



Mr. James Crawford Sr.

June 28, 1934 - June 1, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

James Crawford was born on June 28, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan, the second of seven children gifted to William and Daisy Crawford. Jimmy, as he was affectionately known, was raised in a loving and Christian home. His late grandmother, Adeline McNeal insisted that her grandchildren attend church every Sunday, and live every day by the Ten Commandments.

James received his education in the Detroit Public Schools, attending Higginbotham Elementary and Cooley High School. While attending Cooley, James was a member of the school band and football team.

After graduation, he became an apprentice with the Fox Flower and Garden Stores, where he learned the art of floral design and decoration. James later mastered his skills at Livernois Davison Florists. In 1955, James decided to take a risk and open his own business. The risk paid off, his business not only grew quickly, but became very successful. Terry's Flowers became the go to place for flowers for many in the city of Detroit.

In addition to his floral career, James was a talented musician who played drums for many local bands and upcoming singers. His most famous collaboration was as the first drummer for "Little Sonny" where he played for ten years.

In 1956, James was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, the late Mattie Miller. The Lord blessed this union with three wonderful children, James A. Crawford, Terry D. Crawford, and Diane Crawford Johnson. Education was important to James, so he worked hard to give his children the best education he could. He was so proud when James was accepted to Lawrence Tech, Terry graduated from Spelman College and Miami of Ohio University, and Diane graduated from Harvard.

At a young age, James accepted Christ and became a member of New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. CB Heath. James was a faithful member for over 70 years, serving as a Deacon, Member of Usher Board #2, founding director of the Youth Usher Board, and Church Treasurer. James loved the Lord, his church and church family.

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Jun. **8.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour/Funeral

Friday, Jun. **9.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church
6330 Pembroke
Detroit, MI 48221

Burial

Friday, Jun. **9.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery
19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Tribute Wall

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to your family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer.

Evans family - June 12, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of grief.



Christina Chambers - June 08, 2023 at 08:25 AM

MC

“ Motor City Doll Club purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Crawford Sr..



Motor City Doll Club - June 07, 2023 at 11:16 AM

WP

“ Sending our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. James Crawford Sr. You are all in our prayers!
Much Love and Prayers - FEP Support System Team

Wendy Patterson - June 07, 2023 at 11:04 AM

DJ

Thank you team!

Diane Johnson - June 08, 2023 at 07:21 AM



“ *New Martin District Association purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Crawford Sr..*



New Martin District Association - June 06, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Crawford Sr..*



June 06, 2023 at 01:27 PM