



## James E. Shell

December 14, 1924 - May 8, 2014

Deacon James Ervin Shell passed away Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the age of 89 years. He was born December 14, 1924 in Ackerman, MS to Sam and Gussie (Broadnax) Shell.

James Shell retired from the General Motors – Malleable Iron Plant and also NBD Bank as a courier. He was a member of UAW Local 455 and the Motor Home Club. He was a member and a Deacon at Corinthian Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Roy L. Manning. He loved singing with the Male Chorus and was a member of the Brotherhood of his church. Deacon Shell was a World War II veteran of the United States Army. He loved to fish, hunt and mentor young people, wanting them to know about the goodness of the Lord.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Jamie (Robert) McCall, Saginaw, MI; six grandchildren, Carla (Henry) Jones, Houston, TX, Devron (Rushawn) McCall, Saginaw, MI, Robert D. Porter, Antioch, IL, DuWayne McCall, Holland, MI, Courtney (Wendell) Malone, Grand Rapids, MI and Stephanie Porter, Houston, TX; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; God-daughter, Loyce Seals Brown; sisters, Irene Franklin and Samella Wraggs, both of Chicago, IL; sisters-in-law, Catherine Baber, Saginaw, MI and Daisy Baber, Daytona Beach, FL; son-in-law, Robert Porter; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including many

many dear friends, fishing and hunting friends, his neighbors whom he loved dearly, his Mississippi buddies (home boys), Pastor and Sis. Manning and the Corinthian Church family.

Deacon Shell was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Gussie Shell; wife, Ollie (Baber) Shell; daughter, Vivian Porter; sisters, Susie Marshal and Emma Jean Roberts; and brother, Stanley Shell.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2014 at Corinthian Baptist Church, 104 South 10th Street. Pastor Roy L. Manning will officiate with interment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastlawn Memorial Gardens

7475 Holland Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corinthian Baptist Church  
104 South 10th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - May 16, 2014 at 09:25 AM

SR

“ To The McCall, Porter, & Shell families,

*Mr. James and the late Mrs. Ollie, were our neighbors for as long as I can remember. Growing up, my sister RONALDA and I would run across the street to borrow sugar, play with the dogs, or spend the night whenever we wanted because they were family. After my father passed, we could always count on Mr. James to look out the window and check in on our mother as she would come and go.*

*The neighborhood is not the same, our street is not the same without his presence. Mr. James was a good man, a devout Christian, and a loyal friend. We love him and thank God for his life.*

*Family, please know that we are praying for your strength. Be comforted in knowing that the crown in glory that he lived for, he has now received.*

*God Bless.*

*Sebrina Robinson  
White Plains, Maryland*

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**Sebrina Robinson** - May 21, 2014 at 01:12 PM

JS

“ Jerome/Pat Graham Sr lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell



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**Jerome/Pat Graham Sr** - May 16, 2014 at 02:45 PM

EP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Shell family during this very difficult time of sorrow. Eddie & Dorothy Patrick, family.*



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**Eddie Patrick** - May 16, 2014 at 01:40 PM

JS

“ *JANIE SURLES-CORK lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**JANIE SURLES-CORK** - May 15, 2014 at 12:04 PM

MJ

“ *My sincere prayers are with the Shell family. I remember we all attended Christmas Community church. Jamie, Vivian and I grew up together. Your father was a good Christian man and he really knew the Lord. He always had a beautiful smile and everyone knew he loved the Lord. Remember your father, brother, grandfather, great granddaughter will always be in your heart. God will see you through this time in your life.*

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**Mattie Johnson** - May 15, 2014 at 11:41 AM

DM

“ *Devron McCall lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Devron McCall** - May 14, 2014 at 08:49 PM

DM

*Missing you like crazy can't hardly believe it. But I know where you are.  
Love you Grandpa*

**Devron McCall** - May 14, 2014 at 08:53 PM

HG

“ *Harold Grnya lit a candle in memory of James  
E. Shell*



**Harold Grnya** - May 14, 2014 at 06:53 AM

MM

“ *To the family of Mr. James Shell,  
We are truly sorry to hear of the passing of  
Mr. Shells. We were in the motor home club  
with him. He was a very mild manner and soft  
spoken person. May God bless and keep you  
all during this time of bereavement. Our prayers are with you.  
Moty and Geraldine McKinney*



**Moty and Geraldine McKinney** - May 13, 2014 at 08:40 PM

SL

“ *Samuel And Jimmie Logan lit a candle in  
memory of James E. Shell*



**Samuel and Jimmie Logan** - May 13, 2014 at 07:21 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Annie Lowery** - May 13, 2014 at 07:38 AM

SM

“ *Sue Surles- McDole lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Sue Surles- McDole** - May 13, 2014 at 07:25 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Deborah Williams** - May 12, 2014 at 10:18 PM

OT

“ *Oliver And Joy Toker lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Oliver and Joy Toker** - May 12, 2014 at 04:51 PM

OT

*Oliver and Joy Lisa Tucker would like too express our deepest Sympathy for the family of Deacon Shell. We will miss his teaching and his love for all. Deacon Shell was a funny man,he would keep us laughing and he was a great mentor of how to live a Godly life. Well done Deacon Shell rest in paradise God Bless.To our C.M.B.C. family may our Savior give you comfort and strength in times like these.*

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**Oliver & Joy Lisa Toker** - May 12, 2014 at 05:14 PM

SM

“ *Shauntel Manning lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Shauntel Manning** - May 12, 2014 at 11:02 AM

LJ

“ *Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of James E. Shell*



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**Lela and Wilson Jones** - May 09, 2014 at 01:01 PM

ER

“ *To Jamie and Family sorry to her about the loss of your dad, prayers to you and your family but remember he is in no more pain your dad was such a good and caring man*

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**Exie Robinson** - May 09, 2014 at 12:55 PM