In Loving Memory of

Leffie Ledrew James, Jr.



Sunrise | January 13, 1947 **Sunset | October 4, 2026**

Friday, October 9, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
803 Simpson Highway 540E
Mendenhall, Mississippi

Reverend Willie Barber, Pastor
Reverend Dr. Clifton Boggans, Eulogist

The Order of Service

Processional.....Ministers and Clergy

Mistress of Ceremonies..... Sister Ruby Jewel Hays

Song.....Sister Laster Ruth Norwood

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Veronica Taylor

New Testament.....Reverend Willie Barber

Prayer.....Appointee

Words of Encouragement.... Reverend Willie Overby

Remarks (Two Minutes Please).....Family and Friends

Obituary (Read Silently).....Amidst Soft Music

Acknowledgments..... Sister Ruby Jewel Hays

Song.....Sister Laster Ruth Norwood

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Clifton Boggans
Pastor, Rock Star M.B. Church
Brandon, Mississippi

Recessional..... Directors of J&M Funeral Home

His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away- -
His journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets, this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing love is ever lost - -
And he was loved so much.

Celebrating The Life of Our Beloved

Husband ●Father

●Grandfather●Great

Grandfather●Uncle●Cousin●Friend

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2



The Obituary

When the gates swing open, I'll walk in.

"So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning."
Job 42:12

Leffie Ledrew James Jr., born January 13, 1947, in Simpson County, Mississippi, entered the arms of Christ on October 4, 2026.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Attlee James (née Jones) and Leffie Ledrew James, Sr., and by his brothers, George Hayes and Levi James.

At a young age, Ledrew joined Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he later served faithfully as a deacon and Sunday School superintendent. He graduated from Harper High School in 1967 and began his working career at Magnetek Corporation, retiring from both Magnetek and Boswell after many dedicated years of service.

He is survived by: his wife, Ruby Jewel James of Mendenhall, Mississippi; his children, Steven D. James (Latoya) of Decatur, Illinois, Kevin James (Tiffany) of Shivers, Mississippi, Sonya James of Magee, Mississippi, Sharon Walker (Anthony) of Mendenhall, Mississippi, Jennifer Hasenfratz (Aloysius) of St. Louis, Missouri, Veronica Taylor (Clemence) of Frederiksted, Virgin Islands, Melvin L. Walker (Maria) of London, England, and James Dexter Griffin of Prentiss, Mississippi; along with a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many cherished family members.



Tributes to Dad

Dad, *you stayed beside us at an early age. You instilled in us the importance of God at every stage. You taught us to be humble, faithful, and strong; and showed us the difference between right and wrong. Your loving words will forever remain. A gentle reminder through all the joy and pain. Though your journey on earth has come to an end, your love and wisdom will always remain within. We'll carry your lessons wherever we go. And honor your life in all that do. Though tears may fall and our hearts may bend. Your spirit and love will never end.*

Rest peacefully, Daddy. We love you. Your work here is done.
From Steven, Kevin & Sonya

A Son's Remembrance

As I think about all the memories that we've had, God couldn't have given me a better dad. Some of the things you did I didn't understand but now I realize you were teaching me to be a man. You made sure to tell me to do right and keep God first.

As much as you have prepared me, saying goodbye to you really really hurts.

As the tears roll down my face, I can rest assured knowing you are in a better place.

I know you're in heaven, as there's no doubt in my mind. I love you daddy, I will see you again when it is my time.

Kevin James

A Dad in Every Way That Mattered

God saw you growing tired, and He knew a cure was not to be. So, He wrapped His arms around you and whispered softly, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer, watched your gentle spirit fade away. And though we loved you more than words could hold, we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands laid to rest. God broke our hearts to show us that He only takes the best.

You were the only grandfather our children ever knew, and no one could ever take away the love they carry for you.

We longed to be selfish, to keep you here forever, but love demanded we place you in Christ's care. You may not have been our father by blood, but you were our dad in every way that mattered— and we loved you as though we were your own.

The Taylor Sisters



Tributes to Grandad

We will miss your smile, your laugh, and your ways.
And all the love you gave us through the days.
You made each one of us feel special, safe, and strong.
As your memory and crazy laughter, will forever live long.

The lessons you taught us were so bittersweet.
And although you're not here for us to see.
Your love and kindness will live forever in what we do.
As we will always remember how much we loved you.
The Grandchildren

Pawpaw, *you hurt me with this one.*
Who am I supposed to talk to every morning now?
What am I supposed to do? I still can't process any of this.
They say not to be selfish, but I just can't wrap my mind around it.

I know you're not suffering anymore, and that gives me some comfort.
But I love you, and losing you has broken me in a way I never expected.
Erica Sorrell










Memories...














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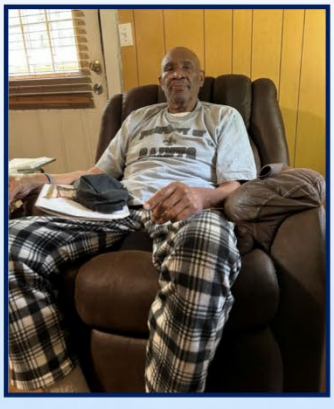











Acknowledgments

The family of our beloved Leffie Ledrew James, Jr. wishes to express our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love, kindness, and support extended to us during our time of bereavement. We are sincerely grateful for your comforting words, phone calls, prayers, and every act of sympathy shown to our family.

Please continue to pray for our strength as we navigate this journey without our beloved Ledrew. May God richly bless each of you.

Active Pallbearers

Johnny Jackson
Gromico Womack, Sr.
James Edward Gray, Jr.
Anthony Quinn Tullos
Steven Charles Smith
Clemence Boyce, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Tristan Martin
Amare James
Isiah James
Kevin Drew James
Jaden Griffith
Phillip James
Justin Taylor Smith
Bruce Seals

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

Ushers

Glynn Durr
Paul Cooper

Music

Reverend Dwight Robinson

Interment

Gregory Cemetery
1844 Highway 541 N
Magee, Mississippi 39111

Repast

Home of Leffie and Ruby James
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Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114

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