



Min. James Lee Plair

December 27, 1936 - June 23, 2025

NOTE: A HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR MIN. JAMES LEE PLAIR WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025, AT FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN KALAMAZOO.

***ATTENTION FAMILY & FRIENDS: THE HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR REV. PLAIR WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON THE CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE: FAITH TEMPLE KALAMAZOO

***PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIME AND LOCATION BELOW

MASKS & HAND SANITIZER ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

***NOTE: The DVD Tribute will be available soon

The Life Story of Min. James L. Plair

Honoring a life-well lived we announce the homegoing of a beloved husband, father, brother and Grandfather. Minister James L. Plair passed away peacefully on June 23rd, 2025, at the age of 88. James was born on December 27th, 1936, in Starkville, Mississippi to the late Sarah and Ezell Plair Sr. He attended Henderson High School where he met his high school sweetheart Carnice Sharp. Their union flourished into 69 and a half years of marriage with commitment, love and dedication to one another. From this

union they were blessed with six loving children. James was a man of remarkable talents and was known for his kind heart, his infectious smile and his unwavering dedication to Christ. James most cherished role was that he was a devoted husband and loving father.

James had a passion for gospel music, and he was a self-taught guitarist. He started a gospel group named "The Southern Aires" which he was the lead guitarist and lead singer. James also had a passion for cars. He spent hours tinkering in his driveway attending to his cars and would also lend a helping hand to those in need of car service. James dedicated 27 years of his life working as a vehicle inspector at General Motors. Where he was known for his specific skills, positive personality and contributions to the team.

James answered his calling to preach the gospel and after delivering his trial sermon he was ordained and embraced the title of Minister Plair. He became a devoted member of The House of Prayer Church of God In Christ, Kalamazoo, MI, where he served faithfully as a Minister.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sarah and Ezell Plair Sr. his brothers, Ezell Plair Jr. Artie C. Plair and Freddie Plair. his sisters, Celie May Carpenter, Eddie May Gibson and Ernestine Deloney and his grandson, Orlando M. Plair.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his wife, Carnice Plair; his children, Craig A. Plair of Houston, TX; Cerita Plair of Kalamazoo, MI; Jeannene Plair-Partridge (Walter) of Detroit, MI; Randy Plair (Crescentia) of Houston, TX; Jimmie Plair (Tonya) of Grand Rapids, MI; and Chasity Plair of Kalamazoo, MI; 2 sisters, Josephine Sudduth of Kalamazoo, MI and Elma Jean Jackson of Jackson, MS; 16 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren; 3 close friends, Gloyd, Corey and James and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Public Viewing For Family & Friends

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

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

A Homegoing Celebration

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Min. James Lee Plair



Harper Funeral Home - July 05, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Cynthia Owens-White lit a candle in memory of James Plair



Cynthia Owens-White - August 22, 2025 at 12:18 AM



“ Sorry for our late message, we just found out of Bro. Plair's Homegoing Celebration. Sincere condolences to the great Plair Family. My wife & I worked with Rev. Plair Jr. at Brown Company in the 70's. I was a member of his church in Comstock for a couple years & William (Bill) Plair was my best friend before he passed in the (?)70's. We have much love & respect for the great Plair family. REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER.
Lionell & Altra Ford, Sr.

Lionell & Altra Ford - July 18, 2025 at 02:26 PM

CW

“ My condolence to the Plair family, look to the hills which comes your help, your help comes from Yah, who made heaven and earth.



Carolyn Walker - July 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JF

“ James & Barbara Phillips & Family lit a candle in memory of James Plair



James & Barbara Phillips & Family - July 10, 2025 at 05:59 AM

JW

“ Sending Loving Prayers and Sincere Condolences Sis Connice, to you and the entire Plair family during this time of Bereavement 🙏 DM Jearleen Willis 🙏



Jearleen Willis - July 08, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DP

“ Minister Plair you will be missed
Diana & Toney Patterson



Diana Patterson - July 07, 2025 at 11:17 PM

TF

“ *The Fields Family lit a candle in memory of Min. James Lee Plair*



The Fields Family - July 07, 2025 at 09:26 PM

TF

“ *My Condolences to the Plair family we will keep you all in prayer* 🙏



The Fields Family - July 07, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DF

“ *Daniel Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Min. James Lee Plair*



Daniel Family - July 07, 2025 at 09:51 AM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Min. James Lee Plair*



Jack Dunigan - July 06, 2025 at 08:04 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Min. James Lee Plair



Jack Dunigan - July 06, 2025 at 08:03 PM

J(

“ James and Kristine Johnson (LHFC) lit a candle in memory of James Plair



James and Kristine Johnson (LHFC) - July 06, 2025 at 06:04 PM

LO

“ Lorraine sent a virtual gift in memory of James Plair



Lorraine - July 06, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Min. James Lee Plair.

July 06, 2025 at 03:14 AM

DF

“ Dallas Boards and family lit a candle in memory of James Plair



Dallas Boards and family - July 05, 2025 at 06:33 PM

G&

“ Georgia Williams &FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Min. James Lee Plair



Georgia Williams &FAMILY - July 05, 2025 at 12:36 PM

RF

“ Royetta Fry-Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Min. James Lee Plair



Royetta Fry-Walker - July 05, 2025 at 11:03 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Min. James Lee Plair



Pauline Gardner - July 05, 2025 at 08:19 AM

MB

“ Uncle Jimmie was truly one of a kind. He was kind, gentle and had a tender heart. He always had a smile and had a great sense of humor, and was fun to be around. He also had a good word to share from the Bible, forever finding nuggets that others would miss. Our mother, Eddie Mae, dearly loved Uncle Jimmie and Uncle Jimmie dearly loved our mother and we knew that he loved as well. He told me stories about how much he admired my father when he was a little boy and how kind he was to him as an adult. His love was genuine, consistent and unconditional. We thank God for his life and legacy. We extend our deepest sympathy to our Aunt Connie and all of our cousins. We love you. Sincerely, Mrs. Shirlene (Marvin) Baker and Rev. Michael (Lynda) Gibson and all of Eddie Mae's grandchildren.

Mrs. Shirlene Baker - July 04, 2025 at 11:52 PM

TF

“ The Prude Family lit a candle in memory of Min. James Lee Plair



The Prude Family - July 04, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Min. James Lee Plair.

July 04, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Min. James Lee Plair.*



July 04, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *Joann Dixon lit a candle in memory of James Plair*



Joann Dixon - July 04, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of James Plair*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - July 03, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ *Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of James Plair*



Lula Ligon - July 03, 2025 at 04:32 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of James Plair*



Alma Snell - July 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM

DA

“ *Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of James Plair*



Doris Abbott - July 03, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JL

“ *I have so many great memories with Jimmy that I will cherish. We sang together off and on for over 55 years. He will be missed by many.*



John Lewis - July 02, 2025 at 08:03 PM

BB

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to mama Carniece Plair and her children! I know that your heart is broken but God had his plans and he will guide you through. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to be a part of your lives and I am truly blessed to share with you all the love that your dad had to give. May God bless you with all the blessings of love, memories and happiness. I love you all and I am here to help during this transition. Your sister in Christ and friend forever. Beverly



Beverly Boyd - July 02, 2025 at 03:32 PM

BE

“ Brenda Evans lit a candle in memory of Min. James Lee Plair



Brenda Evans - July 02, 2025 at 01:11 PM