

Memorial Service  
for  
**Paul Petties**



Memorial Services Held at:  
**Thatchers Funeral Home**  
**1520 North Fifth Street • Kansas City, KS**

**Saturday**  
**January 10, 2009**

**Service: 1:00 p.m.**

**Minister Arthur Greene, Jr., Officiating**



## In Loving Memory of Paul Petties

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under Heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die...

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Paul Edward Petties was born June 27, 1948 to Hollis and Zalee Smith Petties in Denison, Texas. Paul was the third born to a family of two girls and one boy.

Paul's parents, two sisters Dollie and Daisy, and wife Clarice preceded him in death.

Paul attended the local elementary school in Denison, and graduated from Terrell High School in 1966.

Paul was reared by his loving Aunt/Foster Mom, Mrs. Gladys Broner at a young age after the untimely death of his mother. Paul moved to Chicago, Illinois to live with his sister Dollie, until he joined the Army and had a tour of duty in Germany and Vietnam. After his tour of duty ended, he moved to Kansas City, Kansas to live with his Aunt, Mrs. Gladys Broner after the death of her husband.

Paul was a Certified Medical Assistant and was employed at Bryant Butler Kitchen Nursing Home, in Kansas City, Kansas. Later he worked at Orion Plastic Company as a Machinist in Kansas City, Kansas

Paul's religious preference was Baptist. He grew up in Antioch Baptist Church in Denison, Texas, and always keep the Faith.

He met and married Clarice Loretta DeGraftenreed, March 28, 1981. No children were born to this union.

Paul loved life and lived it to the fullest. He loved to sing with his deep bass voice; and entertained many singing Gospel as well as Rhythm and Blues. Paul loved to dance, clown around and play dominoes and was an Ardent Chief's Fan.

Paul was a very proud man, who deeply loved The Lord and his family. He was a good natured guy and a humanitarian in his own rights.

All who knew Paul will truly miss him. Paul passed away December 31, 2008 at his home.

He leaves to cherish his memory: One loving niece, Zalee Petties of Dallas, Texas. Many great nieces and nephews in Chicago, Illinois. Nine loving cousins whom he adored: Richard "Rabbit" Franklin, of Atlanta, Georgia; Reginald Franklin and Regina Bailey both of Dallas Texas; Dianne Gillespie of Arlington, Texas and AC Smith, Jr., of Los Angeles, California; Larry Smith, Richard Smith, Jr. and Irma Smith of Chicago, Illinois, Irene Smith of Houston, Texas; Three stepsisters, and one step brother: Catherine Berry of Sherman, Texas, Glenda Davis of Omaha, Nebraska, Barbara Davis of Indianapolis, Indiana and Gary Davis of Carrolton, Texas. Three loving Sister-in-Laws, Bertha DeGraftenreed, Valrice Baker and Marilyn Betty Thompson, all of Kansas City, Kansas. Fourteen other cousins, Twelve great cousins and Host of great-great cousins. He also leaves five step children: Curtis Cawthon of San Antonio, Texas, Maurice, Marvin, Bert Cawthon and Lois Gatlin, Several step-grandchildren all of Kansas City, Kansas. A dear friend Merrie Johnson and other relatives, friends, classmates and neighbors.



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## WORDS OF THANKS

The Petties and Franklin Families wishes to thank all of those in attendance for their heartfelt support in this time of loss.

Paul would have liked everyone to observe this occasion simply, without pomp or ceremony. Please take this time to reflect on life and talk and love one another

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude-----Soft Music

Prayer & Scriptures----- Old and New Testament  
23 Psalms----- Eld. Arthur Greene, Jr.

Solo-----"The Lord's Prayer"-----Ms. Lois M. Drew

Acknowledgement of Cards  
and Condolences----- Ms. Effie M. Hawkins

Poem-----"If Tomorrow Never Come"-----Ms. Jolece Eldridge

Reflections of Life (Obituary)----- Read in Silence

Tribute to Paul's Family Reunion-----Video Presentation

Remarks-----Limit 2 minutes, Please-----Family, Friends  
& Neighbors

Solo-----"Abide With Me"-----Ms. Lois M. Drew

Words of Comfort-----Eld. Arthur Greene, Jr.

Cremation

Final Resting Place: Denison, Texas (His Home Town)

Congregating of Family & Friends

(Repast to be announced)