



## Pastor James Edward Speed

February 23, 1947 - December 14, 2016

Our beloved Father, Grandfather, Brother, Pastor and Friend, Reverend James Edward Speed, made his transition into his heavenly home on December 14, 2016. He was born February 23, 1947, in Perry County, Alabama. He was employed by General Motors Grey Iron for over 25 years. He joined the Greater Freewill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor James L. Dorsey, where he later succeeded him as Pastor. On August 21, 2016, he celebrated 16 years of shepherding the flock of God. He served under Pastor Dorsey as a Deacon, Usher and Sunday School Teacher. As Pastor, he taught Bible Study, visited the sick and shut-in and was very active in the lives of his church family. He was the past President of Congress of Christian Education and Advisor to the local ministers of Saginaw Valley District Association. He touched the lives of many and will truly be missed.

Pastor Speed was a kind and gentle servant of God and he served faithfully until illness prevented. He truly loved his family, church and friends and was involved in many church and civic organizations. He was a die-hard Alabama "Roll Tide" fan.

He leaves to cherish, his wife, Bertha Speed of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; two daughters, Shirley Skipper-Scott of Carolina, Puerto Rico and Sheila Skipper of Wetumpka, Alabama; two sons, Leward Madlock of Saginaw Michigan and James E. Holloway of Memphis, Tennessee; one nephew, Thomas Louis

Speed of Saginaw, Michigan; two granddaughters, Tierra Madlock and Monica Madlock both of Saginaw, Michigan; one grandson, Justin Skipper of Wetumpka, Alabama, and a host of cousins and many dear friends, including the Greater Freewill Missionary Baptist Church Family.

Pastor Speed was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Speed Sr., mother, Edmonia Speed, his brother, Wallace Speed Jr., and his sister, Hattie Carlisle.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at the Wolverine State Baptist Headquarters, 615 S. Jefferson Ave. Pastor Roy L. Manning. will officiate. Interment will take place in Newberry, Alabama. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family will be present from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 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>

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wolverine State Baptist Headquarters  
615 South Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Kendrea lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**kendrea** - January 05, 2017 at 03:23 PM

KE

*one of the sweetest most wonderfulness pastor i know god bless his heart may his soul rest in peace. prayers strongly for the family. may god keep you strong and in good health with love from Pastor Mae Joyce Redfearn daughter (KendreaBraddock)*

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**kendrea** - January 05, 2017 at 03:28 PM

BB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss. May Our Heavenly Father comfort you all during you all time of grief.*  
*Bridget Baber*

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**Bridget Baber** - December 22, 2016 at 08:12 PM

FH

“ *Felicia Hogan sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Felicia Hogan** - December 22, 2016 at 07:14 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Cooper & Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Cheryl Cooper & Family - December 22, 2016 at 11:48 AM

BW

“ Bonnie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Bonnie Wilson - December 22, 2016 at 07:39 AM

MM

“ Mary Mary Mary sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Mary Mary Mary - December 22, 2016 at 03:59 AM

MH

“ Mary Hatchett lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Mary Hatchett - December 22, 2016 at 03:57 AM

SC

“ *Sister Hatchett Rose Hill Church lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Sister Hatchett Rose Hill Church - December 22, 2016 at 03:56 AM

KW

“ *Kim Caver Wright lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Kim Caver Wright - December 21, 2016 at 11:19 PM

LP

“ *Lakeisha Pelt lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Lakeisha Pelt - December 21, 2016 at 10:25 PM

WJ

“ *Willie & Regina Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Willie & Regina Johnson - December 21, 2016 at 07:46 PM

CJ

“ Chris&Wayne Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Chris&Wayne Jernigan - December 21, 2016 at 05:39 PM

CB

“ On behalf of Ceylon Williams Bettis my condolences to Pastor Speed family and congregation u will truly be missed



ceylon bettis - December 21, 2016 at 05:28 PM

PS

“ Pat Spinner sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Pat Spinner - December 21, 2016 at 11:27 AM

EJ

“ Elizabeth Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Elizabeth Johnson - December 21, 2016 at 07:32 AM

OC

“ *Opal Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Opal Coleman** - December 21, 2016 at 07:31 AM

