

Mr. Ronald James Plater

October 24, 1948 - October 1, 2015

In Loving Memory Of Ronald James Plater:

Ronald James Plater, affectionately known as “Ronnie” to his family, was born to the union of James and Hercene Plater in Detroit, Michigan on October 24, 1948. He was the sibling of one brother, Charles.

He attended Visitation Catholic grade school and graduated from Northwestern High school. Ronald grew up in a loving and supportive home environment with his parents and brother.

He was a huge fan of the Motown Sound and never missed a Motown Review. His favorite group was the Temptations and his favorite singer, of course, was David Ruffin, whom he imitated down to the pompadore and black rim glasses.

He later married his high school girlfriend, Rochelle, with whom he fathered two children, Ronald Jr. and Ronshelle.

Ronald served with honor and distinction in the U.S. Army from 1968-1973 and was decorated with the distinguished Purple Heart for heroism beyond the call of duty wherein he saved 4 fellow soldiers' lives, climbing up an electrically charged communication pole to save them with little regard for his own life. He was invited to Washington D.C. to receive the honor.

He later relocated to California in 1980 where he resided for 25 years before returning to Detroit in 2008 to help his brother care for his parents' and become their in home caregiver. Ronald faithfully attended to his parents every need during both of their illnesses, until each made their transition.

He was an avid rare jazz and pop album collector with a particular love for fine art and collector edition books. He was also a dedicated community involvement volunteer.

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“ *Mr. Ronald James Plater*

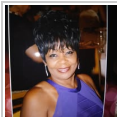
January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Charles & Family, you have my most sincere sympathy and condolences in the loss of your brother. May GOD continue to Bless you all during this sad time. I know that you will be able to get through these difficult hours if you think of the good times that you shared with Ron. I have been there. Continue to put your Faith and Trust in the Lord and He will bless and comfort you. Please know that I am there for you if you need anything, a prayer, to talk etc. GOD Bless you all and may you sustain Hope, Comfort and Peace in the coming days.*

Jonas Hill

Jonas I. Hill, Sr. - October 07, 2015 at 02:04 PM



Charles I am so sorry to hear of Ronnies death I don't know if you remember me I am pat Deon mother his other son he also has Deon Knox has 2 children and 2 grandchildren we tried to find you all on Facebook but couldn't I am sorry Deon Knox had to find his father that way how ever I did want him to have a relationship with him and the children he would have been proud of them as for me I am married to a police officer named Michael Ausberry we are very how together been this for 40 years I think they would have gotten along he's a good man and a great father hope you receive this message in good health God bless you and keep you

Patricia Ausberry - July 27, 2025 at 12:00 PM



Hope this message find you well Patricia Ausberry

Patricia Ausberry - July 27, 2025 at 12:02 PM

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“ Dear Family,

*The Officers and membership of New Calvary Baptist Church
join together in expressing deepest sympathy in the passing of*

Ronald James Plater

*Only in hours like this do we know in fullest measure the consolation
of his promise:*

*I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord, he that believeth
in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*

*In the fellowship of this faith, we extend a loving hand of sympathy
and understanding.*

October 7, 2015

Date

Rev. V. Lonnie Peek, Jr.

Interim Pastor

Patricia M. Owens

Deacon Ministry Chairperson

New Calvary Baptist Church - October 07, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald James Plater.



October 07, 2015 at 08:40 AM