



## Deacon William James Gay

March 12, 1937 - April 9, 2016

GAY, Deacon William James - Age 79, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Briarwood Manor. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2016 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Patrick W. Sanders, Sr. officiating. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 a.m. Friday. Deacon Gay will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday.

Deacon William James Gay was born March 12, 1937 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Mr. & Mrs. William and Nannie Gay. He was the youngest of three children. Deacon Gay attended Flint Community School System. After graduation he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served 2 years and was Honorably Discharged. When Deacon Gay returned to Flint he gained employment with Buick City for 17 1/2 years and transferring to Chevrolet Truck & Bus, both divisions of General Motors. He dedicated 37 years of service before retiring. Deacon Gay was a member of New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Bishop Otis A. Floyd and Pastor Patrick W. Sanders, Sr. He was appointed a Deacon by Bishop Floyd, faithfully serving not only the Deacon Board, but the Jail Ministry and the King's Men's Choir. When the weather was bad Deacon Gay would listen to the sermons on the radio. Deacon Gay enjoyed working

around the house, spending hours outside in his shed and taking care of the yard. When he wasn't outside he was watching Sanford and Son, mysteries, spirituals and his game shows. Deacon Gay loved Steve Harvey.

Deacon William James Gay leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Jeanne of Mt. Morris, MI; daughter, Kim of Middleton, OH; 2 sons, Kelly of Mt. Morris, MI and William James II (Amanda) Gay of Flint; grandchildren, JaMiya, Kiesha, Kelly II, Jalon, Rene, Tia, Jared, McKenzie and Tavaris; 6 great-grandchildren; special cousins, Dr. Linda Itson, Cloteal Coney, the Moore, Coney, Williams and Jones families; sisters-in-law, Ernestine Moore of Flint, Darlene Jennings of Middletown, Oh and Cheryl Campbell of Las Vegas, NV; brothers-in-law, Toby Bryant and Fred Jennings; a host of other relatives and friends including god-daughter, D'Wanda Hawkins; and spiritual children, Min. Anna Johnson, Rev. Craig Johnson, Eld. Alvin Gayden, Lady Di, Diane Johnson, Jeannie, Jackie and Thelma Arjetta.

Deacon Gay was preceded in death by his parents, William and Nannie Gay; sister, Ludelia "Lue" Early; and brother, Sylvester Moore

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family hour

APR **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

APR **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon William James Gay*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Kimberly Hall-Miller lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**Kimberly Hall-Miller** - April 16, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ *Pamala Simpson lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



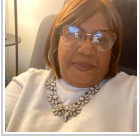
**Pamala Simpson** - April 15, 2016 at 07:01 AM



“ *Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**Rosa Burnett** - April 14, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



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**ReGina Adams** - April 14, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Shirley Lynn lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



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**Shirley Lynn** - April 14, 2016 at 04:03 AM



“ *Sylvia Vickers Cabell lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



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**Sylvia Vickers Cabell** - April 13, 2016 at 10:19 PM



“ *Mr. Fine!!!  
Was so honored to have know such a sweetheart of a gentleman. You're going to truly be missed. Rest peaceful now.  
Love you from Brandon and Renee Jones*



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**Renee Thompson-Jones** - April 13, 2016 at 05:56 PM



“ Sonya Gray lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay



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**Sonya Gray** - April 13, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ The Scott Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay



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**The Scott Family** - April 13, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay



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**Jeannie Mayberry** - April 13, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay



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**RE-NAYE SANDERS** - April 12, 2016 at 11:44 PM



*TO MY FRIENDS BILL AND KELLY, YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS, MUCH LOVE.*

**RE-NAYE SANDERS** - April 12, 2016 at 11:47 PM



“ *Cabrina Clarke lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**Cabrina Clarke** - April 12, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *Cynthia, Reeves lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**Cynthia, reeves** - April 12, 2016 at 03:19 AM



“ *Michele Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**Michele Davis** - April 11, 2016 at 08:04 PM

DB

“ *May God bless the family of Mr. Gay in their time of sorrow . May you find comfort through God and prayer. Acts:24:15 encourages you to turn to God and he will give you peace and understanding.as you endure this difficult time.*



**Daisy Boone** - April 11, 2016 at 03:21 PM

TP

“ *Tonya Price lit a candle in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**Tonya Price** - April 11, 2016 at 02:26 PM

RC

“ *Rocella M Carlisle sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**Rocella M Carlisle** - April 11, 2016 at 01:32 PM

NB

“ *N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William James Gay*



**N.J.F.G.B.C. Mothers' Board** - April 11, 2016 at 01:15 PM

PO

“ Our prayers, love and thoughts go out to the Gay family. We have known Kelly and Billy for many years and loved them as part of our family. Mrs Gay, we know that Mr Gay is in a better place. Look to the heavens and know he will always be with you and God would never leave you. We pray that in the coming days that Jesus gives you strength,

Love  
The Posey Family

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**Posey** - April 10, 2016 at 03:27 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William James Gay



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**Diane Williams** - April 10, 2016 at 08:33 AM