LR

“ *Lois Robinson lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Lois Robinson** - December 21, 2016 at 12:13 AM

SP

“ *Deacon Charles and Share' Patrick*



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**Share' Patrick** - December 20, 2016 at 08:13 PM

RL

“ *Rosemary Longuemire lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Rosemary Longuemire** - December 20, 2016 at 05:28 PM

CD

“ To the family my deepest condolences. God said servant Job well done. RIP Pastor speed  
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Charlie and Brenda Dillard - December 20, 2016 at 11:42 AM

DK

“ Pastor James Speed, You have always been such a great inspiration to me. You will be sorely missed but the pleasant memories both from 40 or 45 yrs ago and later in our mutual walk with the Lord will live on in my life forever. Sleep on my Brother and I'll see you "IN THE MORNING ".



Deacon Larry Kemp - December 19, 2016 at 11:37 PM

MM

“ Moty & Geraldine McKinney lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Moty & Geraldine McKinney - December 19, 2016 at 11:03 PM

LB

“ Lisa Brewer lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Lisa Brewer - December 19, 2016 at 10:23 PM

LO

“ *Andreas and I was sitting in your office today with very heavy hearts. We looked at each other and together we said it will never be same. We miss you, your church family miss you. You were not only our pastor but you were part of our family. You loved my father and my mother and I will be forever grateful. Hattie told us to take Care of you and we did our best.*



*Gone but never forgotten. Rest In Peace -Speed my Pastor, my friend our brother*

*Charles & Lorane McMillan, Andreas & Kanshelle Dorsey, Andreas Jr and Tyler*

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**lorane** - December 19, 2016 at 08:58 PM

DR

“ *He was fun to work with at Grey Iron and Nodular. We both were union officials at the same time. Fond memories RIP brother Dennis Rondeau. Essexville, Mi.*

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**Dennis Rondeau.** - December 19, 2016 at 08:26 PM

HT

“ *Howard & Yvonne Tate lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Howard & Yvonne Tate** - December 19, 2016 at 07:09 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Kathy Shaw** - December 19, 2016 at 06:57 PM

SV

“ *Shelva Scott - Veal lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Shelva Scott - Veal** - December 19, 2016 at 06:38 PM

PS

“ *Praying for the family that God will grant you comfort and peace.*

*Pastor William Scott*



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**Pastor William Scott** - December 19, 2016 at 06:36 PM

K(

“ *Katie (Caldwell)Henry lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Katie (Caldwell)Henry** - December 19, 2016 at 02:02 PM

RC

“ Robert & Bobbie Craver lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



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**Robert & Bobbie Craver** - December 19, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ As I think back over the years that I have known Pastor Speed, I can't help but smile at the memories I have and will continue to have of the "Gentle Giant", my friend who always would let me know that he was praying for me and that I was his friend.



*Pastor Speed was a very humble, loving man who was a friend to anyone he met. He was tall in stature both physically and spiritually. We will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.*

*May God give strength to his immediate family and his Freewill Baptist Church family. Look to the hills from which comes your help. God will take care of you.*

*Rest on my friend, I will miss you.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Sis. Sylvia George*

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**Sylvia George** - December 19, 2016 at 12:06 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Burch & Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Speed, A Man of Godly Wisdom comfort and prayers to the Speed Family. Dorothy Burch.



Dorothy Burch - December 19, 2016 at 12:01 PM

OJ

“ I'm so sorry. I will miss my friend and spiritual leader Pastor Speed . Praying God's peace on The Speed family & Greater Frewill MBC FAMILY 🙏🌹🙄❤️😭👮



Orlando Jones - December 19, 2016 at 11:40 AM

VS

“ Vanda Strode lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Vanda Strode - December 19, 2016 at 07:30 AM

JS

“ Jamie Sanders-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Jamie Sanders-Hicks - December 18, 2016 at 10:43 PM

DD

“ *Debra Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Debra Dawkins** - December 18, 2016 at 10:09 PM

AF

“ *Alma Johnson And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Alma Johnson and Family** - December 18, 2016 at 08:21 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Mosella Reed and Family** - December 18, 2016 at 08:20 PM

JF

“ *My prayers and sympathy to the family of Rev. James Speed.*

*Mr. Johnnie Fifer*

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**Johnnie Fifer** - December 18, 2016 at 06:56 PM

YV

“ YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



YvonneSanders - December 18, 2016 at 05:33 PM

RM

“ Reggie And Lori Menzie lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Reggie and Lori Menzie - December 18, 2016 at 05:19 PM

MC

“ Minister Michael And Debra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Minister Michael and Debra Coleman - December 18, 2016 at 02:16 PM

DW

“ Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Deborah Williams - December 18, 2016 at 12:47 AM

TG

“ Tasha Green lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Tasha Green - December 17, 2016 at 10:18 PM

KC

“ Kay Chester lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Kay Chester - December 17, 2016 at 06:33 PM

RV

“ Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Robert and Linda Veasley - December 17, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ Nedra Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Nedra Williams - December 17, 2016 at 05:44 PM

LT

“ Linda Arnett Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Linda Arnett Taylor - December 17, 2016 at 04:07 PM

AF

“ Athen & Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Athen & Margery Flournoy - December 17, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Lucy Erby - December 17, 2016 at 03:28 PM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - December 17, 2016 at 02:37 PM

FS

“ Freddie And Denise Sykes lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Freddie and Denise Sykes - December 17, 2016 at 10:12 AM

PJ

“ Purvis Carter Jr. lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Purvis Carter Jr. - December 17, 2016 at 01:06 AM

PM

“ Pastor Tony Monroe lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Pastor Tony Monroe - December 17, 2016 at 12:31 AM

MS

“ Michelle Stewart lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



Michelle Stewart - December 16, 2016 at 09:37 PM

IH

“ *Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Ida Helton - December 16, 2016 at 08:57 PM

K(

“ *My condolences to you and your family*

Katie (Caldwell)Henry - December 16, 2016 at 08:21 PM

K(

“ *Katie (Caldwell)Henry lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Katie (Caldwell)Henry - December 16, 2016 at 08:16 PM

OJ

“ *Orlando Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Orlando Jones - December 16, 2016 at 07:35 PM

PR

“ *Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family of Pastor Speed and to the Freewill MBC. It is our prayer that God will comfort each of you during this transitional period. We will forever treasure every minute of fellowship that was given to us by God through Pastor Speed. May God bless each of you.*

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**Pastor Terry Randolph** - December 16, 2016 at 07:26 PM

DH

“ *Deacon And Sister Williams Harris lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Deacon and Sister Williams Harris** - December 16, 2016 at 04:03 PM

SM

“ *Shauntel Manning lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Shauntel Manning** - December 16, 2016 at 02:09 PM

JP

“ To Family & Greater Freewill Church Family  
"MAY THE WORKS I DONE SPEAK FOR  
ME"

*Pastor James E Speed: A man who preached  
the Gospel*

*A man who Love The Lord!  
A man with a Genuine Smile!  
Who will be sincerely missed!  
Rest In Peace My Friend  
Bishop Ronald & Joyce Stanley*



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**Joyce Phillips-Stanley** - December 16, 2016 at 02:09 PM

RH

“ Rodney Howard lit a candle in memory of  
Pastor James Edward Speed



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**Rodney Howard** - December 16, 2016 at 12:45 PM

TH

“ Thelma sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor  
James Edward Speed



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**Thelma** - December 16, 2016 at 07:26 AM

GP

“ I'm truly going to miss my Pastor James Speed. You were always there for me and my family. May you rest in peace. God bless your family and may the Lord keep you in this very trying time. Gone but never forgotten. Humbly submitted Gerald and Alberta Palmer.



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**Gerald & Alberta Palmer** - December 15, 2016 at 10:54 PM

AH

“ Aretha Hairston lit a candle in memory of Pastor Jame E. Speed



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**aretha hairston** - December 15, 2016 at 10:14 PM

PS

“ God has gained a wonderful angel. I have always thanked you for being supportive to my family on our grieving times. Rest peacefully until we meet again!! Love you as I always told you when I would see you.



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**PATRICIA SPINNER** - December 15, 2016 at 10:02 PM

RJ

“ Rev. And Mrs James Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed



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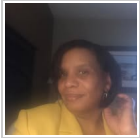
**Rev. And Mrs James Jones** - December 15, 2016 at 09:47 PM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Joanie Williams** - December 15, 2016 at 09:30 PM



“ *Cheryl Walker lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Cheryl Walker** - December 15, 2016 at 09:24 PM

MW

“ *Mrs. Reaoda Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Mrs. Reaoda Wheeler** - December 15, 2016 at 09:09 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Cheryl Cooper** - December 15, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Lucy Erby** - December 15, 2016 at 07:56 PM

EF

“ *Eugene Blair And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Eugene Blair and Family** - December 15, 2016 at 04:57 PM

MF

“ *Minister Kenji Brittain & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Minister Kenji Brittain & family** - December 15, 2016 at 03:05 PM

SW

“ *Sherry Wright lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Sherry Wright** - December 15, 2016 at 02:50 PM

HF

“ *Hankins Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Hankins Family - December 15, 2016 at 02:07 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Dona Austin-Bigby - December 15, 2016 at 01:44 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Patricia Jones - December 15, 2016 at 01:06 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



Yvonne Corley - December 15, 2016 at 12:44 PM

EF

“ *Ethel Anderson Shaw & Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Ethel Anderson Shaw & Family** - December 15, 2016 at 12:16 PM

TB

“ *Tyretha Baston lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Tyretha Baston** - December 15, 2016 at 12:01 PM

TH

“ *Tina Houze lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Tina Houze** - December 15, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *To the Speed and Freewill Baptist Church Family:*



*On behalf of the Saginaw Valley Baptist District Deacon Wives, Widows and Deaconess Ministry, we extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to you. Pastor James Speed was a man in stature not only physically but spiritually. We will miss his kind and humble spirit. We are praying your strength to endure the days ahead but we know that Pastor Speed is resting in the arms of our father the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*With Sympathy and Love,  
SVD Deacon Wives, Widows  
and Deaconess Ministry*

*Sis. Mina Denise Sykes, Chair  
Sis. Sylvia L. George, Co-Chair  
Sis. Lois Robinson, SVD Woman's Auxiliary President  
Rev. Rodrick Smith, SVD Moderator*

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**Sylvia George** - December 15, 2016 at 08:55 AM

HF

“ *MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY, MAY GOD COMFORT YOU ALL DOING THIS TIME OF SADNESS. REST ON PASTOR, REST ON...*



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**HERBERT FLOURNOY** - December 15, 2016 at 08:43 AM

LM

“ *Larry And Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



**Larry and Pamela Monroe** - December 15, 2016 at 08:07 AM

RF

“ *Rita M. Williams And Donavon Femings sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



**Rita M. Williams and Donavon Femings** - December 15, 2016 at 06:13 AM

MN

*Lit a candle for pastor James Speed*

**Mary Nard** - December 19, 2016 at 07:25 AM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



**Walsezetta Bennett** - December 15, 2016 at 02:52 AM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed* ”



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**Vermell Sangster** - December 15, 2016 at 12:03 AM

GB

“ *GLORIA BLACKMON lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed* ”



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**GLORIA BLACKMON** - December 14, 2016 at 11:42 PM

MB

“ *Condolences and prayers to the Speed family. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1* ”



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**Melissa Brown** - December 14, 2016 at 11:07 PM

LJ

“ *Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed* ”



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**Lela and Wilson Jones** - December 14, 2016 at 07:04 PM

DS

“ *Derek Smith lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Derek Smith** - December 14, 2016 at 07:01 PM

OJ

“ *Orlando Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Orlando Jones** - December 14, 2016 at 06:22 PM

OK

“ *Orlando Kones lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Orlando Kones** - December 14, 2016 at 06:21 PM

MS

“ *My condolences to Pastor Speed family.*

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**Mary Ann Stewart** - December 14, 2016 at 06:11 PM

MR

“ *Malcolm And Velma Roach lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Malcolm and Velma Roach** - December 14, 2016 at 05:32 PM

MD

“ *Marquietta Davis lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Marquietta Davis** - December 14, 2016 at 04:39 PM

MD

“ *Mr & Mrs William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Edward Speed*



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**Mr & Mrs William Doxie** - December 14, 2016 at 04:25 PM