



James Monroe

January 18, 1944 - September 8, 2007

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at Corinthian Baptist Church, 104 South 10th Street. Pastor Roy Manning will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present at 7:00 p.m. for the family hour.

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trials, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12 James was a humble man whose life was filled with honor and integrity. His life exemplified his abiding love and faith in God and respect for everyone. The beloved husband of Victoria Monroe, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and brother received the greater victory of the Lord on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at the age of 63 years. After a lengthy illness, his spirit was set free. James was born on January 18, 1944 in Quitman, LA to McDonald and Odessa Monroe. At an early age, he accepted Christ and joined Bethany Baptist Church in Quitman, LA. James was a faithful member of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw, MI, where he served as a trustee. He attended Jackson High School in Jonesboro, LA. He was a graduate of Grambling State University where he earned his teaching degree. James taught four years in Louisiana. After moving to Saginaw in 1969, he attended Central Michigan, Michigan State, and Saginaw Valley Universities. He taught two years at Central Middle School, a combination of 14 years teaching Night School, Adult Education,

OIC, and 21 and a half years at Arthur Hill High School where he retired in 1999. James loved children and teaching; he challenged his students to always endeavor to do their best. James' favorite hobby was playing basketball and attending high school basketball games. He had a special lasting friendship with the men on his team. James leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of 41 years, Vickie; two sons, Jamie (Paula) Monroe, Lansing, MI and Roderick (Victoria) Monroe both of Saginaw, MI; four grandchildren, Lacey, Michaela and Zachary Monroe all of Lansing, MI, and MyKenzie Schaad, Saginaw,MI; one brother, McDonald Monroe, Jr., Dallas, TX; one sister, Louvenia Williams, Ruston, LA; a dear sister-in-law, Veronical A. Watson, Saginaw, MI; three brothers-in-law, Michael McKinley, Saginaw, MI, Leo Johnson, Columbia, SC, John Williams, Ruston, LA; two devoted nephews, Vershon Watson, Ypsilanti, MI, and Raymond Johnson, Columbia, SC; three special nieces, Stephanie D. Sibley, Desoto, TX, Leah Johnson, Greenwich, NY, Decloria Wilkerson, Dallas, TX; three dear aunts, Nancy Scott, Waco, TX, Martiel Martin, Detroit, MI, Cloteal Victor of Texas; four special cousins, Juanita Howard, Detroit, MI, Maeola Crumpton, Dallas, TX Alena Neal, Bridgeport, MI, Willie Mae Mack, Detroit, MI; a host of other wonderful relatives and friends. James was preceded in death by his father, McDonald Monroe and his mother, Odessa Monroe. The family wishes to acknowledge special thanks to our wonderful Pastor Roy L. Manning and Mrs. Manning, the entire Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church Family, Dr. William Ensminger and staff at U of M Cancer Center in Ann Arbor, Dr. Lehke Richardson and staff at Karu Associates, Dr. John Hughes and staff, Homecare Covenant Visiting Nurses Association (Purple Team - Nurses Kimberly Wilson and Marti) and all of our wonderful and very special neighbors (Angela Williams, James Brantley, Mary Jane Heitkamp, Daniel and Dominic Smith, Officer Doug, Willie and Bobby Haynes). In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society and the Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church Education Fund.

Tribute Wall

LT

“*OMG. I just want to express my deepest condolences to the entire Monroe family. "Mony" was the coolest teacher I ever had and he will truly be missed. He left a lasting impression on every one that he met. He touched so many people's lives in ways that you can't even imagine. Rody, stay up and know that the Class of 94 is praying for you during your time of grief. PEace and Love, Toya T*

LaToya L Taylor - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KF

“*Mr. Monroe was my teacher at Arthur Hill back in 1986. He was my favorite teacher. Always in a good mood. He will be sadly missed. My condolences to the family of Mr. Monroe.16f8c7*

Kelly Fisher - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“*To the entire Monroe family, you have my deepest condolences. I am very saddened by the passing of Mr. Monroe. Mr. Monroe was my teacher in high school, but he was more than a teacher, to many of us he was a friend and a father figure. "Money" would always have a smile on his face and greeted you with nothing but kindness and words of wisdom. Even after I graduated high school, "Money" was still the same happy teacher that he always had been. Rodney, be strong. Know that he is in a much better place. He is now free of pain and worry and he is looking down on all of us from Heaven. Know that God can heal a broken heart; you just have to give Him all the pieces.*

Demetria Porter-Graham - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I just wanted to send out my prayers to Mr. Monroe's family. They just don't make teachers like him anymore. He taught several generations of my family. He truly was one of the kindest men that I have ever met.

