



## James "Precious" McMillan Sr.

September 30, 1930 - November 28, 2012

Mr. James "Precious" McMillan, Sr. went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at Covenant Hospital under the diligent care of his doctors and nursing staff and surrounded by his family. The 8th born of 17 siblings, he was born September 30, 1930 in Benoit, Mississippi to the late Grant and Lillie (Johnson) McMillon.

Precious, as he was affectionately called, moved to Saginaw, Michigan at the age of 19 years old. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior in 1956 at the Friendship Baptist Church and later joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of his brother, the late Rev. Willie McMillon.

He was well known throughout Saginaw for owning and operating McMillan Photo Studio in downtown. His favorite past times were cooking, fishing and spending time with family.

He leaves to cherish his memory: six children, Delphine Hopkins, James R. (Ola) McMillan, Michelle (Fred) Burks, Karla D. Smith of Saginaw, MI, James McMillan, Jr. of Memphis, TN and Rebecca McMillan of Norcross, GA; former spouse, Kay McMillan; three sisters, Vera McMillon and Clairee Sanders, both of Saginaw, MI and Dortha McMillon of Grand Rapids, MI; five brothers, Clinton McMillon, Joel (Earlease) McMillon, all of Saginaw, MI; Charles (Sandy) McMillon and John McMillon, both of Kalamazoo, MI and Roosevelt (Delores) McMillon of Bartlett, TN; 16 grandchildren, Kim, Andre and Nekeia Star Hopkins, Kevin and Pharrington (Shayla) Maxey, Justin and Jalen McMillan, Brennan, Kennedy and Armand Burks, Ashton McMillan, Precious and Elliot Smith, De'Quawn McMillan and twins Zion and Israel Davis; 8 great-grandchildren, DreMonte Hopkins, Dion Meeks, NeAsia and Nevaeh Hopkins, Bryan, Brandon and Braylon Maxey and Makenzie Rowland; a host of nieces and nephews; one sister-in-law, Tina McMillon of Saginaw, MI; extended family and a special friend, Tasha Clark.

He was preceded in death by his father, Grant McMillon, Sr.; mother, Lillie Johnson-McMillon; six brothers, Wilburt, Grant, Willie, Sr., T.J., Gillard and baby McMillon; two sisters, Catherine and Geralene; and a great-granddaughter, Brea J'Nay Maxey.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 1111 N. 29th Street. Pastor Willie Hill, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church  
1111 N. 29th Street  
Saginaw, MI

## Visitation

DEC 6. 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>

# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Browne's Mortuary - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Daddy, it's been almost 12 years. I miss you so much. I talk about you every single day. The twins will be in 6th grade this fall and I have a little girl now. She just turned 2. It doesn't seem right to carry on without you here. My children would be obsessed with you! All your jokes 😭😭 Harvey and I are going strong, Daddy. Married 10 years this year and we just bought a house! It has a pool. You would love it. Smh I miss you. I miss your voice and our multiple daily conversations. I love when you visit me in my dreams. They feel so real. Memories and dreams are all I have now. I know your pain was unbearable while you were here so I'm am glad you're not hurting anymore. I love you, Daddy.



His Baby Girl - April 20, 2024 at 09:24 PM

RD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rebecca Davis - January 22, 2015 at 04:28 PM

KM

I miss you so much and all the crazy things you said and did. But I can never ever and would not ever want to forget you. You were the love of my life for so long no matter what we went thru. I still love you honey. No one could ever take your place. Talk to you later. Xoxoxo

Kay McMillan - April 16, 2015 at 03:56 PM

RD

“ Hey Daddy, it's been 2 years and 2 months since you've left and it feels like yesterday. I love and miss you so very much. I talk about you every single day. I mimic your "famous" sayings, your mannerisms. I wear your robe everyday too. Next time I'm home, I'm going to snag a reel from Karla and bring it back to Georgia with me. The pain you felt, I can't even imagine. I hate you didn't get a chance to physically meet your grandsons, but I know you see them all the time. They have your jaws! Especially the juicy baby. LOL. I miss you Daddy. I long to hear your voice and for you to crack a joke and go get some ice cream together. Talk to you soon.



P.S: Harvey and I got MARRIED!!! 12/26/14

Love,

Your Baby Girl  
Big Red

Rebecca Davis - January 22, 2015 at 04:26 PM

KM

“ I miss you so much, Honey. I want to call and talk to you, and I can thru God. This is so hard for me. I love you and miss you. Dad.

Kay McMillan - November 07, 2013 at 04:58 AM

KM

Hi honey. Another day without you. It's been so long and I miss you so much. Our conversations we had, who was the bad guy in the movies or tv shows. I still watch Bonanza, Gunsmoke, Big Valley. Everything, everyday reminds me of you, after all we spent over half our lives together. In spite of, because of, every thing we went thru I wouldn't change anything in our lives. I am stronger now, I am better now because of you. I love and miss you so much. Talk to you later.

Kay McMillan - June 25, 2017 at 11:14 AM

KA

“ My dad would "pimp walk" when he thought he dressed really nice. He was a funny guy. I miss you daddy!!!!



karla - November 04, 2013 at 07:13 PM

KM

*This is picture when he worked at the Ramada Inn on Outer Drive in 1964 or 1965.  
Cool isn't he?*

**Kay McMillan** - November 07, 2013 at 05:03 AM

BD

“ *Betty Daily lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**Betty Daily** - December 15, 2012 at 12:08 AM



“ *John Williams lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**John Williams** - December 13, 2012 at 06:08 PM

SW

“ *Shon Wrihten lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**Shon Wrihten** - December 13, 2012 at 12:24 PM

MR

“ *to the McMillan family sorry to hear of ur loss praying for each one of u*



**mittie russell** - December 11, 2012 at 02:29 PM

JJ

“ J. Jordan-Ford lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



J. Jordan-Ford - December 08, 2012 at 09:39 PM

JJ

R.I.P.

