

~Reflection of Life~

James Ernest Giles was born December 5, 1934 to Adele Giles in Birmingham, AL. He was adopted by Ellen Garrett and raised by siblings Ellen Garrett, Mary Garrett Harper and Cash Garrett. All of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Lee Garrett Sr., Lester Garrett; two sisters, Mary Ella Hendrix, Willie Marie Gray; two uncles, Foster Giles, Ernest Giles and one aunt, Mary Tidmore.

James grew up in Tuscaloosa, AL. He accepted Christ at an early age at Beautiful Zion A.M.E. Zion Church. He graduated from Industrial High School in 1953. After graduating he traveled the world, finally settling in New York City, a city he loved and often referred to as “the Big Apple”. In New York City, he became an over-the-road truck driver, which was an occupation he loved. As a long-haul truck driver, he was driven to drive. He traveled through many states around the country and places outside of the country including Canada and Mexico. He worked for M.S. Carriers trucking company for many years.

He met his partner and the love of his life Josephine Brown in 1972. They married in 1975. They returned to Tuscaloosa, AL from NY in 1980. Upon his return to Alabama, James joined Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church where he remained a faithful member until his passing. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2018 for his long-standing membership.

James was a sociable man. He liked to meet and talk with people from all walks of life. He liked to sing and could often be found serenading his family with jazz standards like “Fly Me to the Moon” and “Moody’s Mood for Love”. One of his favorite things to do was read his Bible. He loved studying the Bible, learning scriptures by heart and sharing the Word with any and every one he met.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 45 years Josephine Giles; one son Yosef J. Giles, Sr. (Christine), Georgia; two daughters, Candice Giles, New York; Rashida Giles Felder (Kevin), North Carolina; five grandchildren, Yosef J. Giles, Jr., Jocelyn Giles, Christopher Giles, Leah Felder, Joanna Felder; three brothers, Johnny Garrett (Yolanda), Roscoe Brown, James Roy Garrett (Laura), one sister Annie B. Hall and a host of other family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Old & New Testament	Pastor Terry L. Cole <i>Beautiful Zion A.M.E. Zion Church</i>
Prayer	Pastor Terry L. Cole
Reflections	Woodrow Johnson <i>Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church</i>
Song	Robin Tiggs
Resolution	Representative <i>Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church</i>
Eulogy	Yosef J. Giles, Sr.
Closing Prayer & Benediction	Elder Sarah Fields <i>Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church</i>

Healed

*By His stripes I am healed
By His stripes I am healed
By the stripes of the Lord
I am healed, healed, healed
By His stripes I am healed*

*I thank God I am saved
I thank God I am saved
I thank God I am saved
By the blood of the Lord
I am saved and sanctified
I thank God I am saved*

By: Dr. Theodore R. Hendrix



Miss Me but Let Me Go
When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love we shared
Miss me – but let me go
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the Friend we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me – but let me go

Acknowledgements

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Memorial Service For *James Ernest Giles* *“Sonny”*



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Saturday, February 27, 2021 * 1 PM

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