Jeremy Mitchell - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To the family of "Money" Monroe, I would like to send my deepest condolences. "Money" was one of the coolest teachers at Arthur Hill. The memories I have of him are wonderful, especially the Faculty basketball games. Rody, keep your head up and know that your father is in a much better place. I have been exactly where you are and time heals all wounds. Remember all the good times and stay close to God because he will indeed see you through. Be Blessed!!!

Adrienne "A.C." Cliatt - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sorry To hear of your lost
Our Prayers are truly with you all
Remember the Good Times that Mr. Monroe left with his memories
that are there with you forever

God Blessings upon you as you go forward in the Lord

Johnnie and Nancy Bowls

Johnnie and nancy Bowls - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *Mr. Monroe was a truly great man and a wonderful teacher. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word whenever our paths crossed. He will be truly missed. My prayers and condolences to the family.*

Felicia A. Brown - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My deepest sympathy. Mr. Monroe was a wonderful warm and caring man, who touched and enriched many lives. His smile will remain etched in the memories of all of those who had the pleasure of meeting him. He is deeply missed.*
Sarah Stinton-Czuprynski

Sarah Stinton-Czuprynski - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Thinking of you during this time of bereavement, may God bless and keep you in His care. The Coatie McCardia family is praying for you and sends its deepest sympathy.*

Bobbie J. Leonard Liddell - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *May God and You watch over your family and friends until we all meet again.*
In Jesus name. Amen

Ronald B. Brown - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ We the descendants of the Bolds-McCarter Family Reunion, in sincerity extend our deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement. A link in the chain of the Bolds-McCarter Family again has been broken.

So, as we mourn the passing of our beloved one, let us remember that a full day's work is finished. Being weary of the burdens of life have ended.

*He sendeth sun, He sendeth shower;
Alike they're needful for the flower;
And joys and tears alike are sent
To give the soul fit nourishment;
As come to me, or cloud or sun,
Father, Thy will, not mine be done.*

*Can loving children ever reprove
With members whom they trust and love?
Creator, I would ever be
A trusting loving child to Thee.*

*As comes to me or cloud or sun,
Father, Thy will, not mine be done.*

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the sympathy of "The Bolds-McCarter Descendants" be extended to all the family of the deceased. May the Lord continue to watch over you is our prayer and may the precious memories of your loved one, which "Bless and Burn" keep you ever on the road that leads to God.

*Humbly submitted,
Bolds-McCarter Descendants*

Kathy Bonier - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Money we are going to miss you very much. I enjoy the great time we had playing Basketball together. I know the rest of the fellows are going to miss you also.

Vickie our prayers go out to you and your Family. May God Bless you and your Family.

Anita McKinley, Glenn McKinley & McKinley Family - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Our prayers go out to the Monroe family for the loss of James "Money" Monroe. James has always been a good friend, a loving husband and a devoted father. Through his strong belief and education, he has helped many of his students to get educated and live prosperous lives. Now it's James time to move on and spend the rest of his life with God in the kingdom of heaven where he will rest in peace forever.

To the rest of the Monroe family, death is that state where you live in the minds and memories of the ones you love and the ones that love you. And if that's the case, James will never die. (KEEP THE FAITH)

Keith T McKinley - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ We would like to offer our prayers to the Monroe family for their loss of James. We know the family is going through hard time right now but you can always find peace with the lord for he has said, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream." Jeremiah 17:7-8

Vicki, our family has always been a part of your family so if there is anything you need, please feel free to let us know and we will be there to offer our support and prayers. Just take comfort in the fact that you have lived a great life with a good man and a good man is now going home to be with GOD.

