



Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"

August 18, 1941 - July 4, 2024

GILLESPIE "Drop-Down", Mr. James - Age 82, passed away Thursday, July 4, 2024, at Ascension Genesys, Grand Blanc. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Metropolitan Baptist Church, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Stephen Murphy, officiating.

Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Gillespie will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday, July 26, 2024, with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends. Bro.

James Henry Gillespie was born August 18, 1941 in Starkville, Mississippi, the son of Albert and Gussie Malone Gillespie. James attended Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Crawford, MS and was a graduate of BL Moore High School in Crawford, MS. James had various truck and bus driving jobs following his graduation. Seeking a better opportunity, James relocated to Flint, Michigan and began working at Flint Truck & Bus Assembly Plant, a division of General Motors Corporation. He was a member of UAW Local #598 and retired after 42 years of service. James was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle where he sang with the Male Chorus. He also volunteered with the Christ Alive Ministry assisting with their food and water giveaways. He also served as Setup Man with his cousins Gospel Quarter Group, "The Flint Southernaires." James was a sharp dresser and liked clean cars. He also enjoyed playing cards, either at work or regularly at Willis Car Wash. Bro.

James Henry Gillespie leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Ondria Gillespie; sons, Demetris Gillespie and Arthur (Tara) Gowdy; daughter, Ericka Kirksey, all of Flint; grandchildren, Felisha Bizzle, Demetris Cobbin, Gabrielle Lee, Tymetrius Lee, Talaya Wilbanks, Jordan Gowdy, Jaida Gowdy, Jerome Gillespie, Tre'Vaughn Gillespie, Jermiarian Gillespie and Jacob Hudson, all of Flint; great-grandchildren, Amia Bowers, Damir Bowers Bizzle, and Daliah Bowers Bizzle, all of Flint; brothers-in-law, Russell (Diane) Kirksey of Grand Blanc, MI and Jesse Kirksey of Flint; sisters-in-law, Michele (Alvin) Parker of Flint and Janie Outlaw of Starkville, MS; aunts, Geraldine Malone of Flint, Maggie Peters, Nancy Norris and Annie Malone of Starkville, MS; special cousin / brother, Aaron Malone of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews and the Malone & Dancer families; special friends, Richard Carter, Joe Jones, Charles (Gemini) Spencer and the car wash card playing crew at Willis Car Wash; a host of other relatives and friends. Bro. Gillespie was preceded in death by his son, Anthony Gillespie; daughter, La'Rhonda Gowdy; parents, Albert and Gussie Malone; sisters, Rosie Dancer and Theresa Lucious; brothers, Jodie Outlaw, Albert Gillespie Jr. and Malone Gillespie; uncles, William Malone, Walter Malone and Aaron Malone Sr.; father and mother-in-law, Jesse and Rosetta Kirksey; brother-in-law, David Kirksey; nephew, McCoy Dancer; sister-in-law, Dorothy Kirksey.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **26.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

JUL **27.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Church
930 E Myrtle Ave
Flint, MI 48505-5519
(810) 787-9731

Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PF

“*Pearl Coney And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"*



Pearl Coney And Family - April 01, 2025 at 07:20 AM

JP

“*May our Lord Jesus Christ comfort you during this difficult time.*



James & Jennifer Parker - July 27, 2024 at 09:28 AM

DT

“*Deotis Tucker lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie "Drop-Down"*



Deotis Tucker - July 27, 2024 at 03:02 AM

BH

“*Condolences to the Gillespie family, Praying for and with you*



Bob Howard - July 26, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down".*



July 25, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ *Joel & Kathi Kirksey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down".*

Joel & Kathi Kirksey - July 25, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ *Ondria my heart goes out to you and the family. I'm praying God's comfort, strength and peace for each of you. James is resting in God's arms. Prays for you and the Gillespie family.*



Odessa Hearn - July 25, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ *Chandra Boyd sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"*



Chandra Boyd - July 25, 2024 at 02:41 PM

CB

“ Chandra Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Chandra Boyd - July 25, 2024 at 02:41 PM

SE

“ Stacie Ellison lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Stacie Ellison - July 23, 2024 at 11:46 PM

CB

“ Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Cherry L. Brown - July 23, 2024 at 09:29 PM

PS

“ Peggy J Clark Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Peggy J Clark Stribling - July 22, 2024 at 03:48 PM

FY

“ The Young family send condolences to the Gillespie family on their loss , may his memories abide within all of you forever.much love: Aunt Fannie and family. 🙏❤️

Fannie Kirksey Young - July 20, 2024 at 07:55 PM

DP

“ Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Doretha Phillips - July 18, 2024 at 07:44 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Diane Williams - July 18, 2024 at 09:33 AM

JS

“ Jerry/Dorothy Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Jerry/Dorothy Sanders - July 16, 2024 at 05:39 PM

BF

“ *Bettie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Bettie Flowers - July 16, 2024 at 11:38 AM

BM

“ *Bertha Moses lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Bertha Moses - July 15, 2024 at 10:43 PM

MM

“ *Marva McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Marva McDaniel - July 15, 2024 at 11:08 AM

MB

“ *My Deepest Condolences To The Family, Love You Cousin* ❤️🙏❤️ ”



Madeline Brisker Brown - July 13, 2024 at 07:54 PM

KW

“ K. Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



K. Wilson - July 13, 2024 at 03:25 PM

LC

“ Lillian Chandler lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Lillian Chandler - July 12, 2024 at 08:25 PM

CK

“ Claudette Kennedy lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Claudette Kennedy - July 12, 2024 at 04:16 PM

PA

“ Pamela Altheimer lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Pamela Altheimer - July 12, 2024 at 04:14 PM

TG

“ Praying for Ericka and the entire family!



