



## Pastor Ronnie Thompson

January 23, 1956 - July 1, 2012

Pastor Ronnie Thompson departed this life on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, surrounded by loved ones. He was born in the union of Joe Willie Thompson and Maudie Thompson on January 23, 1956 in Charleston, Missouri.

Known to many as “House,” Ronnie was loving, charismatic, and very intelligent. He took pride in providing for his family and setting a positive influence for his sons. Ronnie went to trade school and developed his craft in manufacturing as a machinist. He was a hard worker employed at Union Pump in Battle Creek, MI until he retired. Ronnie enjoyed traveling, and spending time with his family, he loved fishing with his mother, he enjoyed innovative technology, and fine automobiles. He was active in the community, especially in the Edison area in which he opened his church Families In Christ, there he taught his congregation the gospel of Jesus Christ, with a focus on Love and Understanding.

After sharing a long loving marriage with his first wife Gloria Jean Thompson, Ronnie became a widower when she was called home in 2003. He was later blessed to remarry and gained the love and support of the Willis family.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Gloria Thompson; his brother, Joe Thompson; and his son, DeJuan Bell.

Ronnie leaves to cherish his precious memory, his devoted wife, Fayette Willis Thompson; three sons, Ronnie (Ivy) Bell of Portage, MI; Desmond, and Collin Thompson of Kalamazoo, MI; five brothers; Larry Farrow of Medesto, CA ; Rickey (Imogene) Thompson of Kalamazoo, MI; Sam (Melinda) Thompson of Atlanta, GA; James (Brenda) Thompson of Stone Mountain, GA; and Joe Willie Thompson III of Atlanta, GA; four sisters, Bertha Palmer and Patsy Hubrin of Marietta, GA; Pearly Harris and Sarah Dunlow of Benton Harbor, MI; eleven beautiful grandchildren; daughter in law, Rashia Garrett; god son, Lorenzo "Captain" Taylor; step children and grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Ronnie Thompson*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Pastor Ronnie Thompson*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *To the Thompson family,  
May God bless and keep you as you go through the next day's  
month and years. Knowing that God is your source of strength keep  
your eyes on the prize and don't give up. I truly believe those that  
have heard this man speak he speak words of wisdom that purges  
the soul. Long time friend Ruthie D.*

**Ruthie Davis** - July 10, 2012 at 11:53 PM