



## James E. Harrell

December 10, 1954 - June 20, 2018

James (Jimmy, Jaime) Edward Harrell, 63 left us for a better place Wednesday morning while sleeping. A few years of heart disease complicated by failing liver and kidneys lead to him going away from us and to the arms of his Lord. Our loss but his gain!

Born and raised in New Haven James showed an early talent for music far beyond his years. At a very young age he played with some nationally known musical groups as well as with extremely talented local musicians. Music came so easily to him. R & B and later Gospel music flowed from him like water in a river.

A kind and gentle man.

Unfortunately for James his talent often collided with the seedier distractions of life. As James has said "What should have been the happiest time of my life became a nightmare of travelling, partying and drugs. Especially the drugs. Many times I lost my freedom (both physically and spiritually) and lost my family as I gave in to the empty promises of drugs and addiction."

Fortunately in his later years James became more like Lazarus - a dead man given his life back. Jesus spoke to James. Called him out of his tomb. Drugs became a past memory. God cleaned him up and like Lazarus told him to LIVE AGAIN! Live again he did performing and writing some of the best Gospel music around and amazing those who knew a different James.

He was dead but he is not dead any longer! A celebration of James's life will be held Friday (June 29, 2018) 7 PM at the Miracle Temple Church of God,

1382 Dixwell Ave Hamden CT. Please call (203) 248-0857 for details.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **29**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Miracle Temple Church of God  
1382 Dixwell Avenue  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family:*

*At such a sad time in life may you be filled with peace of mind knowing that God in heaven will rescue those from hardships and save those who are brokenhearted and crushed in spirit (Ps 34:18, 19).*

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**Timothy G** - June 28, 2018 at 06:12 PM

CA

“ *I met Jamie in the early 70's. We were in a band called "The Classified Edition". He played bass guitar and was very passionate about his music. Although I've been living in Michigan for many years, I heard that Jamie was very ill through social media.*

*R.I.P. Jamie*

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**Constance (Lawhorn) Armstrong** - June 28, 2018 at 09:09 AM

ED

“ *Sunday night at the Hartford Correctional there was more than a couple teary-eyed men. Although most did not know James personally they were aware of him through his beautiful Gospel Music and his life story. James was a living example for them that miracles can and do happen. His life during the past 8 or so years give many men hope that they too could over-come their addictions and find a new life with Jesus. His songs, especially Somebody Still Cares and No More Fighting were frequently requested. His presence will be missed but his presence will also live in the men whose lives he touched and encouraged. Bars can not keep us from being free! Ed - Freedom Ministries.*

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**Ed D** - June 25, 2018 at 07:03 PM

“ Thank you Abba Father for the lessons that James helped us experience. We thank you for the loving patience with which you teach us your truth, and for the deeper meanings of life which lies hidden in sorrow, loss, and grief.

We praise your name for the revelation of your love in our Master Yeshua the Messiah, and for the hope set before us in the gospel. We know that deep in the human heart there is a trust that life does not end with death.

*Hebrews 13:20 Bible*

*20 The Elohim of peace brought the great shepherd of the sheep, our Master Yeshua, back to life through the blood of an eternal promise. 21 May this Elohim of peace prepare you to do every good thing he wants. May he work in us through Yeshua Christ to do what is pleasing to him. Glory belongs to Yeshua Christ forever. Amen.*

*A song for James*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

*Rainelle Harrell*

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**Rainelle Harrell** - June 25, 2018 at 01:07 PM

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“ *I will miss you uncle James , you taught me do much about life. I will never forget all the encouragement you gave me with music. I know more importantly, that you are in Gods kingdom. Thank you ,for teaching me about God and more importantly how to forgive and love everyone.*

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**Redger Hennah I** - June 25, 2018 at 03:56 AM