



## Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy

June 28, 1938 - August 26, 2022

KENNEDY, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James - Age 84, passed away Friday, August 26, 2022, at Willowbrook Manor. Family hour 11:30 AM Saturday September 3, 2022, at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 1610 W. Person Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM Rev. Ralphael D. Read officiating. Entombment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G9506 N Dort Hwy., Mt Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30 AM Saturday. Rev. Dr. Kennedy will lie in state at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and may be viewed from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM Friday. A celebration of life service will begin at 5:00 PM Friday., September 2, 2022. Rev. Dr. James Earl Kennedy, also known as "PK" was born June 28, 1938, in Weir Mississippi, the son of the late Ethel and Girtha Kennedy and was one of seven children. He was educated in the Flint Public School System, graduating from Central High School. He furthered his education receiving a Bachelor Degree in Social Work from John Wesley College, and then studied abroad at Oxford University in England. Rev. Dr. James E. Kennedy worked for General Motors Corporation for more than thirty years where he was an advocate for justice, standing up for the unfair wages of minorities and women in the manufacturing industry. Even winning a class action lawsuit against General Motors. Dr. Kennedy served on many boards such as the NAACP, Urban League, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. He was a retired Rotarian, retiring from the Rotary Club of Flint. Rev. Dr. Kennedy accepted the call of God and after five years in the ministry founded Mount Carmel Baptist Church

in April of 1981. He served as Pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church for thirty-five years. He retired, after more than 40 years in the ministry, as Senior Pastor of Mount Carmel Church in April of 2017. Becoming Pastor Emeritus until his call to glory, August 26, 2022. Rev. Dr. James E. Kennedy leaves in God's care to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Mary A. Kennedy and her two children, Stephanie and Ervin Thornton II, her two grandchildren Raven & Kamari Thornton. His sister, Glyndean Lane. His three daughters, Stephon, Sandra, and Sherri Kennedy. His granddaughter, Micah Kennedy; and great-grandson, Kyro Kennedy; sisters-in-law, Claudette, Dorothy, and Brenda Kennedy; special son, Pastor Michael Pettigrew; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Rev. Dr. Kennedy was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel and Girtha Kennedy; brothers, Ethel Charles, Daniel, Burnis, and Fredrick Kennedy; sisters, Earnstine Kennedy and Gearldean Lott; brothers-in-law, Ladell Lane and Jackson Lott.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
1610 W. Pierson Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP 2. 5:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
1610 W. Pierson Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

## Family hour

SEP 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
1610 W. Pierson Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

## Service

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SEP 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
1610 W. Pierson Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Share a virtual memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev Dr James Kennedy... May God strengthen the family !!! Judah Ministries Family !!!*



**Shirley Miller** - September 12, 2022 at 07:49 AM



“ *KayDot Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



**KayDot Stewart** - September 10, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Debra Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



**Debra Davis** - September 07, 2022 at 07:14 AM

DS

“ *Doreatha D Swift lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Doreatha D Swift** - September 05, 2022 at 12:28 AM

LP

“ *Praying for The Entire Mount Carmel and Kennedy Family.*



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**Leola Page** - September 03, 2022 at 10:01 PM

TJ

“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Tonya Jackson-Battle** - September 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM

LC

“ *Lois A Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Lois A Cunningham** - September 03, 2022 at 09:49 AM

JD

“ *Jesse & Janet Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Jesse & Janet Davis** - September 03, 2022 at 07:12 AM

MS

“ *To Gail and the family of Pastor Kennedy, we send our deepest condolences. We were sorry to hear that he had passed. He was always a gentleman to work with at GM. We will keep you in our prayers.*



*Mae Vern Spence  
and  
April Spence Harris*

*Marietta, GA*

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**Mae Vern Spence** - September 02, 2022 at 11:50 PM

DA

“ *Condolences and Prayers for the Family.  
Sorry for your Loss Marilyn♥♥♥♥ Doris  
#90*



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**Doris Allen** - September 02, 2022 at 10:05 PM

EP

“ *With our Heartfelt Sympathy and Condolences.  
Earnest & Nancy Pouncy*



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**Earnest/Nancy Pouncy** - September 02, 2022 at 07:27 PM

BT

“ *Barbara & Yolanda Palmer, TEXAS lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Barbara & Yolanda Palmer, TEXAS** - September 02, 2022 at 12:59 PM

MB

“ *The Browns family would like to share our condolence to our cousin Dr James Kennedy we love you and we're going to miss you we will see you one day*



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**Margaret Brown** - September 02, 2022 at 11:00 AM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Eddie and Linda Booth** - September 02, 2022 at 08:29 AM

CW

“ Prayers and heartfelt condolences to the entire Kennedy, Mt. Carmel Church Families and many friends. The Kennedy family were role models at Mt. Olive, and we looked up to their wisdom and guidance. Rev. Kennedy was not afraid to tell you like it was, even if it hurt. He was kind, loving, and patient. He was like EF Hutton, When he spoke you listen. Rest on in Jesus arms Rev. Kennedy.