Willard McKinley - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I just wanted to send my love to my family, Mom, Rody, Ann, Vershon, and everyone else that I have met and look forward to meeting in the family. I am very sad that I didnt get to know Dad longer than 5 years. But in those short 5 years he became a friend, a father, a grandfather, and someone who we really respected and loved. I am so blessed to have known him and Mykenzie is blessed to be at the age that she will always remember her Grandpa. I loved the way he looked at her when she would come in the room when he was sick. His face would light up and he would raise his head to see her. He was such a good man. (Like Mykenzie said he is very lucky because he is walking on streets of gold and he is meeting Jesus.) We will all see him again one day and then our whole family can go for a walk on one of those streets of gold. :o)
*I LOVE YOU DAD! Have a GREAT time in heaven, You deserve it!!!
Love Vikki*

Victoria Monroe - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ On behalf of myself and the SHS Class of 75', who attended Central Jr., High years 1969-72 we send our deepest heartfelt love and condolences to "Mr. Monroe's" entire family. As his first students in Saginaw School District we were blessed to have "Mr. Monroe" as our teacher/mentor. "Mr. Monroe" always greeted us with a smile, handshake or hug around the shoulders each and everyday. We were the students that "broke him in", when it came to dealing with Jr. High kids. We will miss his knowledge, his friendship and his teachings on life in general. Mr. Monroe, I personally thank you for giving me the knowledge and skills on how to be a professional in my many endeavors and my love for typing. "You were the Best".

To the Monroe family, may God keep his loving arms around you during this time of sorrow, but know he is in Heaven teaching the many young angels that missed him here on earth. LOVE AND PRAYES. S. Hall & SHS Class of 1975.

Stephanie Hall - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ God Bless you in your time of bereavement, and remember if you can look up you can get up. Cast all your cares on the Lord for he cares for you. We are praying for you and if there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to call. My number is 989 752-6463 or 989 992-3165.

I Love you!
Denise Sykes

Musician for the youth at Corinthian.

Mina Denise Sykes - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ *May the Lord bless and keep you and may his arms continue to surround you and your family with his blessings during your loss.*

Sidney & Kermit Diggs IV - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Dear Vickie,
Our hearts and prayers are with you and the family at this time. We feel your loss. We know that you loved Mames, but "God" loves him best. We Love you and may "God" keep all of you at this difficult time.*

*Love,
Carrol Ann and Chris Perry
Nancy Leonard Quarels and family*

Carrol Ann Leonard-Perry - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

YC

“ *Jamie and family, my heart goes out to you all during your time of sorrow. Mr. Monroe was everyones favorite teacher. He will definitely be missed.*

Yashica Campbell - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *To the monroe Family*

You have our deepest sympathy and prayer.

Dec. & Sis Leroy Curtis Baston - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mrs.Monroe, Rody and Jamie my prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. We all know that God does not make any mistakes so it was time for him to come home and rest. Mr. Monroe will be missed but never forgotten. He helped me through alot of issues in school he was my first teacher of the day. I will always hear him say Trista not Crystal get to class. Rody keep the faith because God is with you.

crystal simmons - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ To the Monroe Family-

How many tears doe it take? Why, just as many as are needed. Just remembering that there is a physical as well as emotional benefit to crying. It help us accept our unique patterns of crying - or not crying. So, on this day I cry with you and the family as to Mr. Monroe was one of the greatest teacher's that had a impact on my live. He will be missed and my prayes are with you all.

Larissa Wooard, Student AHHS 88

Larissa Woodard - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I heartfelt sympathy to the entire Monroe and Corinthian Bapt. Church family. Mr. Monroe was one of my favorite teachers at Central Jr. High back in the old building and he was one who always knew who I was and would give me hug whenever he would see me. I am deeply saddened to hear of his homegoing but I know that God had a job for him in heaven and I look forward to seeing him in that great getting up morning. Rest on Mr. Monroe you fought a good fight.

*With Fond Memories,
Ms. Sylvia L. George
Former CJH Student*

Sylvia L. George - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Wow...this is a shock. To the Monroe family I give you my deepest of sympathies in this time of loss. Mr. Monroe was my favorite teacher. I will never forget him telling us we all had 2 E's for the day or the time he got me for brushing my hair in class.. "This ain't a beauty salon, Ms. LaLonde!" He was the absolute greatest and I have never, even in my years of college, have had a teacher that will ever match him in personality and how he taught us. Rody, again my heart goes out to you and your family. "Money" will be missed by all of us.