Taiesha Ginyard - July 12, 2024 at 03:57 PM

DL

“ Deepest sympathy to Gillespie Family
May God Strengthen you during this time



Debra LaCour - July 12, 2024 at 01:53 PM

VJ

“ Valerie Jones lit a candle in memory of James
Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Valerie Jones - July 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

ER

“ Elvia Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Elvia Roberson - July 12, 2024 at 09:53 AM

SB

“ *Stephan Buckler lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Stephan Buckler - July 12, 2024 at 09:24 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Barbara Morris Wright - July 11, 2024 at 09:55 PM

CB

“ *Chandra Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Chandra Boyd - July 11, 2024 at 09:27 PM

BM

“ *Bertha Moses lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Bertha Moses - July 09, 2024 at 05:52 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down" ”



Peggy Stribling - July 08, 2024 at 09:28 PM

LP

“ Lisa Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down" ”



Lisa Payton - July 08, 2024 at 08:25 PM

PP

“ PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down" ”



PJ & Glenda Pointer - July 08, 2024 at 03:22 PM

LE

“ Linda English lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down" ”



Linda English - July 08, 2024 at 03:21 PM

JK

“ *Jocelyn Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"*



Jocelyn Knox - July 08, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with you Auntie. Keeping you and James family lifted in prayer that God will comfort and strengthen you every day IJNA*



Michele Buckler - July 07, 2024 at 10:53 PM

ST

“ *Stephanie Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"*



Stephanie Tipton - July 07, 2024 at 03:43 PM

MF

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss... My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Melissa Forbes



Melissa Forbes - July 06, 2024 at 07:23 PM

PH

“ Patricia Hennings lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Patricia Hennings - July 06, 2024 at 06:55 PM

PB

“ Patricia Barker lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Patricia Barker - July 06, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MM

“ Mary McGee sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gillespie



Mary McGee - July 06, 2024 at 05:40 PM

LP

“ Praying for the entire Gillespie family stay strong and hold on to God's unchanging hands. Love yall 🙏💔

Leola Page - July 06, 2024 at 12:56 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie* ”



Peggy Stribling - July 06, 2024 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ *Maurice & Jackie Fielder* ”



Jacquelin Fielder - July 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie* ”



Betty Tipper - July 05, 2024 at 09:34 PM

JA

“ *Jerome & Sheila Adams sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gillespie* ”



Jerome & Sheila Adams - July 05, 2024 at 08:39 PM

JP

“ My prayers and condolences for Ondria and the Gillespie family. I pray God give you strength during this difficult time. Lean on God because he cares for you. 🤍🙏🤍



Joan Pointer - July 05, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JS

“ Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Jacqueline Scott - July 05, 2024 at 06:47 PM

DH

“ Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker - July 05, 2024 at 06:42 PM

LS

“ Larry Williams Sr lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Larry Williams Sr - July 05, 2024 at 06:08 PM

CK

“ Claudette Kennedy lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Claudette Kennedy - July 05, 2024 at 04:51 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gillespie



Aileen Spence - July 05, 2024 at 04:50 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Aileen Spence - July 05, 2024 at 04:49 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gillespie



Aileen Spence - July 05, 2024 at 04:49 PM

WI

“ Wiggins lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Wiggins - July 05, 2024 at 02:19 PM

AH

“ Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie



Anita Harris - July 05, 2024 at 01:29 PM

BL

“ My prayers and condolences 🌸 to Ondria and the entire family. 🙏



Barbara Leake - July 05, 2024 at 01:20 PM

FM

“ Farrow Malone sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Farrow Malone - July 05, 2024 at 12:39 PM

JM

“ *Jerdine Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Jerdine Malone - July 05, 2024 at 12:38 PM

IR

“ *Iris lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Iris - July 05, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Jesse Kirksey - July 05, 2024 at 11:20 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"* ”



Jesse Kirksey - July 05, 2024 at 11:19 AM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Wanda Harrison - July 05, 2024 at 10:20 AM

JT

“ Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - July 05, 2024 at 10:01 AM

DC

“ Delores Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Delores Clark - July 05, 2024 at 09:44 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jacob lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Gillespie "Drop-Down"



Brenda Jacob - July 05, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ *Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of James Gillespie* ”



Cynthia Tipton - July 05, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of James Gillespie* ”



Wanda Baker - July 05, 2024 at 08:58 AM