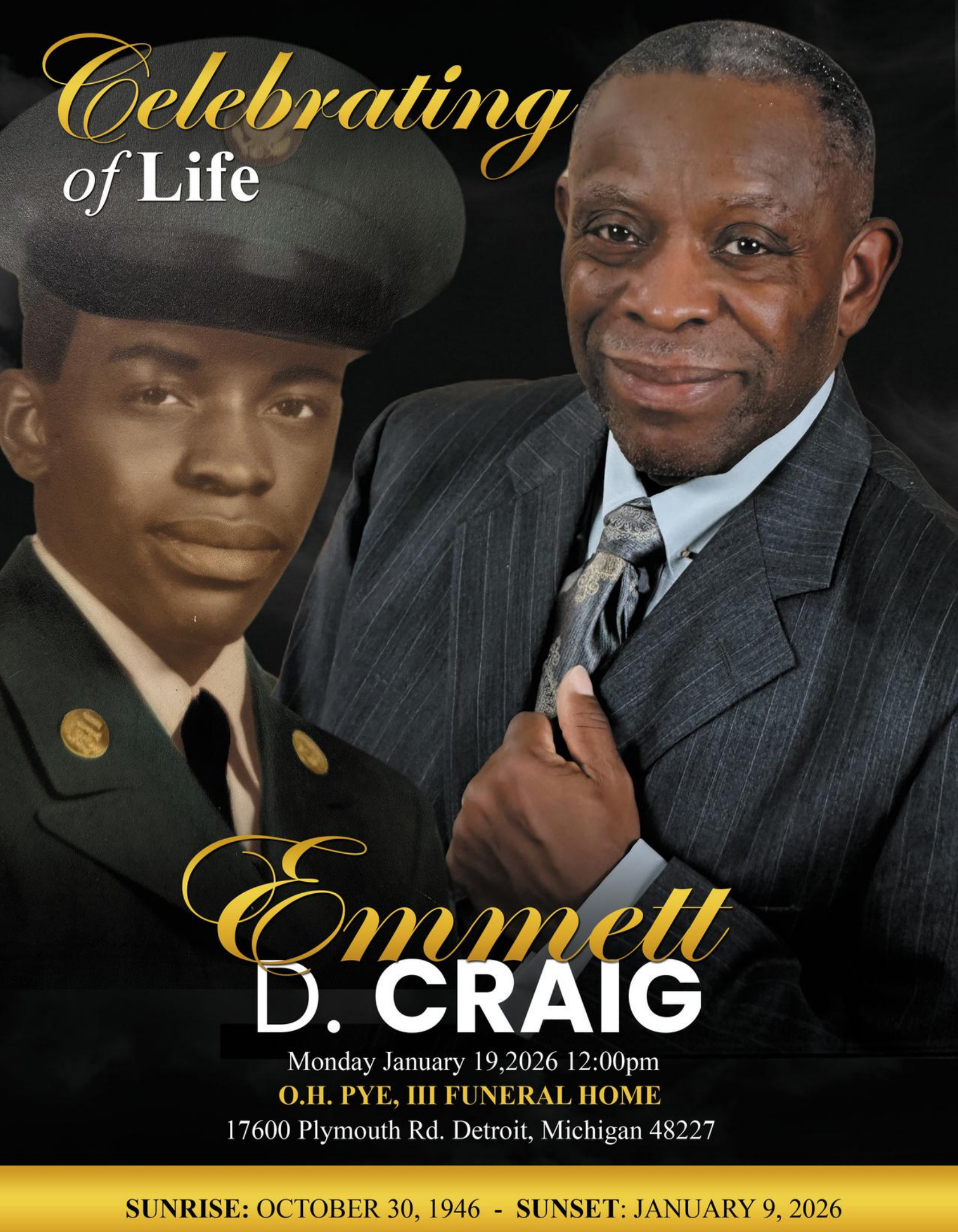




Celebrating
of Life

Emmett
D. CRAIG

Monday January 19, 2026 12:00pm

O.H. PYE, III FUNERAL HOME

17600 Plymouth Rd. Detroit, Michigan 48227

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 30, 1946 - SUNSET: JANUARY 9, 2026

Remembering **EMMETT D. CRAIG**

Emmett D. Craig was born on October 30, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan, to the union of the late Fred Sr. and Lena Craig. Emmett was affectionately known as “Ulice” and “Uncle Em.” He was a man of strength, loyalty, and wisdom, who accepted Christ at an early age. Emmett was a proud United States Army veteran, having served his country and was honorably discharged in 1966. His dedication to service did not end with the military. He served as a mentor to young men and coached baseball.

