



Rev. James C. Hilliard

July 21, 1946 - October 21, 2020

In Loving Memory Of:

Rev. James Charlie Hilliard, of Southfield Michigan, returned to his heavenly home on October 21, 2020.

Reverend Hilliard was born on July 21, 1946 in Monroe, Louisiana to the late Nancy Lee Hilliard and Charlie Hilliard. Rev. Hilliard accepted Christ as his personal savior at the age of twelve and served as a Junior Deacon and Deacon before accepting his call to ministry. In 1970 Rev. Hilliard graduated from Carrol High School in Monroe, Louisiana. He also earned an associate degree in Business administration from Grambling State University in Louisiana where he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Gamma Gamma Chapter. He was licensed and ordained to preach the gospel and has labored in God's vineyard ever since. Rev. Hilliard was called to Pastor the New Galilee Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana from 1978-1987. In 1987 the Lord led Rev. Hilliard to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at the Historic Little Rock Baptist Church in Detroit under the leadership of Rev. Jim Holley. Rev. Hilliard served as Associate District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, Detroit Council from 1976-1978. He also served on the National Baptist Counsel, as Chaplain of the Michigan State Troopers, and a member of the NAACP.

Rev. Hilliard was blessed with a loving family. He married the love of his life Marilyn Faye Leonard on September 15, 1972 which was the first wedding Rev. Holley performed when the church was located on Maxwell and Warren.

They were happily married for 48 years.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Oct. **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Historic Little Rock Baptist Church
9000 Woodward
Detroit, MI 48202

Family Hour

Saturday, Oct. **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

Saturday, Oct. **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. James C. Hilliard*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I was shocked to here the passing of Rev. James Hilliard. When Rev. Dr. Jim Holley told me, I was floored. To the entire family , you have my sympathy. I've Hilliard since he came to Little Rock, and it's been my pleasure. Rest easy Reverend. 💔*

Vanessa Hobson Moss - April 29, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Sending my most sincere condolences to all of you today and always. I was honored to meet and care for Rev. Hilliard, and will never forget his prayers at the end of all my visits. Your spirit of love in your home was beyond words, and I will forever cherish him and all of you.*



Deborah Davis (Nurse Jacobs) - October 31, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Joyce Williams-Houston lit a candle in memory of Rev. James C. Hilliard*



Joyce Williams-Houston - October 31, 2020 at 04:58 PM

JW

“ I'm truly sorry for the loss of Rev. Hilliard. You have my heartfelt sympathy. I'm praying for you in your times of grief.

Joyce Williams-Houston - October 31, 2020 at 04:56 PM

ST

“ Reverend Hilliard was very kind and always had something encouraging to say to everyone. He will truly be missed. My sincere condolences.

Sparkle Taylor - October 31, 2020 at 11:11 AM

RU

“ Rev I'll miss seeing you and hearing you say might fine baby or I love you and there's nothing you can do about it. Thank you for your ministry that truly touched my family and my life. I love you and nothing you can do about it. May you Rest In Peace with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ 😊 From Ruth Upshaw

Ruth Upshaw - October 31, 2020 at 11:08 AM

BB

“ Bernadell Barnett lit a candle in memory of Rev. James C. Hilliard



Bernadell Barnett - October 30, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JR

“ To the Hilliard Family: I am sending 'Positive Thoughts and Prayers'; that God will give you 'Courage and Comfort'. I am a witness that a time like this is not easy. Try to stay Strong. Just think of all the 'Great' things that Rev. Hilliard did for so many people. That along, should put a 'SMILE' on your face. He was a 'Wonderful Man of God'! He will be truly missed. Sincerely with Family Love,
Sister Joyce Richardson & Family (Sean & Sparkle,) - *Member of:
Lil' Rock Church

Joyce Richardson - October 30, 2020 at 09:43 AM

YO

“ Your Simply 10 Family at the Home Office purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Rev. James C. Hilliard.



Your Simply 10 Family at the Home Office - October 27, 2020
at 12:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. James C. Hilliard.



October 26, 2020 at 09:43 PM

LG

“ Rev. Hillard was a true man of God. He was there for my family during our time of sorrow and he preached the funerals of our mother and my loving soul mate. I am sending my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hillard and to the entire family. May he rest in heaven.



L'Tanya Garrett

L-Tanya Garrett - October 26, 2020 at 06:00 PM

BE

“ Barbara, Shelley & Sierra Evans purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. James C. Hilliard.



Barbara, Shelley & Sierra Evans - October 26, 2020 at 11:45 AM

BE

“ To Mrs.Hilliard & the Hilliard family, I send my prayers that God comfort & strengthen you in your time of need. Rev. Hilliard will always hold a special place in my heart. He was always kind to me & never missed showing up each time I was hospitalized. He would always show up with a smile & his "hey baby" signature greeting. I will truly miss him. Always remember that "earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal."

Barbara J. Evans

Barbara J. Evans - October 26, 2020 at 11:36 AM

MN

“ *My Condolences and Prayers to Marilyn and the Hilliard family.*



Matoia and Deondre Nash - October 25, 2020 at 07:00 PM

GP

“ *George*Kim Pinckney lit a candle in memory of Rev. James C. Hilliard*



George*Kim Pinckney - October 24, 2020 at 04:57 PM

AS

“ To the Hilliard family I want to send my sincere condolences and prayers. Rev Hilliard was a really true loving man of God. He was a man of small stature but he had the biggest heart. Rev Hilliard had a way with words that would make anyone bad days turn into beautiful ones. He would do all he could to change the situation around. I am and will always be forever grateful for him . When my mother passed (which happened to be on the very same day of his passing 5 years ago.) Rev Hilliard was right there every step of the way with me and my family. He would call and when I would answer he would say "baby" (one of his ways of saying hello 😊) how can we help you during this time? I will always have a lovely spot in my heart for him. He had so many sayings, but I love to hear him say " I love you and there's nothing you can do about it ". Also he would say as we were parting to leave church , he would say " if God's says the same ". Well Rev Hilliard my friend I will never do anything about it. I love you continue on your peaceful journey smiling down on every one down here that is missing you now.

Love and Blessings Andrea Sherrer ❤️🙏

Andrea Sherrer - October 24, 2020 at 04:52 PM