



Rev. James Oron Whitley

September 21, 1941 - December 20, 2024

Rev. James Oron Whitley, age 83 of Sylvania, passed away on Friday, December 20, 2024 at his residence. Funeral service is Monday, December 23, 2024 at 12:00 pm in Old Sardis Free Holiness Church with Rev. Shirley Byrum, Rev. Ray Davis, Bro. McCoy Wooten & Bro. Gabriel Nix officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Lawn Memorial Park.

Rainsville Funeral Home, Inc. directing www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com

Family will receive friends on Sunday, December 22nd from 12PM-8PM & Monday, December 23rd from 9AM-11:30AM at Rainsville Funeral Home.

Bro. Oron was pastor of Old Sardis Holiness Church from 1986-2024. He was a loving husband of 64 years, a wonderful father, the best papa ever and loved by everyone who knew him. He received the Holy Ghost July 4, 1974 and was called to preach soon afterward. He was sent by the Lord to Old Sardis Free Holiness Church where he was the pastor for 38 years. His life dedication was to his church & family.

Survivors

Wife of 64 Years: Jessie Mae Whitley of Sylvania

Son: Jamie Lee Whitley of Sylvania

Foster Son: Travis Raulston of Bridgeport

Daughters: Renee Whitley of Sylvania
Lynn (Roger) Brown of Flat Rock
Sherry (Donald) Harris of Madison
Brother: Bithel (Darlene) Whitley of Flat Rock
11 Grandchildren
21 Great Grandchildren
2 Great Great Grandchildren

Preceded in Death

Parents: James & Eva Jane (Tib) Whitley
Brother: John Whitley
Sister: Fay Gentry
Sons: Curtis & Darren Whitley
Granddaughters: Crissy Tyndall
Katie Brown

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Memorial Park

1306-1398 SR-73
Bryant, AL 35958

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rainsville Funeral Home
498 Mccurdy Ave N
Rainsville, AL 35986
(256) 638-2122
<https://www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

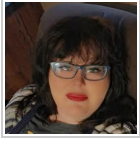
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Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Old Sardis Holiness Church
Section, AL 35771

Tribute Wall



“ *BRO Oron was a huge part of our family. I remember growing up as a kid at Ole Sardis. Him & Jessie Mae always came & visited my Maw Maw Paw Paw Cooks to pray with them after my Maw Maw Cook had her stroke.* ”

Brandy Sharpley - December 24, 2024 at 11:19 AM

RK

“ *Robin Kirby lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Oron Whitley* ”



Robin Kirby - December 23, 2024 at 08:39 PM

NK

“ *As I married into a family from Old Sardis, I not only gained a family but I gained a new father in the Lord. I was not around Bro. Oron much in my younger days, but I have watch his ways and heard his sermons these past several years. Something that will last forever with me. Bro. Oron and Sis. Jessie Mae welcomed me with open arms. They showered me with love. I love what he stood for. We were blessed to be the second to the last couple he married.* ”



Noah Key - December 23, 2024 at 06:10 PM

SN

“ *Wonderful Example . He will be missed in the Way of Holiness !*



Sister Brooke Nix - December 22, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JN

“ *Jonathon, Anna, & Aaron Nappier lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Oron Whitley*



Jonathon, Anna, & Aaron Nappier - December 22, 2024 at 12:18 PM

PG

“ *So sorry for your loss sending prayers an love*
🙏❤️



Pam Gilbert - December 22, 2024 at 02:53 AM

BK

“ *Barry & Kathy lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Oron Whitley*



Barry & Kathy - December 21, 2024 at 11:44 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. James Oron Whitley.



December 21, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ Johnny & Shelia Trotman



shelia trotman - December 21, 2024 at 10:49 PM



“ Crown Point Holiness Church purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. James Oron Whitley.



Crown Point Holiness Church - December 21, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ Love and prayers



Lisa Brown - December 21, 2024 at 09:52 PM

NL

“ NCA Frito Lay purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rev. James Oron Whitley.



NCA Frito Lay - December 21, 2024 at 09:33 PM

AC

“ Aimee Clines lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Oron Whitley



Aimee Clines - December 21, 2024 at 07:53 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry for your loss 😞 Years ago y'all's family became ours. So many wonderful memories we all share together. Br. Oron & Sis. Jessie Mae will always be known as Uncle Oron & Aunt Jess my other parents



Aunt Jess, Renee, Lynn, Sherry & Jamie we love y'all & your families more than words can express ❤️

Bev & DeWayne Carroll

Hosea Atchley family



Bev @ DeWayne Carroll - December 21, 2024 at 07:33 PM

LM

“ Leslie Regina Morgan lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Oron Whitley



Leslie Regina Morgan - December 21, 2024 at 06:46 PM

LM

Bro. Oron was a wonderful man and minister. He held for the truth to the very end! He was beside me and Leslie the night we received the Holy Ghost, at different times and different churches. I remember how he helped me so much to believe what the Lord was doing for me. I know that the Lord led him that night! I'll never forget that as long as I have my right mind. We loved bro. Oron dearly and we love his family so much! Our prayers are with each one of u that God will comfort and bless u with many sweet memories and blessings!

Leslie Regina Morgan - December 21, 2024 at 07:02 PM

DP

“ Denease, Lupe & Joshua Chaparro Prayers lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Oron Whitley



Denease, Lupe & Joshua Chaparro prayers - December 21, 2024 at 06:29 PM

JB

“ Bro. Oron was one of the greatest men I have ever known! I knew him my whole life and he played a big part in leading me to the Lord, and for that, I am forever grateful! I love this family so much and you all will be in my thoughts and prayers!



Jennifer Baker - December 21, 2024 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ Joe & Patricia Cook & Brooklyn lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Oron Whitley



Joe & Patricia Cook & Brooklyn - December 21, 2024 at 06:14 PM

YB

“ I grew up with and love this whole family. My deepest condolences. Youthel Brown



Youthel Brown - December 21, 2024 at 06:06 PM

MD

“ The Greatest Man anyone could have ever known.



Michael Dietz - December 21, 2024 at 05:52 PM