



## Esther James

July 1, 1929 - March 7, 2010

JAMES, Mother. Esther - Age 80, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Word of Life Christian Church, G-2200 Walton St., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m., Pastor George Wilkinson officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mother James will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 Noon-8 p.m. Friday. Mother Esther Mae James was born July 1, 1929 in Prescott, Arkansas. She was the second child born to Mr. John Allen Willis and Mrs. Pearl (Richardson) Willis. Esther accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Elizabeth Methodist Church. She later joined Galilean Baptist Church until she united with Word of Life Christian Church, where she was a faithful and dedicated member. Esther graduated from Blevins Training School in Blevins, Arkansas in 1948. She was married to the late Clifton James, Jr., on September 2, 1948 and to this union nine children were born. Mother James relocated to Flint, Michigan in 1956, where she dedicated her life to raising and caring for her nine children. During this time she also worked at Sawyer Nursing Home as a Nurse's Aide. Esther was fondly known to many as "Mom, Aunt Esther, Granny, Big Granny or Mother James". "Granny" was dedicated throughout her life to caring for many children of the family until they were ready to attend school. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, attending cookouts and most

importantly socializing with her sisters, brother and cousins. Mother Esther Mae James leaves to cherish her memories: 8 children, May Carthans, Pearlena, Terry (Sherri), Robert, Michael (Gidgett), Kelvin, Kimberly and Christopher (Sonya) James; 27 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters, Johnnie P. Willis, Imogene (J.C.) McDaniel, Mildred Niles and Wonda Osborne; brother, William A. (Aristeen) Willis; 32 nieces and nephews; 4 aunts; a host of other relatives and friends. Mother James was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary James; parents, John and Pearl Willis; sister, Callie Strong; brother, Chauncy Willis; nephews, John and Terry Willis; great-nephews, Corey Sanders, Lamonte Willis-Chaney and Dameion Willis. The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor George D. Wilkinson and the Word of Life Christian Church family, Hurley Neuro Trauma ICU especially nurses, Carl, Lisa and Penny.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Esther James*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Dear Family:*

*Sorry for the lost of a great leader  
in my life. She will be saddly misted.  
The Galilean Members send our deepest  
respect for the Intirey Family.*

*Sincerely Yours:  
Mr. & Mrs. Kimble*

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**Phillip Kimble & Nancy** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Truly will be misted, for she was a very good person in my life.*

*Truley yours,  
Phillip Kimble*

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**Phillip Kimble & Nancy** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ My prayers go out to the loving family of Esther James. I know she will be loved and missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jessie

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**Jessie** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ To our brother in Christ(Michael) we will be in prayer with you and your family stay strong and my god keep on keeping you.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,he will not leave you comfortless he will come to you,and as one whom his mother comforteth,so will he.

2peter 3:9,john 14:18, and Isa.66:13.

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**Alice Odneal** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ TO THE ENTIRE JAMES, FAMILY. YOUR MOM WAS A SWEET WOMAN, I CAN REMEMBER HER LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE GOING TO SCHOOL. SHE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE.KNOW THIS. TO BE ABSENT IN THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. MY PRAYERS,AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU.

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**Kymerly Owens lucas** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To the entire James Family. We all grew up together. I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My family and I have you in our prayers. During your sad days & weary days, lean on the Lord. "PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS". Psalm 116:15.

God Bless,  
Jerome F. White  
NW C/O 81

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**Jerome White** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My prayers are with the family. May God Bless you all. Michael and Sis Imogene, may God comfort you and your family.

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**Jovita Johnson Harris** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ The right words at a time such as this just don't come easy for me. But know for certain that I love you all and have already, and will continue to remember you in prayer. Sincerely, Marcella

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**Marcella James** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ To the James, Willis, McDaniel, Styles family I love you all and was real sorry to hear about my Aunt Esther and all remember that God will always be there for you. Never leave Him.

Love always Virginia McDaniel and family

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**Virginia McDaniel** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I grew up on Alma street with one of the granddaughters, I express my condolences during this time and pray for strength for the family. Mrs. James was a nice woman and I know she is in a better place and loving where she is right now...Family be strong...

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**LaToya West** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *praying for the family*

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**Latina Coble** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *I would like to send my condolences to the family.*

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**William Willis** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *May God Bless and keep your well. Stay close keep your heads up God Bless you.*

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**Bridges Family** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM