



Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy

December 10, 1944 - January 22, 2013

BRACY, Mr. James H. "Jim" - Age 68, passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Genesys Hospice in Goodrich, MI. Family hour 11a.m. Friday, February 1, 2013 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1034 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service at 12noon. Pastor John E. Thornton officiating. Pastor Patrick W. Sanders, Sr., Host Pastor. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11a.m. Friday. Mr. Bracy will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12noon-8p.m Thursday, with family present from 3p.m.-7p.m. In lieu of flowers for Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy, please make contributions to: GFOCA Greater Flint Olympian Canusa Games Association, In C/O Tony Sitko, 923 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48503.

Mr. James "Jim" Howard Bracy was born December 10, 1944 in Flora, Mississippi the eldest and only son of Julius and Estella (Hopkins) Bracy. James moved to Flint Michigan in 1950. At an early age, James was baptized by the late Rev. L. W. Owens at the True Light Missionary Baptist Church and was a member of the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church until his death.

Mr. James Howard Bracy was educated in the Flint Community Schools, attending Clark and Walker Elementary, Whittier Jr. High, and Southwestern

High Schools, while attending Southwestern High School he participated and was an outstanding athlete in Track and Field, Football and Basketball. Mr. Bracy continued his education at Indiana State University where he earned a Bachelors of Science Degree and a Masters of Art Degree was received at Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Bracy was employed by the Flint Community School District, and became an influential Community School Director at Dewey and Selby Elementary Schools. During this time he mentored young boys who became productive men. When the CSD program was dissolved in 1990, Mr. Bracy became an Assistant Principal at Pierce Elementary School. He later became Principal at Coolidge Elementary School for twenty five years. During this time, his dedicated teachers made it possible for the students to score high in several subjects of the MEAP. (Michigan Education Assessment Program) Mr. Bracy retired in 2010.

Mr. Bracy was involved in all fifty-six years of the Flint Olympian and Canusa Games which included his start in 1957 as a fifth grader. Mr. Bracy received the 2007 Mott-Manley Memorial Distinguish Service Award for his participation and his service as chairperson for twenty years. He continued working through the summer of 2012. In 2006 he also received the Key to the City of Flint. Mr. Bracy was a member of the "Three Amigos" (Jim Whiting, Dan Berezny and James Bracy) Mr. Bracy was a member of the G.F.O.C.A. (Greater Flint Olympian Canusa Association). He also was a member of the selection committee for the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Bracy was a board member of the Flint Area School Employees Credit Union. Mr. Bracy appeared in the 2009-2010 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Zeta Beta Omega Chapter's "Men Making a Difference" calendar for the month of March. As a local product of the Flint Schools and educator, Mr. Bracy was known throughout the City of Flint by people of all walks of life. To some he was Big Bill, James Howard, Billy, Jim, the Principal, but most of all, he was known as "Po- Jim." Though he was known by many names, he will best be remembered as being an outstanding educator who always put children first.

He leaves to cherish sweet memories: wife of 23 years, Irene Bracy of Flint, MI; four daughters, Jamie (Darius) Bracy-Bradley, Rhonda (Carlos) Mitchell-Benton, Tara (Omar) Howell and Kimberly Edwards, all of Flint; son, Aubrey Brown Sr. of Chicago, IL; nine grandchildren, DeMarkus Bracy, Jaylen Bradley, Bryson Benton, Carlos Benton Jr., Omar Dudley, Taariq Dudley and Aseeyah Howell, all of Flint, Carmesha and Aubrey Brown Jr. of Chicago, IL; three sisters, Deborah (Leroy) Battle, Carolyn (Robert) Straham and Rena (Alonzo) Sawyer, all of Flint; ten nieces, Teresa Bracy, Amica (Adrian) Cherry, Pattie Barnett, Tanya and Pamela Battle, LaTrica White, Sydnei and Syara Nall, Elaina and Joi Thompson; seven nephews, Eddie (Anita) Bracy, Rodney (Sharena) Bracy, David Barnett, Johnathan and Timothy Craig, Jeffery and Marvin Hollingsworth; four aunts, Alice Bracy, Rev. Mary Ann Thompson, Classie Thompson, and Claudia Harris; three uncles, Rev. J. S. Hopkins, Ernest Thompson, Robert Thompson; mother in law, Edith Thompson; two sisters-in-law, Marilyn (James) Hollingsworth and Melissa (Sidney) Nall; brother-in-law, Carl Gene Thompson, all of Tuscumbia, AL; a host of other relatives and friends including special sisters, Louise Clark and Constance Barnett; special brother, Robert Barnett; god daughter, Sidney Johnson; the Barnett, Floyd, Hayes, Thornton, Trice and Viverette families.

Mr. James Bracy was preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Estella Bracy; sisters, Juliet (Bracy) Craig and Linda Bracy-Gray.

The family would like to express special thanks to: Dr. Rizwan Danish & staff, Dr. Prasad Kommareddi & staff, Dr. Sukaml Saha & staff, Dr. Oh & staff, Genesys Medical Center, Loving Hands Adult Care, Genesys Hospice Care. Pastor Patrick Sanders and the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Church, G.F.O.C.A., the long time Canusa Flint family, and the long time Canusa friends from Hamilton Ontario, and the Temple Dining Room.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 31. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Hello,
This message is especially for Deborah who was a childhood friend of mine from elementary school onward. I have always wanted to find her. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of James. Ironically, I lost my sister Beverly Lester (Bennett) on the same day and my older brother Elbert on Sept. 25th, last Friday. Please call me. I would love to talk to you. I have moved back to MI after being gone for many years. I moved to be closer to Beverly. We lost my sister Eddie a few years ago. Losing both of my siblings at the same time has been a true test of my faith. I share your grief because I know exactly how you must feel. I just happened to be looking on this site because Elbert's funeral is on Monday.*

*Joyce Lester (Nadir)
248 432-7277*

Joyce Lester (Nadir) - October 02, 2014 at 10:20 AM



“ *Mr. Bracy was the most good influence in my LIFE. Gone but never forgotten James Jim Bracy.
Hooks Family*



tauhj hooks - February 13, 2013 at 09:57 AM

LB

“ L.C. BOSS lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



L.C. BOSS - February 06, 2013 at 08:35 AM

CN

“ I just learned of Jim's passing this morning, too late for me to attend his services or visit the funeral home. I am VERY saddened to learn of Jim's death; he was a GREAT man. I worked with Jim at Coolidge School for many years. He made a positive influence upon me as well as the hundreds and hundreds of students he oversaw and the numerous staff he led. He was viewed by all as a competent leader, a positive role model and a man you could always easily talk to. Our world is less today because of Jim's passing. My deepest regards to his family and my strongest regrets at being unable to attend and pay my respects in person.

Craig R. Newberry

Craig Newberry - February 01, 2013 at 11:33 AM

LF

“ Lottie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Lottie Ferguson - February 01, 2013 at 10:18 AM

DM

“ *Mr. Bracy will be remembered as a dedicated educator and a very special friend. Dr. Jessie Muldrew*

Dr. Jessie M. Muldre - February 01, 2013 at 06:37 AM

VS

“ *Valerie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Valerie Smith - January 31, 2013 at 10:43 PM

EH

“ *EARLENE HILDRETH lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



EARLENE HILDRETH - January 31, 2013 at 09:19 PM

RB

“ *Robert Bondon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Robert Bondon - January 31, 2013 at 08:08 PM

RB

From Bobby and Ella to the entire Bracy family,our deepest condolences and prayers.....may God continue to strength all of you....

Robert Bondon - January 31, 2013 at 08:11 PM

ER

“ To Mrs. Bracy and family, our prayers are with you all. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We are not of this world we're just aliens passing through. Mr. Bracy was an exceptional principal. He cared about the students at Coolidge and the staff. I'll always remember him saying, "Good Morning, no matter what time of the day it was. He's not suffering any longer. Remember him as the "healthy" man and the fun times you all shared as a family.

Everett & Kimberly Roberts - January 31, 2013 at 07:25 PM

ER

“ Everett & Kimberly Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Everett & Kimberly Roberts - January 31, 2013 at 07:19 PM

KD

“ Karen C. Hinton & Demetrius lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Karen C. Hinton & Demetrius - January 31, 2013 at 03:28 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Y. (Thompson) Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Tanya Y. (Thompson) Jefferson - January 31, 2013 at 12:24 PM

BA

“ *Brenda Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Brenda Adams - January 31, 2013 at 10:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy.*



January 30, 2013 at 02:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy.*



January 30, 2013 at 08:20 AM

SC

“ *Shamarco Branch & Dyamone' Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Shamarco Branch & Dyamone' Clark - January 29, 2013 at 01:14 PM

SC

Mr Bracy was a PHENOMENAL principal, mentor, and educator. His wisdom touched the lives of millions of children who attended Flint Schools as well as those who participated n CanUSA Games. My baby attened Coolidge from Kdg-6th and he was the most thoughtful and creative administrator I had ever met! Mr Bracy believed in all the children even parents such as myself. I thank him for all the encouragement and employment oppurtunities he granted me as I went back to college. He truly inspired me to be all that I can be and he will be missed DEARLY!!! Wishing many blessings to his family and may God keep his comforting arms around you all.

From Shamarco Branch & Dyamone' Clark

Shamarco Branch & Dyamone' Clark - January 29, 2013 at 01:27 PM

BP

“ *Thank you for all that you have done for our students and staff of the Flint community schools. You will truly be missed by us all. " Rest In Peace"*

Brenda Poindexter - January 29, 2013 at 12:56 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Poindexter lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Brenda Poindexter - January 29, 2013 at 12:45 PM

PH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Patrick Hubbard - January 29, 2013 at 11:03 AM

KH

“ *Mr. Bracy, I was one of your students at the former Selby Elementary School, back in the 70's. I will always remember you as a concerned, yet strict principal. And you smelled so nice every day. You were my favorite, even though you wouldn't hesitate to call my mother when I stepped out of line. You will be missed. God Bless you and the loved ones you left behind. Your life's work did make a difference!!*

Keya L. Harrison

Keya L. Harrison - January 29, 2013 at 10:34 AM

SM

“ *My Condolenses to the family. Mr. Bracy was a great, caring, concerned principal and individual as well. I sent two children through Coolidge under his leadership! May you find comfort in his memories.*

Sabrina McGowan - January 29, 2013 at 09:18 AM

PM

“ *Patricia Marks lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Patricia Marks - January 29, 2013 at 08:07 AM

DB

“ *Debora E. Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Debora E. Baker - January 29, 2013 at 07:31 AM

SM

“ *Irene and family I pray for your loss of Jim your Husband and solemate I just want you to know I am thinking of you and your family sadley I never met Jim Knowing you and working for you at BuickCity for the time I did I found you are a special person my heart goes out to you and your family God Bless you and give you comfort . Steven (little stevie) Morse*



steven brice morse - January 29, 2013 at 06:25 AM

RW

“ I wish the family Comfort,Peace,and many happy memories Of Mr.Bracy, to get you all through this difficult times...I met Mr.Bracy in 1999, and had the pleasure of knowing him and working for him for 11 plus years....Such a Great man that always had my back....Mr.Bracy loved his staff and All the students at Coolidge/Cummings.....God has blessed me with a special friend....Now your in heaven looking down on us...your memories will always be with me and Garitt.....R.I.H.....gone but never forgotten.....a Special Prayer for my baby...Jalen.... We love you Son!!...My Prayers are with the family and friends.....Rose & Garitt, Generald Williams.



Rose M Williams - January 28, 2013 at 10:09 PM

RS

“ Ray D. Snyder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Ray D. Snyder - January 28, 2013 at 08:55 PM

RS

“ Ray D. Snyder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Ray D. Snyder - January 28, 2013 at 08:55 PM

KF

“ *Kim Fielder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Kim Fielder - January 28, 2013 at 06:37 PM

JM

“ *Judy F. Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Judy F. Miller - January 28, 2013 at 05:55 PM

TL

“ *Tamar Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Tamar Lee - January 28, 2013 at 12:19 PM

CN

“ *I would like to send my condolences to the family. When someone we love dies, it's very painful. But the Bible talks about doing away with this pain at Rev21:4. May the God of comfort, comfort your family at this time.*

concerned neighbor - January 28, 2013 at 10:23 AM

PA

“ *Patty Ahlstrom lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Patty Ahlstrom - January 28, 2013 at 10:01 AM

BR

“ *Bobbi Rogers-Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Bobbi Rogers-Bradshaw - January 28, 2013 at 09:51 AM

MT

“ *Psalms 116:15... Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

To Irene The Bracy Family,

We are praying that you find comfort in the strength of your faith, and in the caring, love, and concerns of others who are lifting you up in prayer..

We know the days ahead will be difficult. We are praying that you find peace knowing Mr. Bracy is safe in the presence God, and will always stay close to you in your heart because of the wonderful memories made in past years.

Blessings and love,

Mitch and Ella Teamer

Mitch Teamer - January 27, 2013 at 10:03 PM

DP

“ *Delores Perry lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Delores Perry - January 27, 2013 at 05:37 PM



“ *Marsha Lockett-Ahlander lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Marsha Lockett-Ahlander - January 27, 2013 at 03:49 PM

SJ

“ *Shawn James lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Shawn James - January 27, 2013 at 12:35 PM

CT

“ *Coach Joe Tyler lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Coach Joe Tyler - January 27, 2013 at 07:57 AM

CJ

“ *Coach Joe R. Tyler, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Coach Joe R. Tyler, Jr. - January 27, 2013 at 07:56 AM

JM

“ *Jim was one of the very best - a true gentleman, family man and community leader. Fondly remembered, he will be sadly missed. Codolences to his family.*

*Jim Matz
Burlington, Ontario, Canada*

James Matz - January 27, 2013 at 07:42 AM

HJ

“ *Horace And Yolanda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Horace and Yolanda Johnson - January 26, 2013 at 11:33 PM

MM

“ I "WEEP,,But briefly for Sister Irene Bracy and the entire Bracy family.Brother James, will be missed by many, who's lives that he has touched.He has the freedom with our Heavenly Father, to rejoice in his everlasting Peace and total happiness for his eyes have seen the Lord..My prayers are that his family will be assured of God's Love, Strength and Peace that passes all understanding..." His memories will live forever." MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP ALL OF YOU...

Mother Margaret Montgomery - January 26, 2013 at 06:28 PM

CN

“ Carrie Younger-Nelson and Sons (Late Norman III) Corey and Jawun, Thanks for being in their life at an early age, Pierce Elementary School .God Bless and keep you. You will always be in our hearts.....smile



Carrie Nelson - January 26, 2013 at 06:08 PM

RP

“ Robbie Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Robbie Pugh - January 26, 2013 at 05:45 PM

CJ

“ Colleen Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Colleen Jenkins - January 26, 2013 at 03:25 PM

CG

“ Mr. Bracy was the best! He was instrumental in my life and I will remember him always. He guided me as a principal, helped me teach math, and showed me how to make good relationships with students. Even when he retired, he came back to tutor my class. He always went to help the students who were struggling the most. Bless you Mrs. Bracy and family.



Mr. Green & Family

Charles W. Green - January 26, 2013 at 12:50 PM

DJ

“ Dee Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Dee Johnston - January 26, 2013 at 12:32 PM

CH

“ *Charlesetta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Charlesetta Hawkins - January 26, 2013 at 12:16 PM

LE

“ *Linda English lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Linda English - January 25, 2013 at 05:31 PM

PL

“ *My condolences go out to the family of- Mr James Bracy. This must be a difficult time for you, understanding that someone that you loved passed away. God has provided us with a comforting promise and it involves us seeing our loved ones again. Revelation 21:4 says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

Peggy Land - January 25, 2013 at 03:05 PM

MW

“ *Mother Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Mother Mary & Diane Williams - January 25, 2013 at 02:09 PM

JL

“ Jessica Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Jessica Lee - January 25, 2013 at 10:38 AM

AL

“ A. Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



A. Jeffrey LaValley - January 25, 2013 at 10:02 AM

AP

“ Anthony Paxton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Anthony Paxton - January 25, 2013 at 09:37 AM

KH

“ Kay D. Hatchett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Kay D. Hatchett - January 25, 2013 at 09:32 AM

MB

“ *Melissa Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Melissa Brown - January 24, 2013 at 10:44 PM



“ *Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Dana Bush - January 24, 2013 at 08:46 PM



Mr. Bracy was an amazing person and a wonderful principal. He will truly be missed! Your in our prayers. Love, David, Dana, Darrian and Danae Bush.

Dana Bush - January 24, 2013 at 08:53 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Carol Gardner - January 24, 2013 at 07:50 PM

SK

“ MR.BRACY WAS A GOOD MAN AND ALWAYS WAS CONCERN ABOUT HIS STUDENTS.. HE WAS THE BEST AT COOLIDGE.. MAY GOD BLESS THE BRACY FAMILY WITH PEACE, COMFORT, AND UNDERSTANDING

Shanay Kidd - January 24, 2013 at 07:16 PM

DJ

“ *Delois Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Delois Jackson - January 24, 2013 at 06:32 PM

CE

“ *Carl Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy*



Carl Evans - January 24, 2013 at 05:26 PM

AF

“ To Sis. Bracy and Family. I was saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Bracy, but I know that the Lord is in control of every situation. The bible speaks of fighting a good fight and Mr. Bracy certainly fought a good fight. I remember as a little girl going with Daddy to watch them play and now years later watching him take his stroll in the back of the church to "his seat". I pray and believe that the Lord will do what he does best and provide you with peace that goes beyond understanding. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Henderson and Ketesa Allen and Howard Walker.

Allen and Walker Family - January 24, 2013 at 04:02 PM

KM

“ Mr. Bracy my teacher since the fourth grade. He was not only my teacher but my big brother and life coach. It's because of what he taught me I am who I am today. His words to me each one reach one. I will forever be grateful God Bless the family! K. Marks

Kenneth Marks - January 24, 2013 at 03:38 PM

DF

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Dennis Freeman - January 24, 2013 at 12:37 PM

DJ

“ Daphne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Daphne Jackson - January 24, 2013 at 12:03 PM

AA

“ Angela Ascencio-Mindlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Angela Ascencio-Mindlin - January 23, 2013 at 08:17 PM

TP

“ Tracey D. Cavette- Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Tracey D. Cavette- Palmer - January 23, 2013 at 06:46 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James H. "Jim" Bracy



Diane Williams - January 23, 2013 at 11:56 AM