*Take Care
Aurora LaLonde*

Aurora LaLonde - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My prayers are with you and the rest of the immediate family and friends.

Anita Richardson - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Mr.Monroe was my favorite Teacher. He use to always get on us for talking to much in class. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with the Monroe Family in their time of sorrow. GOD BLESS YOU.*

Kenyatta Campbell - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I NEVER MET HIM BUT I THINK I AM A COUSIN. JUANITA WOULD NO.BUT I PRAY TO GOD TO KEEP YOU ALL STRONG IN EVERY WAY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND GIVE YOU THE PEACE OF YOUR LIFE TIME. I AM SORRY.TAKE CARE-LOVE*

BETTIE FERGUSON - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Thinking of you with sympathy and praying that tomorrow will bring you comfort and peace.*

William (June) & Joyce Amos Smith - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *May God Bless you in your time of grief. Be evermore encouraged keeping the the faith that has been set before you. Though distance has kept us apart, our love for family remains the same. Keep you heads lifted to the hill from whence cometh you help, you help comes God the creator of both the Heavans and the Earth.*

Anita L. Richardson - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Though I never had the opportunity to meet James, I know that he has to have been a direct reflection of my Aunt Dess and Uncle Mac Monroe. May God comfort us all during this time of grief. Keep your focus on Jesus Christ knowing that by and through Him, we have access to the Father.*

With love and prayers from my heart I encourage you this day.

Jonathan R. Richardson

Jonathan R. Richardson - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *To the family,our prayers are with you,just remember God is the one we look to for our strenght.There is Peace and calm in the 23rd Psalm.*

Johnnie M. Potts - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *To the Monroe, Watson, and McKinley Families.
We have truly lost a special person in our family, but know that God heals all broken hearts and brings rest to the weary. In this time of mourning please lean on family and friends for strength, support, love, and understanding. We know 'Money' is in a much better place where he is free from pain. I have had the pleasure of having James fill many capacities in my life: godfather, cousin, friend, and teacher; and have learned from him in many ways. Just like all stressful times, this too shall pass. Although the time will pass the memories and the love will always remain in the forefront of our hearts and minds.*

Stay strong and press on!

Love,

Kim and family

Kimberly V. Skipper-Lee - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mr. Monroe will always be remebered as more than just an educator(of many), but also as a friend and kind soul. I had the pleasure of learning from him during my high school years, even after high school while attending a local university, he still recognized me and remembered my name, not a lot of teachers can say that. I was extremely fortunate to have been blessed just in being allowed to gather knowledge and understanding through him, he always encouraged me to live up to my full potential and keeping striving for nothing but the best. I am so sorry for the loss of this loved one. The family is in my prayers and Mr. Monroe is definately an angel gone home....

Shonda Sylvester - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mr. Monroe was my favorite and most memorable high school teacher. He was concerned and caring.... an unforgettable man!

God, our Father, had a great addition to his angels.

Diamond Simpson - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Thank GOD for the blessing of Cousin Monroe!! His pure smile and genuine laugh are engraved in my memory. He brought light into each room he entered and every life he touched!! I know Cousin Monroe is shining GOD's light brightly in Heaven!!

Vicki and Family, be encouraged and know that during Cousin Monroe's journey he kept GOD in his heart!! We all needed him, but GOD needed Cousin Monroe the most!!

GOD BLESS,

Angela Neal and Family

Angela Neal - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ To God be the glory!!! Cousin James touched our lives with such a strong gentleness. His life resonated a powerfully calm disposition filled with smiles and strength. Remember the laughter we all shared, remember the joyous times we experienced and remember that God blessed us all with Cousin Monroe. - The Rickman Family

Alysa Neal Rickman - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We pray great comfort and strength for you and yours during this time.

The Colemans - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ James was a mild-mannered, quiet, nice, giving and smart person. He always wanted to learn new things that would help to better himself. He also loved to play basketball.

I pray that God will keep and restore his family.

Rufus Jean Rogers - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ So sorry to hear about your lose; I did not know until today (Sept. 28th). May God bless you and your family.

June Knighten-Newton - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM