

The Obituary

James Gaynor was born in Salisbury, Maryland, July 27, 1952, to the late Eugene Gaynor and Flossie Farmer. He was the third of eight children.

James Gaynor, a retired IPS teacher, started his educational journey in Berlin Maryland attending Flower Street Elementary school and Worcester High School. James graduated from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore with a B.S. Degree in Social Sciences in 1974 plus his teaching certification. **James** pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity In 1971.

In 1974 **James** accepted an opportunity to earn a free Master's degree, which required a move to Indianapolis, where he enrolled in a program called Teacher Corps that was associated with Indianapolis Public Schools. **James** earned his master's degree and five teaching certifications, one of which was Special Education, in two years.

James was a modern day "Joe Clark". He loved his students, and his students loved and respected him. The following excerpt is from **James'** book "Beyond the Classroom" that will be published in his memory: "Our goal is not to enhance the negatives of their lives, but to alter and re-direct these influences, but in the process, we must address their issues. We should never hide the fact that gangs' drugs, violence, dysfunctional families, hurt, and pain exists...these negatives are prevalent in their lives and in most cases their mentors or those that they admire are into vices...they have the money, the cars, and the girls. We must compete with this phenomenon and beat it. Felonies, prison, and death cannot be the only option for our youth."

During his career, **James** was employed by the following high schools: Manual, Washington, as Dean, Broad Ripple Night School, and he retired from Arsenal Technical High School in 2013.

James Gaynor was united in Holy Matrimony to Ernestine Mathis Gaynor in 1976. This union spanned over 47 years. The secret to their 47-year marriage: "A Perfect Marriage Is Just Two Imperfect People Who Refuse to Give Up On Each Other" (Unknown).

James Gaynor professed his hope in Christ and was baptized in 1978 at Mount Olive Baptist church under the leadership of Rev. Wayne Harris. He was also a former member of Calvary Family Church, under the leadership of Pastor Barry Dixon. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Greater Gethsemane Missionary Baptist church.

James Gaynor departed this life on May 23, 2023, at home surrounded by his wife and family at the age of 70. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Donnie Farmer and Terry Van Farmer, and one sister, Sally Gaynor.

Loving memories will be cherished by his wife, Ernestine; four sons, Tony E. Mathis, James Kenny (Renee) of Maryland, James Thomas, and Andre Gaynor; one daughter, Nicole Gaynor of Indianapolis; brother Tony D. Gaynor and Quenette Farmer of Indianapolis, IN, Vanessa F. (CJ) Rounds, Cheryl (Richard) Waters, and Beverly Farmer from Salisbury, MD.

Humbly Submitted... ..The Family

The Order of Worship

PROCESSIONALMusical Prelude.....Final Viewing
Clergy & Family

OPENING HYMN.....GGMBC Choir

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Pastor Barry Dixon
Calvary Family Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament.....Deacon Stephen Davis

New Testament.....Bro. Michael Morgan

SOLO.....Sis. Gwen Forman

REMARKS.....Dennis McCray Jr.

Former Student of Mr. Gaynor

Rodney Benifield

Friend & Fraternity Brother, Kappa Alpha Psi

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Church Secretary

OBITUARY.....Read Silently.....Soft Music

SOLO.....Sis. Gwen Forman

EULOGY.....Pastor James Green

CLOSING HYMN.....GGMBC Choir

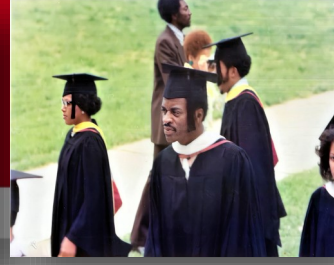
BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy & Family

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The Acknowledgement

The family of **James Gaynor** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concerns extended to us during this time. Blessings to All



Pallbearers

James K. Gaynor
Andre Gaynor
Cameron Gaynor

James T. Gaynor
Colen Gaynor
Tony D. Gaynor

Celebrating the Life of

James Gaynor

Honorary Pallbearers

Raymond D. Mockabee
John Foreman

Tony E. Mathis
Rodney Benifield

*Don't cry for me too long for my life was as it
was meant to be.
It's all in God's plan.
Now, when you think of me,
remember I'm at peace.
Resting in the Heavenly Father's arms
No more suffering, No more Pain
My body is laid to rest and my soul is healed.
When you think of me Remember,
I loved you all.
I'll be looking for you at the heaven's gate
Because I am resting in the
Heavenly Father's arms*



July 27, 1952



May 23, 2023

Thursday, June 15, 2023

**11:00 a.m.
Greater Gethsemane Missionary
Baptist Church**

**902 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street | Indianapolis, Indiana
Rev. James Green, Pastor**

Our Loved One Has Been Entrusted
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