



Rev. James Hightower Jr.

October 18, 1931 - March 30, 2017

HIGHTOWER, Rev. James Jr. - Age 85, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, April 7, 2017 at Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 6046 N. Clio Rd., Mount Morris, MI., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Rodney Williams officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI, 48458. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Friday. Rev. Hightower 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 - 8:00 PM Thursday.

Rev. James Hightower, Jr. was born October 18, 1931 in England, Arkansas to James E. and Edna Lee Hightower Sr.. James moved to Peoria, Illinois and was baptized at a young age and knew the Lord. His love for God never wavered as he sang, prayed and preached the Word. After moving to Flint, Michigan to work for AC Spark Plug in the 1950's, he joined the Mighty Winds spiritual singing group. In 1963, he was ordained to preach after being under the leadership of the late Reverend L.W. Owens at True Light Missionary Baptist Church. This ministry was the birthplace for New Jerusalem Baptist Church and a lifelong friendship with the late Bishop Odis A. Floyd. James was well known for singing "Jesus, Sweeter Than Honey", his boisterous preaching style and powerful baptisms. Rev. Hightower was affiliated with many churches in the Flint area including, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church,

Second Friendship Missionary Baptist and Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. James loved to work on cars and drive charter buses. He retired from AC Spark Plug, a division of General Motors after 30 years. In 1983, he was married to Jerry Lee Walker.

Rev. James Hightower, Jr. leaves to cherish in his memory: daughters, Claudia "Nina" Dixon and Wanda Faye Harris; grandchildren, Contisa and Daquin Hightower, Mia A. Harris, all of Flint and Shawn D. Harris of Texas; a host of great-grandchildren; three sisters, Sharon (Rick) Bonner of Swartz Creek, MI, Rose (David) Latchison of Fenton, MI and Evelyn Warren of Jacksonville, FL; five brothers, Calvin (Pamela) Hightower of Shreveport, LA, Frank Hightower of California, Dennis Hightower of Flint, Edward Hightower of Peoria, IL and Michael (Sheryl) Hightower of Clio, MI; a host of nieces and nephews; especially Gail Hightower of Las Vegas, NV; James also leaves behind close friend, Joyce Johnson and many others who loved and adored him.

Rev. Hightower was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jerry Lee Hightower; daughter, Deborah Hightower; grandson, Jaquos Hightower; parents, James E. Sr. and Edna L. Hightower; sisters, Donna Fleming, Edna Turner, Shirley Porter; brothers, Jessie Hightower, Robert Hightower and Johnnie Hightower.

The family would like to extend a very special hand of thanks to the staff at Genesys Regional Medical Center, Dr. Linda Norrell, Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Pastor Rodney Williams, Sr. and the Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family as well as all others who prayed and supported through this rough time.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 6. 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

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
6046 N. Clio Rd.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
6046 N. Clio Rd.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. James Hightower Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mary Huddleston lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Mary Huddleston - April 29, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *Doris Barnett lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Doris Barnett - April 14, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *Mrs Tarina Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Mrs Tarina Williams - April 10, 2017 at 10:41 AM

GR

“ Gloria Ross lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Gloria Ross - April 09, 2017 at 11:24 PM

MH

“ Mary Haney lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Mary Haney - April 08, 2017 at 01:11 PM

TB

“ Tonya Battle sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Tonya Battle - April 07, 2017 at 09:25 PM

GR

“ GLORIA Rison lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



GLORIA Rison - April 07, 2017 at 01:31 PM

KL

“ Kimberly Littles lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Kimberly Littles - April 07, 2017 at 09:34 AM

EJ

“ Emma (Ms. Wes) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Emma (Ms. Wes) Johnson - April 07, 2017 at 07:28 AM

BT

“ Betty J Tipper lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Betty J Tipper - April 07, 2017 at 07:04 AM

KS

“ Karen Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Karen smith - April 07, 2017 at 05:55 AM



“ *Cabrina Clarke lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.* ”



Cabrina Clarke - April 07, 2017 at 05:23 AM



“ *Charles And Edna Elam lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.* ”



Charles and Edna Elam - April 06, 2017 at 11:36 PM



“ *Uncle, you will always be in my Prayers specially OUR Family.* ”

Jeffrey C. Hightower and Family - April 06, 2017 at 09:48 PM



“ *Zina McMullen lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.* ”



Zina McMullen - April 06, 2017 at 08:20 PM

E?

“ *Elaine Johnson Love You ? lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



elaine johnson love you ? - April 06, 2017 at 07:57 PM

MA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.*
Michele Austin



Michele Austin - April 06, 2017 at 05:54 PM

VJ

“ *Valerie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Valerie Jackson - April 06, 2017 at 03:04 PM

RH

“ *Rose Holliman lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Rose Holliman - April 06, 2017 at 02:58 PM

RH

“ Rose Holliman lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Rose Holliman - April 06, 2017 at 02:49 PM

JM

“ Johnnie& Cathay Miller lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Johnnie& Cathay Miller - April 06, 2017 at 01:56 PM

JM

“ Johnnie& Cathay Miller lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Johnnie& Cathay Miller - April 06, 2017 at 01:54 PM

JS

“ Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Jacqueline Scott - April 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM

TK

“ Terri Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Terri Kirkland - April 06, 2017 at 07:38 AM

EL

“ Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - April 06, 2017 at 01:10 AM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Rodney Richardson - April 05, 2017 at 07:44 PM

JA

“ James & Sylvia Avery lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



James & Sylvia Avery - April 05, 2017 at 02:34 PM

PE

Lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower

Pearl Ellison - April 05, 2017 at 09:47 PM

NC

“ *NJ - COFY CENTER lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



NJ - COFY CENTER - April 05, 2017 at 12:21 PM

GM

“ *GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - April 05, 2017 at 12:20 PM

