

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We, the family extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the celebration of life for Brother James Ardley, Sr. Your presence, prayers, and kind words mean more to us than we could ever express. We are especially grateful for friends like you who have shown us love, compassion, and thoughtfulness during our days of sorrow. Your acts of kindness have brought comfort to our hearts and reminded us of the strength found in our community. We trust in the Lord to be our comforter and guide us as we navigate this time of loss, and we know that His grace will sustain us. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving care.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dennis Ardley
James Ardley, Jr.
Fredrick Ardley

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Raymond Ardley, Jr.
Leroy Ardley, Jr.
Vernon Fordham
Rodriquez Ford
Torrell Ardley
Javion Ardley

FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Family And Friends

THE SERVICE OF COMMITAL & INTERMENT

Indian Branch Cemetery
Pablo Avenue * Tallahassee, Florida

REPAST FELLOWSHIP

Holy Temple COCWIH Fellowship Hall



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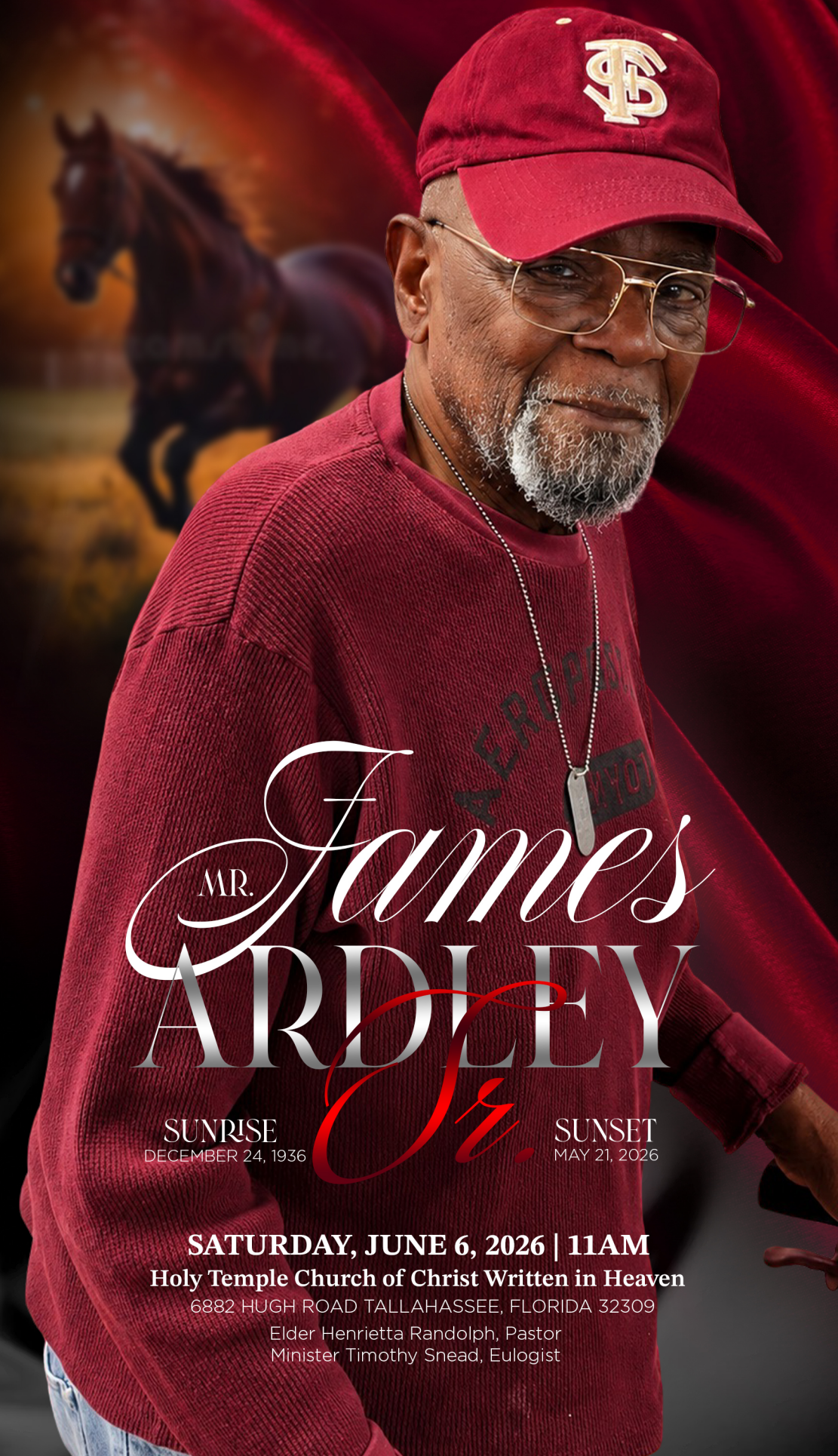
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR WONDERFUL DAD