Curtis and Valerie Williams - September 02, 2022 at 08:11 AM

BB

“ Birdie Brooks



Birdie Brooks - September 02, 2022 at 07:42 AM

RA

“ From labor to reward.

Pastor Lewis Randolph, Dr. Rodale Randolph, DHA and Marcus A. Randolph

Randolph - September 02, 2022 at 02:25 AM

DS

“ David L Bradley Sr lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



David L Bradley Sr - September 01, 2022 at 11:10 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tucker lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Yvonne Tucker - September 01, 2022 at 10:30 PM

YF

“ Yvonne Tucker And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Yvonne Tucker and family - September 01, 2022 at 10:28 PM

DW

“ Debra Woodson-Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Debra Woodson-Williams - September 01, 2022 at 03:53 PM

MB

“ Margene Burkett lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Margene Burkett - September 01, 2022 at 02:31 PM

ZJ

“ *Zelton G Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**zelton g Johnson** - September 01, 2022 at 07:56 AM

JJ

“ *Jackie and Zelton Johnson purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy.*



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**Jackie and Zelton Johnson** - September 01, 2022 at 07:55 AM

AP

“ *May God Bless and Keep the Kennedy Family in prayer. Deacon Shelton and Anna Pinnix*



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**Anna Pinnix** - September 01, 2022 at 03:20 AM

ED

“ *Evangeline Dixon lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Evangeline Dixon** - September 01, 2022 at 12:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy.



September 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



**Jeanette Grady** - August 31, 2022 at 11:42 PM



“ Tanya Jefferson sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



**Tanya Jefferson** - August 31, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



**Sandra Epps** - August 31, 2022 at 09:58 PM

SE

“ Shirley Edwards-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Shirley Edwards-Jackson - August 31, 2022 at 09:25 PM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy sorry for your loss sending my sympathy and prayers to the family and the Mt. Carmel Church family.



Linda Mayfield - August 31, 2022 at 09:02 PM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy sending my condolences and prayers to the family. Mrs. Martha Mays



Linda Mayfield - August 31, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ Lula Lewis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Lula Lewis - August 31, 2022 at 06:23 PM

RK

“ Rev Kennedy was a great man. I've known him for over 20 years and worked with him at GM. He was a very compassionate man who loved the Lord. May he rest in heavenly peace

Robert Kate - August 31, 2022 at 05:28 PM

DA

“ Sincere condolences Pastor Kennedy you have gone on to your final reward. Save me a seat at the Master's table. 🙏

Donita Lacy Alexander - August 31, 2022 at 03:46 PM

DE

“ Deborah Edson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Deborah Edson - August 31, 2022 at 02:15 PM

RY

“ Rose Young lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Rose young - August 31, 2022 at 01:33 PM

PS

“ I remember James from Hurley Health and Fitness. So many folks sought him out there for his humor and conversation, especially Bill Abernathy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as they celebrate his life.

*Pat Stiehl*

Patrice Stiehl - August 31, 2022 at 12:54 PM

LB

“ Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Lynn Barbee - August 31, 2022 at 12:20 PM

MP

“ You will be missed Pastor and prayers for the family.



Minister Wendal Payton - August 31, 2022 at 11:53 AM

LE

“ Linda English lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Linda English - August 31, 2022 at 11:15 AM

SC

“ Condolences to the family. May God strengthen and give you peace. Rev. Kennedy and his entire family made such an impact on my life growing up at Mt. Olive. I will always be grateful for that time. God bless  
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Sheila Carter - August 31, 2022 at 09:19 AM

SG

“ Shirley Bailey Jones Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Shirley Bailey Jones Gilbert - August 31, 2022 at 08:15 AM

ET

“ Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Ernelle Taylor - August 31, 2022 at 06:16 AM

SC

“ SANDRA CABINE lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



SANDRA CABINE - August 31, 2022 at 04:52 AM

DA

“🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 So Sorry For Your Loss. Sending Healing Prayers of Comfort.🙏🙏🙏”



Doris Allen - August 30, 2022 at 11:51 PM

KR

“Kendall Reaves sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy”



Kendall Reaves - August 30, 2022 at 11:50 PM

MD

“Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy”



Mary Dantzler-Grace - August 30, 2022 at 09:53 PM

TS

“Trina Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy”



Trina Renee Stewart - August 30, 2022 at 09:39 PM

EC

“ Our Condolences, Love and Prayers, to Lady Mary Kennedy, and the Kennedy Family. It is our prayer that God gives you the strength you'll need at this most difficult time. Pastor Kennedy was a knowledgeable, loving, compassionate, man of God. May he RIH, as he will be missed.