KM

“ *Kim Moore-Watson lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Kim Moore-Watson - April 04, 2017 at 07:08 PM

DF

“ Dr. Carolyn Davis & The Steele Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Dr. Carolyn Davis & The Steele Family - April 04, 2017 at 06:40 PM

ME

“ Mildred Evans lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



mildred evans - April 04, 2017 at 05:10 PM

TG

“ Tresia Givens sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Tresia Givens - April 04, 2017 at 02:40 PM

AP

“ Anthony Paxton lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Anthony Paxton - April 04, 2017 at 01:10 PM

DB

“ *Debra Bridges lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Debra Bridges - April 04, 2017 at 11:12 AM

CJ

“ *" Minister Craig & Elder Anna Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr. "*



We'll Miss You Pappy

Craig & Anna Johnson

Craig & Anna Johnson - April 04, 2017 at 08:41 AM

CB

“ *Christopher & Pamela (Smith) Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Christopher & Pamela (Smith) Brown - April 04, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Julia Gamble - April 04, 2017 at 05:49 AM

CJ

“ *" Minister Craig & Elder Anna Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower. Jr "*



We'll Miss You Pappy!!!!

Craig & Anna Johnson - April 03, 2017 at 10:52 PM

LP

“ *Louis & Dee Perry lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Louis & Dee Perry - April 03, 2017 at 08:49 PM

DQ

“ *Dea. Bill R. Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Dea. Bill R. Quarles - April 03, 2017 at 04:11 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Wanda Stitt - April 03, 2017 at 03:27 PM



“ *Sending our love & condolences. Chris & Kim Miller*



Kimberly Hall-Miller - April 03, 2017 at 09:07 AM

DE

“ *Debra R Evans lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Debra R Evans - April 02, 2017 at 08:32 PM

ZM

“ *Zina McMullen lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Zina McMullen - April 02, 2017 at 06:37 PM

JG

“ Jennifer & Andrea Gray lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Jennifer & Andrea Gray - April 02, 2017 at 12:50 PM

CP

“ COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



COREY PIERCE - April 02, 2017 at 07:11 AM

MD

“ Monica William Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Monica William Davis - April 02, 2017 at 03:03 AM

JK

“ Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey - April 02, 2017 at 12:15 AM

MH

“ *Marlene Hicks lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Marlene Hicks - April 01, 2017 at 08:47 PM


Michele
Davis

“ *Condolence to the FAMILY. Nina Missy love you much also praying for you too.*



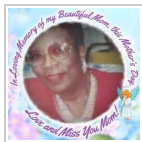
Michele Davis - April 01, 2017 at 06:19 PM

DM

“ *Deacon Jesse Mosley lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Deacon Jesse Mosley - April 01, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ *Rest in HIM Rev. All the conversation with you are planted in my heart. Rest well my friend!!!*



Min Doremus Kennedy - April 01, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. James Hightower Jr..*



April 01, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Mary Evans - March 31, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ *Send a Virtual Gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower!!!! Linda Mayfield*



Linda Mayfield - March 31, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my Friend!!!!!!! Gone but not forgotten, I will truly miss you. Sleep on my friend. Linda Mayfield*



Linda Mayfield - March 31, 2017 at 09:18 PM

LM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower, Gone but not forgotten. R. I.P. my friend, you will truly be missed. Linda Mayfield*

Linda Mayfield - March 31, 2017 at 09:15 PM

NF

May the Lord Bless you my Uncle which we know you are at PEACE!!

Nephew Jeffrey C. Hightower and Family - April 06, 2017 at 09:36 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



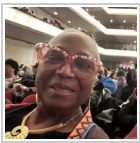
Carol Gardner - March 31, 2017 at 09:13 PM

SL

“ *SHIRLEY LYNN lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



SHIRLEY LYNN - March 31, 2017 at 08:57 PM



“ *Carolyn Mayo lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Carolyn Mayo - March 31, 2017 at 07:38 PM

TP

“ Praying for the family. Tonya & ChaQuinta Price



Tonya Price - March 31, 2017 at 06:27 PM

RC

“ Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Rahsheem J Covington - March 31, 2017 at 06:06 PM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Jeannie Mayberry - March 31, 2017 at 03:33 PM

ES

“ Eric D. Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Eric D. Smith - March 31, 2017 at 03:09 PM

NB

“ N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board - March 31, 2017 at 10:58 AM

MW

“ Mother Mary A. Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Mother Mary A. Williams - March 31, 2017 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Diane Williams - March 31, 2017 at 10:56 AM

JT

“ Jettie M. Thompson lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Jettie M. Thompson - March 31, 2017 at 10:51 AM

PC

“ *Pastor J. D. Charlot lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Pastor J. D. Charlot - March 31, 2017 at 10:23 AM

AC

“ *Antioch Baptist Church lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Antioch Baptist Church - March 31, 2017 at 09:54 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Jeanette Brown - March 31, 2017 at 09:53 AM

RW

“ *RENAE WATKINS lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



RENAE WATKINS - March 31, 2017 at 08:21 AM

WH

“ Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer
Matthew 11; 28 Come to me, all you who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you

William H - March 31, 2017 at 05:49 AM



“ Julia Gamble lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



Julia Gamble - March 30, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ DeLano Mills lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.



DeLano Mills - March 30, 2017 at 09:20 PM

TA

“ Praying for the family at this time



Toni Adams - March 30, 2017 at 08:21 PM

MW

“ *Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Hightower Jr.*



Maggie Williams - March 30, 2017 at 06:39 PM

NP

“ *I'll prayers and sympathies are with the family Deacon Nate and Wanda Pierce*

Nate Pierce - March 30, 2017 at 04:56 PM