

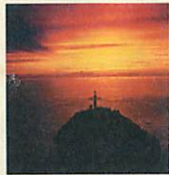
**Flower Bearers**  
**St. James M. B. Church and Friends**

**Honorary Flower Bearers**  
**United Male Chorus Boosters**

**Pallbearers**  
**Grandsons**  
**St. James Trustees; Deacons; Male Chorus**

**Honorary Pallbearers**  
**St. James Sr. Deacons/Trustees**

*Acknowledgement*

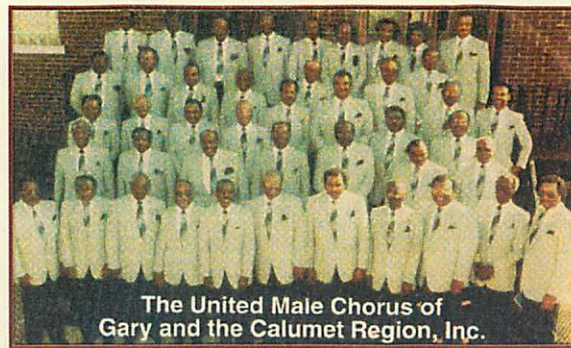


The family acknowledges with deep gratitude your kind expressions of love, concern and sympathy evidenced by prayers and other deeds of kindness. Our family has been immeasurably comforted by the outpouring of your love. May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon each of you!

*Love Expressions*

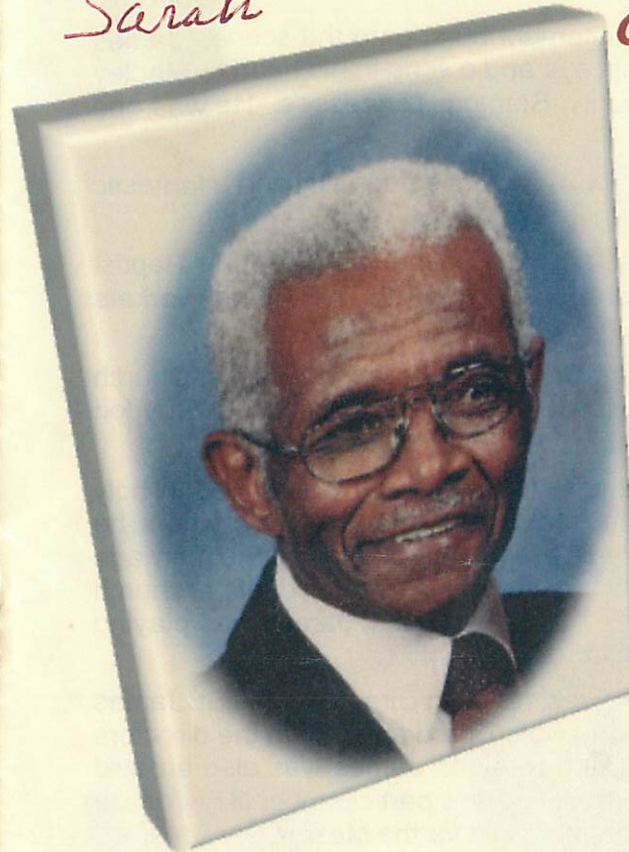
I, Sis. Eva L. Williamson, want you to know, even though the road was not always easy, I could not have chosen a better Man to spend these 34 years with as my husband, I will continue to put my faith in God for I know He did not bring me this far to leave me. Everything is working in Divine Order -

*Love Lifted Me*



The United Male Chorus of  
Gary and the Calumet Region, Inc.

*Sarah*



***Celebration of Life & Love***

**Saturday, May 15, 2004**  
**11:00 AM**

***St. James M. B. Church***

**1333 West 25th Ave**  
**Gary, Indiana 46407**

***Rev. Roosevelt Bradley, Jr.***  
**Officiating**

**August 12, 1922**

*- Christian Life -*

**May 3, 2004**

*Eternal Life With Christ*

*James M. Williamson*



## JAMES MATTHEW WILLIAMSON

### Obituary

On August 12, 1922, a bundle of energy and excitement burst onto the scene. James Matthew Williamson was born with a twinkle in his eye and a song in his heart to Medley and Minnie (Graves) Williamson in Hayward County, Stanton, Tennessee. He was one of nine children.

James was blessed with a beautiful smile, a quick wit, a joyful personality and a fantastic singing voice, which he used to God's glory his entire life.

James confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and united with St. John Baptist Church in Stanton, where he was baptized. He started singing with The Willing Workers Quartet in Tennessee.

After relocating to Gary, Indiana, James joined the St. James Missionary Baptist Church in the late 1950s under the pastorage and leadership of the late Rev. W. L. Guydon where he remained faithful until illness no longer permitted him to serve.

While a member of the church, James met the love of his life and was united in holy matrimony on June 27, 1970 to Eva L. Summers, also a church member, whom he always called Baby or V'Lee. Although no children were born to this union, the marriage was filled with wonderful times, including romantic dinners for two, soulful duets at church and at home and lots and lots of love. Just days before his death, James was playing his keyboards and the two were singing favorite songs together.

Among his many church duties, James served as President and Director of the St. James Male Chorus from 1987 to 2003, Chairman of the Trustee Board and one of the directors of the United Male Chorus of Gary and the Calumet Region. James was also an avid Sunday School Devotional Leader and prayer and Bible Class participant until his health began to fail, but, yet, he was still willing to do what he could for the Master. He received numerous awards and citations for his dedicated services to his church and the community.

James was a hard-working man who was employed at Calumet Steel Castings Corp. of Hammond, Indiana until his retirement. He was also a trained auto mechanic and enjoyed spending time maintaining the vehicles of family, neighbors and friends.





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James absolutely loved to cook. Had he wanted, he could have been a master chef. Instead he cooked up mouthwatering dishes for his family, church members and friends. There was always something tasty to eat at the Williamson household and all were welcome. Plus, James was a baker extraordinaire and was famous for his cakes and pies, especially his scrumptious egg pie, which would simply melt in your mouth.

His many talents and interests also included gardening (He grew his own watermelons!), and, in later years, feeding the birds. We thank God for blessing us with James Matthew Williamson. His was a life well-lived.

James was preceded in death by: His parents, Medley and Minnie (Graves) Williamson; one (1) son, Preston L. Williamson; three (3) sisters, Sarah Frances Holloway, Stella B. Stewart and Mary Helen Matthew; three (3) brothers, Johnnie, Booker T., and George Ollie Williamson; and one (1) son-in-law, Murdock C. Bradley.

On Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, James moved into eternity peacefully at home. His cherished memories will forever linger with his loving and devoted wife of 34 years, Eva L. Williamson.

He is also survived by six (6) children, Bettie Saunders of New Carrollton, Maryland; Andrella Wise of Dallas, Texas; Tonya Williamson of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; Donald (Cassandra) Williamson, Dorothy Bradley, Gail Williamson, all of Gary; one (1) loving Goddaughter, LaTanya Woodson of Gary; two (2) brothers, Felma (Lou) Williamson and E. Bernard (Elizabeth) Williamson of Gary; five (5) sisters-in-law, Carrie F. Stone of Gary, Ruthie Williamson of Gary; Delores (Clifford) Trimble, Mary Woods and Martha Jones, all of Opelika, Alabama; one (1) brother-in-law, Dull (Charlene) Baker of Garfield Heights, Ohio; nineteen (19) grandchildren, twenty-six (26) great grandchildren, and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

James' final words uttered before retiring to bed the evening prior to his death were to his nephew, Kenneth "Butch" Banks. He said: "I'm tired. I'm going to go lay down and get me some rest." God bless you, James. Rest in peace.





# Order Of Service

11:00 AM

Presiding -----	Rev. Roosevelt Bradley, Jr., Pastor
Processional -----	Clergy/Family
Scripture (Old and New Testament) -----	Rev. Lloyd Keith
Prayer -----	Minister
Selection -----	St. James Male Chorus
	“The Gospel Train – Billy Muldrew
Selection -----	The United Male Chorus of Gary and the Calumet Region
	“He’s An On Time God” – Sammie Dent
Expressions -----	Dea. Edward Woods
Solo -----	Sis. LaYonne D. Jarrett
Memorial Tribute -----	Sis. Delores Trimble
Acknowledgements -----	Sis. Carol Dukes
	Sis. Betty Fountain
The Obituary -----	Sis. Phyllis Banks
Selection -----	The United Male Chorus
The Eulogy -----	Rev. Roosevelt Bradley, Jr., Pastor
Recessional -----	“When My Soul Is Resting, I’ll Be Satisfied”
	Sung on tape by James Williamson
Internment -----	Oak Hill Cemetery
Benediction -----	Rev. Roosevelt Bradley, Jr., Pastor
Repat -----	W. L. Guydon Fellowship Hall

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