



Mr. James C. Miree

February 22, 1937 - December 16, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

James Columbus Miree was born to the late Daniel L. Miree and Adell Oakes Miree on February 22, 1937, in Perryville, AL. James grew up in Bessemer, AL, where he attended Brighton High School and worked for Sears Roebuck & Company.

James accepted Christ at an early age at Perryville Baptist Church. In 1949 the family moved to Bessemer, Alabama, where he united with First Baptist Church Old Jonesboro. Later in life, James reconnected with his childhood sweetheart, Mary Smith Gatewood, and their love for each other was rekindled. They married and James joined New Salem Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Jahari Sailes. After the passing of his dearly beloved wife, Mary, he relocated to Detroit, Michigan, and united with St. John's Tabernacle, New Pentecostal Church (NPC) in Warren, Michigan under the leadership of Archbishop, John L. Jones, II

James (Gator) will be truly missed. James had a great memory and loved playing cards and checkers. His memory and love of poetry was evidenced by his entertaining and inspiring recitations that he had memorized since the age of 6. He also loved family, especially his stepson, Curtis, whom he dearly loved as a son. After moving to Detroit, they talked to each other almost daily, if not 2-3 times a day. James was very protective of his sisters. He would say, "I have 10 sisters, and I'll kill a rock about them." He was a man who never met a stranger, whether he was welcoming new family members and friends

or greeting members of his community at Walmart where he worked as a Greeter after retirement. He was always uplifting and made you feel just a little bit better with his gracious and generous demeanor.

On Monday, December 16, 2024, God called him home. He is now free of earthly pain and sickness. He is resting in the arms of God Our Heavenly Father. Preceding him in death: his dear wife, Mary L. Miree, 1 brother Theodore R. Miree, 1 sister-in-law (Betsy) and 2 sisters Sarah E. Miree and Annie M. Shaw, and 9 brothers-in-law. He leaves to remember and cherish his life: 1 stepson, Curtis Gatewood; 1 brother, Chester Oakes; 1 Goddaughter, Rena Lucas; 1 very beloved niece, Christine Ross and 1 very beloved nephew, Steven Miree; 9 sisters; Bettie Haywood, Geraldine Latham, Hattie Polk, Adell B. Dickinson, Willie Nell Covington, Jettie Davis, Pauline Olverson, Ella Green, and Glenda Brown; 1 uncle, Thomas J Miree, 3 aunts, Jessie O. Miree Parker, Ollie Polk, and Mildred Miree. He, also, leaves many nephews, nieces, cousins, and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Garden Cemetery

3115 18th Ave. North
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Dec. **22**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, Dec. **23**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John's Tabernacle N.P.C.
20800 Le Fever Ave.
Warren, MI 48091

Celebration of Life

Monday, Dec. **23**. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Parazetta D. Howard and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James C. Miree.



Parazetta D. Howard and family. - December 19, 2024 at 02:26 PM

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“ Parazetta D. Howard and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James C. Miree.

Parazetta D. Howard and family. - December 19, 2024 at 02:26 PM