



## Mr. Earl Raby Sr.

May 16, 1941 - October 15, 2024

Earl Raby Sr. was born to Jim and Rosie N. Raby on May 16, 1941. He grew up in Linden, AL where he attended St. Peter Baptist Church and accepted Jesus Christ into his life at an early age.

Earl Raby Sr. graduated from Linden Academy High and worked for Linden Lumber Mill until he decided to move to Detroit, MI in 1966.

Earl Raby Sr. worked for Jim Causley Pontiac from 1966 until 1969. In 1969, he began working at Ford Motor Co. until he retired in 2002. While working for FMC, he did home repairs and upgrades on his home. Later, he started helping others by turning his hobby of roofing and remodeling into a side-job; lawn care became the side-job after he retired from FMC.

Earl Raby Sr. married Amanda J. Harris in 1966. During their union, they had 4 children. They divorced in 1977.

Earl Raby Sr. joined Bethel Baptist Church East in the early 1970s. He brought his family and extended family members to BBCE to worship and learn of CHRIST and the benefits of HIS life, death, burial and resurrection. Earl Raby Sr. served on Usherboard 1 and was a part of the John's Men Ministry.

He enjoyed spending quality time with his family and friends. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and traveling. Earl Raby Sr. was known for his patience with young people, mentoring and teaching life-skills; helping them to be self-sufficient and substantial individuals.

In 1981, Earl Raby Sr. married Marilyn L. Clemmons; he gained a bonus child and 2 children were born during their union. They were married from 1981 until Marilyn L. Raby departed this life in 2014.

Earl Raby Sr. leaves to await to see him in Heavenly Places, his children, JoAn Raby, Earl Raby Jr. (Alice M.), Diana M. Mitchell, Angela C. Raby, Sean W. G. Clemmons, Damian E. Raby, Amanda A. Aubrey, 14 grandchildren, 7 sisters, 1 brother, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family members who consider him as Big Brother, friends and loved ones.

Earl Raby Sr.'s love for others, his patience and words of wisdom will be missed.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Oct. **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Oct. **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church - East  
5715-33 Holcomb  
Detroit, MI 48213

## Celebration of Life

Saturday, Oct. **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

Saturday, Oct. **26** (ET)

Gethsemane Cemetery  
10755 Gratiot  
Detroit, MI 48213



# Tribute Wall

CV

“ I was Earl's Dental Hygienist for years. He talked with much love about his family. I got to hear about all of them over the years. He shared lots of fun stories about his little grandson. He had a kind spirit and we all looked forward to his visits. We will miss him.

Chris Vanneste - September 30, 2025 at 10:22 AM

KE

“ Hey Family, You are continuously in my prayers. Peace and Comfort of Heart. I Love You 🙏🏻😊💕



Keshia Marie Evans-Sims - November 07, 2024 at 08:43 AM

VM

“ Sending our condolences! May Earl rest in peace! Love, your cousins Willie and Vanessa.



Vanessa McDaniel - October 25, 2024 at 07:05 PM

CM

“ Charles Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Raby Sr.



Charles Murphy - October 25, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Raby Sr..*



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October 25, 2024 at 07:18 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Raby Sr..*



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October 23, 2024 at 12:09 AM



“ *Charalene and Reginald Fisher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Earl Raby Sr..*

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**Charalene and Reginald Fisher** - October 23, 2024 at 12:09 AM



“ *May God bless you during this time. Earl was such a good, quiet guy. May he now rest!!! Cousin, Sheila*

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**Sheila A. Bryant** - October 22, 2024 at 12:34 PM

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“ *Irma Thomas and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Earl Raby Sr..*



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**Irma Thomas and Family** - October 19, 2024 at 06:36 PM