J. Jordan-Ford - December 08, 2012 at 09:40 PM

KM

Thanks for praying for us. We need all we can get, Thanks for everything. Kay McMillan & Family

Kay McMillan - January 01, 2013 at 02:37 AM

ML

“ Marie Luscomb lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Marie Luscomb - December 05, 2012 at 07:04 PM

ML

My condolences on your loss. Hugs to Pharrington and family. Your grandfather sits among the loved. Blessings. ~Marie

Marie Luscomb - December 05, 2012 at 07:06 PM

CW

“ Cherlina Works lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Cherlina Works - December 05, 2012 at 05:54 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



Pauline Gardner - December 05, 2012 at 01:55 PM



“ *ON THE BEHALF OF MY GRANNY ARTISHER SMITH AND THE SMITH FAMILY OUR DEEPEST SYMPAHTY AND CONDOLENCES. GOD BLESS.*



Pamela Davis - December 05, 2012 at 01:12 PM

KA

*Thank you Pamela and the Smith Family*

karla - November 04, 2013 at 07:16 PM

GR

“ *Glenda Rockett sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



Glenda Rockett - December 04, 2012 at 07:31 PM

RM

“ *Rick McDowell lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



Rick McDowell - December 04, 2012 at 07:19 PM

RM

*May God be with you in your time of need. My prayers goes out to the entire McMillan family.*

Rick McDowell - December 04, 2012 at 07:23 PM

KF

“ Kerry White And The Entire White Family lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Kerry White and the Entire White Family - December 04, 2012 at 06:36 PM

CJ

“ Chris&wayne Jernigan lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



chris&wayne Jernigan - December 04, 2012 at 04:14 PM

TF

“ The Nash Family lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



The Nash Family - December 03, 2012 at 11:38 AM

TF

“ The Nash Family lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



The Nash Family - December 03, 2012 at 11:37 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James "Precious" McMillan Sr..



December 03, 2012 at 11:35 AM

GD

“ Grover L. And Berta L. Davis lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Grover L. and Berta L. Davis - December 03, 2012 at 10:11 AM

ZD

“ ZINA DAVIS lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



ZINA DAVIS - December 02, 2012 at 01:20 PM

MF

“ Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - December 02, 2012 at 10:29 AM

MF

“ Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - December 02, 2012 at 10:22 AM

SL

“ Simpsons, Lonny, Diana, Ynette & LaMott lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Simpsons, Lonny, Diana, Ynette & LaMott - December 01, 2012 at 10:48 PM

CW

“ *Carolle Walker lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**Carolle Walker** - December 01, 2012 at 08:59 PM

MW

“ *MECHELLE WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**MECHELLE WILLIAMS** - December 01, 2012 at 08:18 PM

RF

“ *Rita Farrell-Williams And Family lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**Rita Farrell-Williams and Family** - December 01, 2012 at 07:58 PM

TF

“ *THE GARRETT FAMILY lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**THE GARRETT FAMILY** - December 01, 2012 at 07:31 PM

TF

*THE GARRETT FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF "PRECIOUS" WE ONLY KNEW HIM A SHORT TIME BUT WE HAD SOME JOYOUS OCCASIONS WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY. "TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD"*

**THE GARRETT FAMILY** - December 01, 2012 at 07:36 PM

KJ

“ Kimberlee "niecey" Johnson lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



kimberlee "niecey" Johnson - December 01, 2012 at 10:43 AM

EP

“ Eddie Parker lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Eddie Parker - December 01, 2012 at 08:55 AM



“ Vivian Wright-Brewer lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Vivian Wright-Brewer - December 01, 2012 at 08:39 AM

SM

“ Sam & Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Sam & Deborah Mack - November 30, 2012 at 08:16 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Yvonne Corley - November 30, 2012 at 07:45 PM

OD

“ To the McMillan family we Know that Precious will be greatly missed by allthat knew him just thank God for the joyus, momentous momements that you can reflect on and Im sure that they will lift your spirits and remember that God will see you through this time of sorrow. Love Peace andand be strong. The Carruth family



odeaniacarruth - November 30, 2012 at 04:35 PM

MC

“ Missionary Pamela J. Dottery & Children lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Missionary Pamela J. Dottery & Children - November 30, 2012 at 03:36 PM

LA

“ Letha Adams lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Letha Adams - November 30, 2012 at 02:29 PM

AT

“ Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Annette Turner - November 30, 2012 at 02:20 PM

MV

“ Mr. & Mrs. Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Linda Veasley - November 30, 2012 at 12:47 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**Dona Austin-Bigby** - November 30, 2012 at 11:13 AM

HJ

“ *Houston & Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**Houston & Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - November 30, 2012 at 10:21 AM

CG

“ *Charles & Evelyn Garrett lit a candle in memory of James "Precious" McMillan Sr.*



**Charles & Evelyn Garrett** - November 30, 2012 at 10:00 AM

SW

*TO THE McMILLAN FAMILY PRECIOUS AND KATE'S GIRLS FIRST BABYSITTER I SEND MY LOVE TO YOU LL BE STRONG.BLESS YOU ALL,SHIRLEY WARREN AND THE WARREN FAMILY*

**SHIRLEY WARREN** - November 30, 2012 at 05:56 PM

EW

*To The McMillan family may God contiuie to bless each of you as you go through the loss of your love one (Mr. Precious)*

**Ellis Williams** - December 04, 2012 at 09:56 AM

DH

*thank you for your kindness through this difficult time love you both Delphine And the Entire McMillan family*

**Delphine Elaine Hopkins** - December 06, 2012 at 03:06 PM