

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*I Have Only Slipped Away  
into the Next Room*

Death is nothing at all. It does not count.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Nothing has happened.  
Everything remains exactly as it was.  
I am I, and you are you,  
and the old life that we lived so fondly together  
is untouched, unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Call me by the old familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed  
at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word  
that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without an effort,  
without the ghost of a shadow upon it.  
Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a negligible accident?  
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near, just around the corner.



*All is Well*

Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost  
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.  
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting  
when we meet again! So the face speaks.  
Surely while we speak there is a smile flitting over it;  
a smile as of gentle fun  
at the trick played us by seeming death...

by Henry Scott Holland (1847 - 1918)  
Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral



*Pallbearers*

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Ernest L. Meriwether, Jr. | Aaron Williams       |
| Darryl Meriwether         | Justyn Meriwether    |
| Lamar Meriwether          | Errion D. Meriwether |

*Honorary Pallbearer*

Erron L. Meriwether, Sr.

*Acknowledgement*

The family of James Lee Meriwether wishes to acknowledge,  
with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love,  
concern, and kindness shown to them  
during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!

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*Mr. James Lee*  
**MERIWETHER**  
*"JIM"*

*Sunrise*  
April 23, 1930

*Sunset*  
September 20, 2021

Friday, October 1, 2021  
Viewing: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Celebration of Life: 11:00 AM

**TRUE GOSPEL MIRACLE CHURCH OF GOD**  
11955 Benham Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63138

*Pastor Lisa Brooks, Host Pastor*  
*Rev. Dr. F. Delano R. Benson, Jr., Senior Pastor, Eulogist*  
*Antioch Baptist Church*

# Reflections of a Life Well-Lived

James Lee Meriwether was born to the union of JoAnna (Fitzpatrick) and John Thomas Meriwether, Sr., on April 23, 1930, in Nashville, Tennessee. He departed this life on Monday, September 20, 2021, at the Delmar Gardens North Nursing Home in Black Jack, Missouri at 91 years of age.

James, or James Lee as he was sometimes called, was preceded in death by his loving parents, JoAnna and John Thomas Meriwether, Sr.; stepmother, Annabelle Meriwether; sister, Sylvia Reen Meriwether; two brothers, Clifford Meriwether and Earnest Lee Meriwether; stepsister, Margaret Faye Moore; and two great-grandchildren, Chyann D. Meriwether and Erne D. Meriwether.

The Meriwether family relocated in 1932 from Tennessee to Cotton Plant, Arkansa. James was baptized at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at an early age and was educated in the Cotton Plant, Arkansas School System.

James, or "Brother" as he was affectionately called by his siblings, married the love of his life, Hazel Mathis, on May 27, 1950, after relocating to St. Louis, Missouri. To this union three sons were born: Ernest Lee Meriwether, Sr., Andrew Lee Meriwether, and Mickie James Meriwether.

After his marriage to Hazel, they joined Antioch Baptist Church, where they attended Sunday School. James also held various positions within the church. He was an usher, a greeter, serviced the lawn, and drove the church bus. His son, Andrew, also helped him with servicing the church's lawn and occasionally driving the church bus.

James, or "Jim" as he was called by his friends and coworkers, was a self-taught truck driver for approximately forty years. After retiring from truck driving, he drove the Oats bus, transporting the elderly. James, being a man who could not sit idle, started a lawn care business, where he had accumulated close to, if not more than, one hundred customers! He was meticulous about his work. James did not only cut the grass, but he also manicured the lawns. In 2016, while manicuring a lawn, he was injured. After recuperating, James continued to cut grass until his wife's illness worsened requiring 24-hour care.

James was a hardworking and fun-loving guy. He road motorcycles and was a member of the Power Pipes motorcycle social club for several years.

James leaves to fondly remember him: wife, Hazel; brother, John "Junior;" his sons, Ernest Sr., Andrew, and Mickie; grandchildren, Ernest Jr. (Katrina), Nichelle, Erron Sr., Lamar (India), Darryl, Aaron (Ashley), Justyn (Jannkie), Ayesha, and Anishaka; seventeen great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Ora Lesper McNeal, Ruth Bostic, and Louise Mathis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Precious Memories



# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Condolences, Acknowledgement & Church Resolution

*Only two "Church" Condolences will be read  
by The Antioch's Church Clerk*

Selection/Solo

Obituary ..... *Read Silently to Soft Music*

Moments of Reflections ..... *Two Minutes, Please*

Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. F. Delano R. Benson, Jr.  
Senior Pastor at Antioch Baptist Church

Benediction & Recessional

**~INTERMENT~**

St. Peter's Cemetery  
2101 Lucas and Hunt Road  
Normandy, Missouri 63121