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**Evangelist-Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children** - August 30, 2022 at 04:37 PM

PL

“ Pastor Kennedy would open his doors to anyone who ask him to, wheather you was a member or not. All ways really nice. RIH



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**Phyllis Lakes** - August 30, 2022 at 02:45 PM

PL

“ Phyllis Lakes



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**Phyllis Lakes** - August 30, 2022 at 02:22 PM

BW

“ Betty Wesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



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**Betty Wesley** - August 30, 2022 at 01:25 PM

LP

“ *Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Lynda Pitts** - August 30, 2022 at 12:27 PM

LG

“ *Love Deborah, Ronnie and Greg purchased the T reasured Lilies Spray for the family of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy.*



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**Love Deborah, Ronnie and Greg** - August 30, 2022 at 08:49 AM

TA

“ *Teresa L. Anthony-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Teresa L. Anthony-Johnson** - August 30, 2022 at 05:44 AM

CD

“ *God Dad you will truly be missed. You played an intricate part in my life. Thank you for being who you were. Love and Miss you dearly Catrina*

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**Catrina Douglas** - August 29, 2022 at 07:01 PM

MW

“ Keeping the Kennedy family in prayer. Pastor Kennedy touched many lives and he will be missed.



Mamie Wiggins - August 29, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Marcus Motley lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Marcus Motley - August 29, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DK

“ Deacon Terry Key lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Deacon Terry Key - August 29, 2022 at 02:49 PM

BW

“ Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Barbara Morris Wright - August 29, 2022 at 12:55 PM

EW

“ *Elder Charles And Linda Woods lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Elder Charles and Linda Woods** - August 29, 2022 at 11:29 AM

GJ

“ *Gloria Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Gloria Jenkins** - August 28, 2022 at 09:35 PM

RY

“ *Rose Young lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Rose young** - August 28, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DW

“ *Derrek & Regina Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Derrek & Regina Williams** - August 28, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JP

“ *Joan Pointer lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



Joan Pointer - August 28, 2022 at 11:28 AM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



Ira Gilbert - August 28, 2022 at 08:32 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



Jesse Kirksey - August 27, 2022 at 11:38 PM



“ *My sincerest thoughts and condolences are with the entire family during their time of bereavement!*



AC Dumas - August 27, 2022 at 09:40 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



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**Yvonne Tidwell** - August 27, 2022 at 09:36 PM

EV

“ Elaine Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



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**Elaine Vaughn** - August 27, 2022 at 07:27 PM

DD

“ Dorothy Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



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**Dorothy Dickerson** - August 27, 2022 at 06:20 PM

WM

“ Warren & Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



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**Warren & Annette Marks** - August 27, 2022 at 02:37 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Betty Tipper** - August 27, 2022 at 01:09 PM

OC

“ *ORA CARTER lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**ORA CARTER** - August 27, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy*



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**Jimmye Maxwell** - August 27, 2022 at 11:05 AM

ER

“ *My heart goes out to the late Rev. James Kennedy and the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church families in the loss of their husband, father and Pastor Emeritus. May he rest in eternal peace.*



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**Edna M, Rubin** - August 27, 2022 at 10:08 AM

TN

“ Rest In Heaven Pastor James Kennedy. You Fought The Good Fight. You Kept The Faith. And God Is Saying Well Done Thy Good And Faithful Servant. I Will Always Love And Respect You. Tanya Neely



Tanya Neely - August 27, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Pandoretta Jackson - August 27, 2022 at 09:32 AM

TS

“ Trina Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Trina Renee Stewart - August 27, 2022 at 09:11 AM

EL

“ Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - August 26, 2022 at 10:05 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Wanda Harrison - August 26, 2022 at 09:22 PM

RM

“ Rev Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Rev Phyllis McCree - August 26, 2022 at 08:32 PM

RW

“ Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Rudy and Geneva Ward - August 26, 2022 at 07:25 PM

RC

“ Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Rahsheem J Covington - August 26, 2022 at 06:43 PM

IH

“ Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Iris Hare - August 26, 2022 at 05:58 PM

MW

“ Monique Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Monique Williams - August 26, 2022 at 04:45 PM

TN

“ I Tanya Neely Offers My Deepest Sincere Sympathy To The Kennedy Family. Pastor Kennedy Was A Wonderful God Fearing Man Who Loved The Lord. Keeping All Of You In My Prayers. Love Tanya Neely



Tanya Neely - August 26, 2022 at 04:29 PM

RK

“ Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. James Kennedy



Russell & Diane Kirksey - August 26, 2022 at 03:53 PM