time to be a caring, loving and attentive husband and father. He had a special place in his heart for his grandchildren.

**Career**

Pat was an educator in the D.C. Public Schools for 11 years. In 1964, he was the first African American to hold the position of Health Educator for the D.C. Health Department. His field of expertise was Venereal Disease Control.

From 1966 to 1994, Pat was employed by the U.S. Public Health Service in a variety of administrative positions. He was committed to improving the Nation's health care, particularly health care for the underserved, i.e., rural and urban poor, minorities, migrant workers and incarcerated individuals. For his dedicated and tireless efforts, he received numerous awards and recognition, including the U.S. Public Health Service’s “Administrator’s Award for Excellence”, the Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association honored Pat for his “dogged determination and work with divergent groups in a leading role to establish community health centers throughout Mississippi and the South in the 1960s and 1970s – a time when racial injustice was one of the main barriers that separated Black Americans from adequate health care.” This same group hung a plaque in honor of Pat in the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Life Time Achievements and Awards**

Pat has been recognized for his life of achievement and service by the Governor of Maryland, the Executive of Montgomery County, Maryland, Congressman Chris Van Hollen and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of the U.S. House of Representatives; interviewed by Smithsonian Magazine, the Maryland Gazette and National Public Radio.

In 1970, Pat was the first African American to be elected to the Montgomery County, Maryland Board of Education and served for many years on the Board of Visitors for the Maryland School for the Deaf.

In 1975, he was one of five co-founders of “Blacks in Government (BIG)”. BIG was formed to address the needs of African Americans in public service with the goal of promoting excellence in public service, equity and opportunities for all in every aspect of American life.

Pat enjoyed outdoor activities: fishing, swimming, boating, and camping.
Dorothy, as his devoted wife, without complaint and in abundant love, took care of him in sickness as in health. His four sons helped to take care of him, as well. Several weeks before his death, he was cared for by Holy Cross Hospice.

Pat will be remembered as a warm and wise man. He was honest. He was kind. He was gentle. His heart was big. He lived a full life. Perhaps his life touched us all in ways unspoken. If this is so, then his living was not in vain.

He leaves to celebrate his life, continue his legacy and cherish his memory his loving wife of 64 years, Dorothy Ward Daugherty; four devoted sons, Derek Ward Daugherty, Don Alfred Daugherty, David Kenneth Daugherty and Daniel Harden Daugherty; one daughter-in-law, Millicent Patrice Taylor-Daugherty; six grandchildren Ramsey Anthony Daugherty, Damani Zaied Daugherty, David Chase Daugherty, Chelsey Daugherty, Taylor Danielle Daugherty and Nicholas Daugherty; three sisters-in-law, Mary Ward Day, Eunice B. White, and Doris C. Daugherty; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.
Gratitude From The Family

Rev. Haywood Robinson for so graciously inviting us into People’s Community Baptist Church for the Memorial Service for James Harden Daugherty ‘Pat’.

Pastor Powell for his unwavering support and encouragement during Pat’s illness and our bereavement.

Pastor Sterling King and Deaconess Rosalyn King for their support, friendship and help throughout the planning process.

Pastor Donald Kelly for his presence and prayers.

Mrs. Lorraine Mosby for giving so selflessly and lovingly to Pat and the family during his illness and our bereavement.

To the guest soloists, we thank God for their gift of song.

To my Heritage Church family, thank you for your expressions of love, prayers and support.

For all of you for attending and making this a memorable occasion for us; we pray God’s blessing upon each one of you.
Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Sterling King, Jr., Officiating
Jonathan Davis, Director of Music Ministry

Prelude ................................................................. Organist
Prayer of Invocation .......... Rev. Dr. Sterling King, Jr.
Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church
Scriptures (Old Testament) Psalm 91 .... Rev. Pamela Bryant
Scriptures (New Testament) Revelations 21:3-4, Rev. Pamela Bryant
Prayer of Comfort ....................... Rev. John Powell
Heritage Christian Church
Musical Selection - "Precious Lord" Mrs. Geraldine Payton-Brown
Accompanied by Darryl Davis
Acknowledgements/Tributes .......... Karen Ward Day
Sgt. Major Todd Ellis
Reflections ............................................................. Family and Friends
Musical Selection - "The Lord's Prayer" .... Comfort Choir
Obituary ............................................................. Read Silently
Musical Selection - "It is well with my Soul" . Mrs. Jan Ulrich
Mr. Lori Kaufman
Eulogy ................................................................. Rev. Dr. Sterling King, Jr.
Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church
Musical Selection - "Steal Away to Jesus" .... Dr. James Laws
Benediction .......................................................... Rev. John Powell
Pastor, Heritage Christian Church

Repast
Immediately following the service in the Norwood Center