



Mr. Robert Paye

January 1, 1930 - July 16, 2011

Mr. Robert Paye, age 81, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at The Abraham House with his family by his side.

Robert was born in Liberia, Africa on January 1, 1930. Due to civil strife in his homeland, he relocated to America in 2004. He was married to the former Annie Tia for 59 years.

A self-taught, strong, and resourceful man, Robert worked as a saw mill engineer for many years. A good, self-sacrificing man, he gave all in providing for his family, and his children looked up to him as a loving leader. He taught them the value of education and ensured that they all attended school. On celebratory occasions, he would be found dancing. He held a deep faith in Christianity and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Robert is survived by his wife, Annie; and his children and their families, Martha and Stephen Flomo of Utica, Patrick Paye of Erie, PA, Mary and Charlie M'bahia Kovadio of Utica and France, and Agnes, Julie, Annie, John, and Jimmy, all of Liberia. He was also blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition, he leaves two brothers; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and two sisters-in-law. He was predeceased by four brothers.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10:00-11:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2620 Genesee Street, Utica. Robert's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church immediately upon conclusion of visitation, with Pastor Richard Mokry officiating. Interment will

take place in Forest Hill Cemetery.