



## Mr. James E. Nelson

June 18, 1936 - January 14, 2013

On Monday January 14, 2013, the Lord called James E. Nelson home to rest from labor to reward. James, also known as 'Dick" was born June 18, 1936 to the late Roosevelt Nelson and Dora Davis, in Covington, Tennessee.

While living in Tennessee, James worked as a farmer and a construction worker. He later moved to Kalamazoo, where he was employed at Hawthorne Paper, Georgia Pacific, Brown Company and Globe Construction Company.

James allowed Christ to come into his life in his teenage years. He was a member of Faith Temple church of God, under the leadership of Bishop Tommie D. Lockett, in Kalamazoo, MI.

He was a very fun loving man, full of wit and stories for days! His memory of people, places and things went as far back as his childhood days. He could make you laugh so hard you would cry! James will truly be missed by all of his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Frances (and George R. Holland); nephew George L. Holland and a very special cousin, Fred Hill.

He leaves to cherish his memories: Odessa Nelson; 4 children, Louise (Willie) Clark of Memphis, Tennessee; James Edward Nelson, Linda Renae Nelson,

James Earl Nelson Leatherman; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren all of Kalamazoo, MI, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also, "honorary nephew", Elder Michael Holland.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery-Kalamazoo

1015 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 342-1000  
info@harperfuneral.com  
<https://www.harperfuneral.com>

## Visitation

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Temple Church Of God  
114 W. Allen Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

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JAN 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



Harper Funeral Home - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. James E. Nelson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. James E. Nelson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Audrey Rancifer-McGrew lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



Audrey Rancifer-McGrew - January 24, 2013 at 04:32 PM



*My prayers are with you Sis. Odessa, I just heard about your husband. I am so sorry to hear this late, May God keep you and your family in perfect peace with your mind stayed on Jesus. Bro. Nelson was a very kind person. Stay in Prayer and allow the Lord to mend your hearts.*

**Audrey Rancifer-McGrew** - January 24, 2013 at 04:37 PM

NR

“ Neil And Patti Roe lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



**Neil and Patti Roe** - January 18, 2013 at 09:32 PM

TF

“ THE WALKER FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



**THE WALKER FAMILY** - January 18, 2013 at 08:30 PM

MR

“ Mr. And Mrs. Tim Randall lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



**Mr. and Mrs. Tim Randall** - January 17, 2013 at 07:40 PM

MR

*Mr. Nelson was such a wonderful father, husband, friend and neighbor. We looked forward to seeing him sitting outside and enjoyed visiting with him, he will be missed!! We pray for God's grace to be with his family.*

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Randall - January 17, 2013 at 07:43 PM

AS

“ *Angnetta Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson*



angnetta sanders - January 17, 2013 at 12:23 PM

KJ

“ *Praying for the family of Mr. Nelson at this time. Hold his memories close to your heart to help you get through this difficult time. Mr. Nelson can now rest peacefully with no ailments to worry about. He will be remembered as a very wise man that I respected.*

Kwanza Johnson - January 17, 2013 at 12:21 PM

DS

“ *Denise Scurry lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson*



Denise Scurry - January 17, 2013 at 12:06 PM



“ James was a dear friend and greatly loved by our family. He always knew how to cheer me up when he often called me in Memphis. May the Spirit pour out His comfort and peace to your family at this time. Love, Willie Jo Davis



Willie Davis - January 17, 2013 at 10:53 AM



“ Willie Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



Willie Davis - January 17, 2013 at 10:50 AM



“ Sharon Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



Sharon Brown - January 17, 2013 at 08:41 AM



“ Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson



Mattie Fields and Family - January 16, 2013 at 06:45 PM

MJ

“ *Michelle Moore(Mikki Johnson) lit a candle in memory of Mr. James E. Nelson*



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**Michelle Moore(Mikki Johnson)** - January 16, 2013 at 12:57 PM