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small, to have you as our Dad was the greatest gift of all. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear
"We love and miss you Dad and wish that you were here"

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish, not forget. No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there. A silent though, a secret tear keeps your memory ever near in our hearts forever.



MR. *James*
ARDLEY

SUNRISE
DECEMBER 24, 1936

SUNSET
MAY 21, 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 | 11AM
Holy Temple Church of Christ Written in Heaven
6882 HUGH ROAD TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32309

Elder Henrietta Randolph, Pastor
Minister Timothy Snead, Eulogist

MR. James ARDLEY Sr.

A Profile Of Life

JAMES ARDLEY, SR. was born on December 24, 1936 in Leon County, Florida. He was one of nine children born to Ned and Lee Ella “Honey” Leon Ardley. He was predeceased by his wife: Mary Ardley; parents; and siblings: Viola, Ida, Richard, Mary, Ned, Larry, Lucinda, and Ann. JAMES was the legacy of his whole family. He attended Rainey School until he had to stop to help take care of the family at the age of 12.

Later, he started landscaping, then to auto body and painting at Maner Garage for over 40 years, until retirement. He also owned his own paint and body shop. After retirement, JAMES worked at Research Extension Center “FAMU Farm” until he couldn’t work anymore. His passion was training and riding horses. Many years ago, JAMES accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at St. Peter Primitive Baptist Church. He later joined Holy Temple Church of Christ Written In Heaven.

JAMES was known by “Sonny Boy”, “Bear”, “Scobie” and “Capital City Huggy Bear”. He loved being with his family and looking sharp from head to toe at all times. From his first marriage, JAMES had five children and four from his previous marriage.

On Thursday, May 21, 2026, God Almighty summoned JAMES ARDLEY, SR. Home for his eternal rest. He leaves to cherish precious memories, his children: Margaret Ardley, Tallahassee, FL, Marshall (Pastor Clarence) Smiley, Bainbridge, GA, Margie (Deacon Patrick) Davis, Lee Ann and Dennis Ardley, both of Tallahassee, FL, James (Nicole) Ardley, Jr., Orlando, FL, Aisha (Willie) Miller, Crawfordville, FL, Fredrick Ardley and Keisha Ardley, both of Tallahassee, FL; 29 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law: Florence Sanchez of Sebring, FL; brother-in-law: Alex Williams Of Hawthorne, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

GOD’S GARDEN

God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God’s garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw that the road was getting rough,
And the hills are hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, “Peace be thine”
It broke our hearts to lost you
But you didn’t go alone
For part of us went with you



ORDER OF SERVICE

- PreludeCelebration Choir
- Processional Pastor, Eulogist, Clergy, Officers & Family
- The Parting Glance/Seating of Family.....The Tillman Staff
- Hymn Deacon Ted Fryson
- Prayer.....Reverend Tony Williams
- THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:
Old Testament Deacon Patrick Davis
New Testament..... Minister Margaret Branton
- SelectionCelebration Choir
- REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES:
As A Friend.....Brother Vernon Sreen
As A Member.....Pastor Henrietta Randolph
Family & Friends (3 Persons)..... Two Minutes Each, Please
- Resolutions & Acknowledgements.....The Tillman Staff
- SelectionCelebration Choir
- EULOGY.....Minister Timothy Sned
- RecessionalClergy, Family & Friends