He pursued higher education at Central State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Education. Emmett was a devoted Special Education teacher, a role he fulfilled with patience, discipline, and compassion. He was deeply committed to mentoring youth and helping students reach their fullest potential. Known for his sharp mind and humor, Emmett also took pride in correcting everyone’s grammar and phrases—a habit that reflected both his love for learning and his teacher’s heart.

From the moment Emmett met Susie in 1972, they were inseparable. They later married and built a life together filled with love and devotion. Though life took them through seasons of change, their bond never faded. By God’s grace, they found their way back to one another, remarrying and celebrating 30 beautiful years together. Their love story was one of forgiveness, faith, and the kind of love that proves second chances can be even stronger than the first.

Emmett was a man of many passions. He enjoyed baseball, chess, music, traveling to visit family and friends, and taking pride in his appearance. He loved driving and sports. His favorite artist was Angela Bofill, and his favorite song, “I Try,” reflected his steady determination and heartfelt approach to life. Known for his masculine presence, laid-back nature, dry humor, and dependability, Emmett was always on time and unfailingly positive. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Sr. and Lena Craig; his beloved son, Kwann; his sisters, Mary “Kate”, Susie, and Mary ”Baysa”; his brothers, Willie “Bernard,” Edward, and Fred Craig Jr. ”Boot”; and his best friend, Edward “Moochie”.

Emmett leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Susie Craig; his daughters, Kenya, Sharron (Michael), and Eboni-Jo; and his sons in heart, Jamar and Louis “Rock”. He is also survived by his sisters Lorraine, Denise, and Patricia; his sister-in-law, Eddie Mae; his brother, David; along with 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and countless friends whose lives he touched.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude -----

Processional -----

Scripture -----

Prayer -----

Song -----

Acknowledgements and Condolences ----- Kyra Wallace

Obituary ----- Roshone Craig

Song -----

Eulogy -----

Recessional -----

Organ Postlude -----







Remarks FROM FAMILY

Words can't express the love I have for you. I'm so thankful to have spent so much time with you. You will be missed.

— *Your baby girl, Eboni*

Pops, you were my guide, my steady hand, The quiet strength on which I could stand. You taught me so much, in your patient way, and corrected my words, every single day. “Not literally, figuratively,” you’d say with a grin, And I’d laugh, then try again. Your love was firm, but gentle too, A mix of wisdom, humor, and truth. Though you are gone, your lessons remain, your voice, your heart, your little corrections too, I carry them with me, every day, forever a part of who I am, because of you.

— *Jamar*

To me and from what I witnessed, my Granddad was a kind and helpful person who believed in many people and never gave up. He always told me that life is like a chess game. Don't let your enemy ever get ahead. He accomplished so much, not only by teaching me obedience, integrity, life morals, and discipline, but by teaching others as well. Granddad, I want you to know that I love you.

We all do, and you will be deeply missed and celebrated.

— *Kawayne*

Granddaughter to Granddaddy, We stood a little apart in life, words kept simple, time kept thin. Still, your leaving leaves a space quit proof...you mattered then.

— *Jacques*

Granddad, you started something special for our family. You walked at Central with pride, and now I'm here because of you. I'm doing my best to continue the legacy you began there. I just hope you're proud of me. I love you always.

— *Essence*

You will truly be missed granddad you will always have a place in my heart and will carry you with me everywhere I go heaven so lucky to have you.

— *Erin*

We love you, and we are so grateful for the time we had with you.

In our memories you'll forever reside.

— *Greatgrandchildren*

January 9 will never be the same for me, it will forever be a celebration for us. You mean the world to me! Autumn's favorite person, Paw Paw, and I thank you for everything. This is HITTING me hard. Granddaddy, I love you and you will be missed. FGFCFS

— *Ayesha*

PALLBEARERS

Jamar Anderson
Terrell Blackburn
Willie Rush
DeAndre Wallace

Kawayne Blackburn
Tyrese Blackburn
Rakeeb Craig
Kwann Blackburn Jr.

FLOWER BEARS

Jacques Anderson
Erin Rush

Ayesha Harris
Essence Degraffenreid

CEMETERY

*Grand Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum
23501 Grand River Ave
Detroit, MI 48219*

REPASS

*Studio 9 Event Space
25822 W 9 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48033*



Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.