







Pallbearers

Bruce Johnson Paul Clewis Everett "Honey" Phifer Shawn Clewis Donald Curtis Calvin Lewis

Flower Bearers

Emmanuel Pastor's Aide McAlester L'Ouverture Alumni Association

Acknowledgement

Words of thanks seem so inadequate for all of the kindness that has been bestowed upon our family. We thank you for the encouraging visits, the comforting calls, the lovely cards, the beautiful floral arrangements, and the sincere words of solace. We are finding strength in knowing earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. May God bless you richly for blessing us. The Katie Hardimon Family

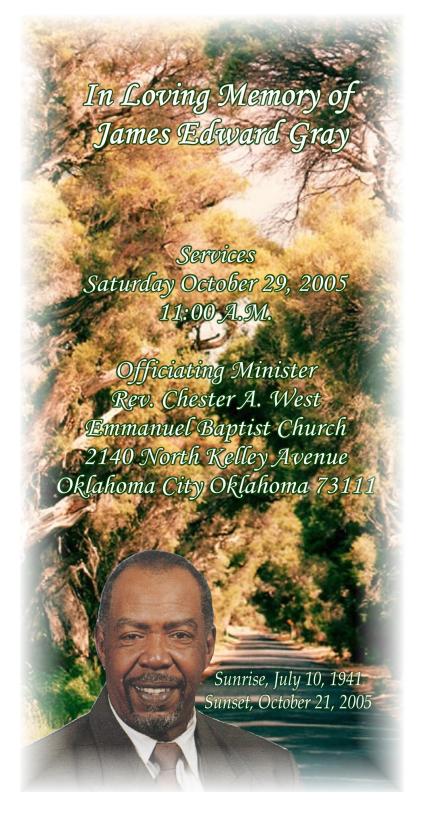
The Repast for family and friends will be at Emmanuel Baptist Church C. C. Carroll Fellowship Hall

Internment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens 12813 NE 50th Street Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

Funeral service under the direction of Temple and Son Funeral Home 2801 North Kelly Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

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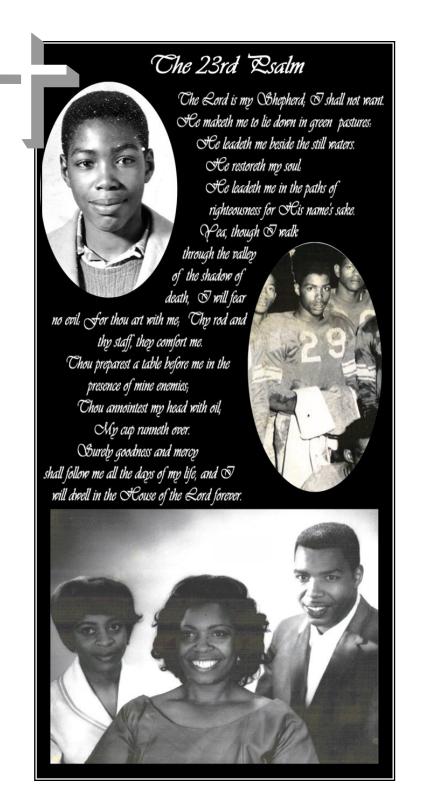


Obituary

James Edward Gray was born July 10, 1941 in Clarksville, Texas. He accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. James attended and graduated from L'Ouverture High School in McAlester, Oklahoma and thereafter attended Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. James was a renowned athlete. In high school he broke state track and field records and went on to play pro football for several seasons after attending Langston University.

For thirty-five years, James was a professional truck driver that knew the highways and travel routes of the United States like the back of his hand. James loved the road and driving. James' devotion to his mother caused him to move from Phoenix, Arizona to take care of her in 1996. James was an avid fisherman, bowler, golfer and sportsman. He made friend easily because of the magnetism of his personality which is evidenced by his many friends including a network of CB Radio Operators.

James' father and one sister, Esterline Fremming, preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memory his mother: Katie Hardimon of Oklahoma City, Ŏklahoma; three sons: Randy of Dallas, Texas, James Jr. of Omaha, Nebraska and Mandrell of Oklahoma Čity, Oklahoma; one daughter: [asmine of] Aurora, Colorado; four sisters: Wilmer Deckard-Day of Westminster, California, Melvia McDade of Denton, Texas; Linnie Collins of Dallas, Texas; Novella Jean Kendrick of Omaha, Nebraska; six grandchildren: Deandre, Devonte, NaKea', Quintaz, Manajha, Mandrell, Jr.; one nephew Nick Deckard and one niece Monique Deckard of California; two brothers: Lance of Loma Linda, California and Leroy of Dallas, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

PrayerRev. John Mayshack
Old Testament ScriptureRev. Willie Dean
New Testament ScriptureRev. Kevin Shaw
Song Emmanuel Baptist Church Male Chorus "Walk In Jerusalem"
ObituaryRead Silently
SoloRhonda Montgomery "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye to Yesterday"
Song Emmanuel Baptist Church Choir "When We All Get To Heaven"
Resolutions
Remarks 3 Minute Limit
SoloMinnie Flower "He's Sweet I Know"
EulogyPastor Chester A. West
Final Viewing Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
Recessional