



Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.

July 12, 1931 - June 10, 2016

Elder Henry J. Grayson Sr. was born July 12, 1931 in Dixons Mill, Alabama, to parents Jim and Minnie Grayson. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in active duty in 1952 to 1954, during which he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He was married to Clara J. Grayson, until her death in June of 2003. He was employed at General Motors Fisher Body plant located in Kalamazoo from 1969 until his retirement in 1996. At his retirement celebration he said, "As I conclude my working years...I would like to be remembered as a Godly man, who stands up for righteousness."

Elder Grayson suddenly went home to be with the Lord, while in His service. This battle tested, man of God was diligently preaching the gospel when the Lord suddenly called him home. We certainly believe this was no coincidence but a powerful testament of his walk with the Lord. He was among the initial members of Faith Temple Church of God, founded and pastored by Dr. Bishop T.D. Lockett, where he served as an Elder and sang with the Mall City Jubilee from the late 1960's through the 80's. Elder Grayson was also gifted in remembering scripture in great detail, reciting chapter and verse. But, his passion was preaching the gospel. This was a man that was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and was always ready to stand up for the gospel and declare it any place and time. He touched lives throughout the country with his uplifting words of encouragement, backed by scripture and a conviction everyone knew was genuine. Whether it was feeding the poor,

encouraging the heartbroken, or motivating others to serve the Lord, he did it with sincerity, only looking to give God the glory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Minnie Grayson; wife, Clara Grayson, son Kenneth Grayson; daughter, Pamela Grayson; brothers, George and Johnnie Grayson; sisters, Ruth Jones, Maddie Linden, Alma Bell and Beulah Brown.

He is survived by one daughter, Shirley Aker (Dwight); five sons, Henry Jr. (Loretta), Richard (Barbara), Warren (Renee), Eric and Keith (Mela). He is also survived by seven grandsons, Derrick, David, Jared, Josh, Andre, Anthony and Maseo; four granddaughters, Ondrea, Monique, Aaliyah and Nala. Elder Grayson is also survived by five great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Family Hour

JUN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Temple Church of God
402 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

JUN 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Temple Church of God
402 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ *Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Love you & miss you, Elder Grayson. Take your rest sir. Until we meet again, see you when I get there.*



R. Ann Williams - June 25, 2016 at 05:57 AM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - June 23, 2016 at 06:02 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Dallas Boards and family - June 23, 2016 at 11:45 AM

LS

“ *Love, Walt, Catherine, Felicia and Lee Summers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr..*



Love, Walt, Catherine, Felicia and Lee Summers - June 21, 2016 at 09:23 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Alma Snell - June 21, 2016 at 05:42 PM

RA

“ *Ramona lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Ramona - June 21, 2016 at 09:17 AM

TB

“ We love you Elder Grayson and Family, Rest in Peace. We cherish the joy of his memory and vision him praising in the presence of The Heavenly Father as he praised him here.



*Ms. Dentene Boyd (formerly Sister Tene Donaldson)
Tyrone and Denise Bailey and Family*

Tyrone E Bailey - June 19, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.



Karest Willis-Brown - June 17, 2016 at 07:36 PM

SJ

“ S. Robert Nielsen Jr lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.



S. Robert Nielsen Jr - June 16, 2016 at 05:29 AM

SJ

Worked with Henry at GM. A very Godly man had some good talks with about the LORD. RIP my brother

S. Robert Nielsen Jr - June 16, 2016 at 05:31 AM

AB

“ *Angela Bailey lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Angela Bailey - June 16, 2016 at 01:09 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Pauline Gardner - June 15, 2016 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ *The Late Luddie Walker Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



The late Luddie Walker Family - June 15, 2016 at 01:11 PM

DS

“ *Dwight G Phillips Sr lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Dwight G Phillips Sr - June 15, 2016 at 09:17 AM

RL

“ *Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



ramona lumpkin - June 15, 2016 at 12:10 AM

KJ

“ *A True Man of God! We will forever remember his sincere benediction.... "Lord meet the need of every area of my Life, let nothing be missing...make me whole" He's made whole now resting in the arms of Jesus. Continued Prayers for the loving Grayson Family.*

Ken & Brittany Jackson - June 14, 2016 at 10:54 PM

DS

“ *Dwight G Phillips Sr lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Dwight G Phillips Sr - June 14, 2016 at 08:00 PM

AR

“ *Abdul-R Rashid lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.*



Abdul-R Rashid - June 14, 2016 at 07:20 PM

AR

“ I was sadden to hear of Rev. Grayson's passing. We worked together at Fisher Body. He used to call me his "Tax Brother", because I use to do his income taxes. May G-D bless him for all the good he's done, forgive him of his sins, and bless him to enter the paradise. Amin. Abdul-R Rashid

Abdul-R Rashid - June 14, 2016 at 07:20 PM

AS

“ Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.



Alma Snell - June 14, 2016 at 06:21 PM

RB

“ Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.



Ruby (Walker) Barbee - June 13, 2016 at 09:21 PM

BP

“ Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Elder Henry James Grayson, Sr.



Barbara Phillips - June 13, 2016 at 07:32 PM

JH

“ *Henry's in heaven praising the Lord! RIH. My sympathy to the Grayson Family! --Julia Hoskin*

Julia Hoskin - June 13, 2016 at 05:22 PM