



## Mr. James Earl Maye

January 8, 1951 - October 19, 2022

JAMES EARL MAYE was born on January 8, 1951 to the late Ernest Maye, Jr and Alice Marie Moore Maye in Bethel, NC. He departed this earthly life October 19, 2022 at Edgecombe Rehabilitation Center Tarboro, NC.

Earl was a graduate of Bethel Union High School class of 1970. He accepted the Lord at an early age at Bethel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Bethel, NC. He later became a faithful member of Christ Community Church, Bethel, NC until his health failed. He loved singing and sang in the choir and with the gospel group, The Traveling Sons.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ernest, Lewis, Robert, Thomas, Kent "Marvin", Kenneth, Kevin, Ernest Suggs, and Zachary Benjamin.

Earl is survived by his wife, Annie Maye, Greenville, NC; sons, Lamont Maye (Mieshia) of San Diego, CA, Demetrio Maye of Winterville, NC; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; uncle, Willie Moore; aunts, Special Aunt Allie G, Highsmith, Louise Davis, Rosa Paige, Ruth Locke, Dorothy Brown; brother-in-law, Jimmy Howard; sisters-in law, Mary Frances Bunn, Joyce Thomas, and Diane Ewell; special cousin, Barbara Highsmith; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Viewing

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Community O.F.W.B Church  
177 Crawford Street  
Bethel, NC

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Community O.F.W.B Church  
177 Crawford Street  
Bethel, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program* ”

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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - October 29, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Mr. James Earl Maye* ”

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October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Shirley B Pickens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Maye* ”



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**Shirley B Pickens** - October 29, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *Diane/ Lindsay Howard And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Maye* ”



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**Diane/ Lindsay Howard and Family** - October 29, 2022 at 10:44 AM

DF

*Cousin, Earl, like a brother will be dearly, missed! May you find comfort in Knowing that God loves you! He Knows and He cares, as well as we all care! May He give you all the Strength and Peace to endure. Know that God is only a prayer away, and He holds you in the palms of His hands!*

*God's Grace and Peace be with you all! We love you!  
In our prayers!*

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**Diane/ Lindsay Howard and Family** - October 29, 2022 at 02:54 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Cherry lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Maye*



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**Gloria Cherry** - October 29, 2022 at 09:23 AM

EF

“ *Eula Jackson and Family lit a candle in memory of James Maye*



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**Eula Stokes Jackson and Family** - October 28, 2022 at 11:28 PM

JS

“ *Joe& Stencil lit a candle in memory of James Maye*



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**Joe& Diane-Carmack Stencil** - October 28, 2022 at 09:25 PM

CS

“ At a time when words are hard to find but love and care are deeply felt. Cousin Earl will be missed.



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**Christine Stokes** - October 28, 2022 at 07:58 PM

JW

“ I was blessed to spend some time with James Earl Maye back in June at the Bethel Union Class reunion where we were able to reminisce about our years together as classmates and relive the glory days for a weekend. Earl will always be remembered for his basketball skills and wonderful singing voice. He was a friend to all. Prayers and condolences to the family. We know that God never makes a mistake; and humbly submit to His will to call James Earl from labor to reward.



*Rest on my friend, see you in the morning,*

*Rev. James Russell Wilson, Class of 1970.*

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**James Russell Wilson** - October 28, 2022 at 06:18 PM

BC

“ Bonnie and Connie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Earl Maye.



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**Bonnie and Connie** - October 28, 2022 at 08:38 AM

JF

“ *Johnnie Hines and Family lit a candle in memory of James Maye*



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**Johnnie Mae Hines and Family** - October 27, 2022 at 11:31 AM

JN

“ *Jose And Nancy Nazario lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Maye*



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**Jose and Nancy Nazario** - October 27, 2022 at 11:30 AM

LA

“ *Lucian&Annette Anderson lit a candle in memory of James Maye*



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**Lucian&Annette Anderson** - October 27, 2022 at 09:59 AM

MS

“ *McKasha Spruill lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Maye*



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**McKasha Spruill** - October 27, 2022 at 09:14 AM

EG

“ *Ella Grimes lit a candle in memory of James Maye*



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**Ella Grimes** - October 26, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Earl Maye.*



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October 26, 2022 at 11:06 AM

HD

“ *Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Maye*



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**Hazel Brown Davis** - October 25, 2022 at 08:00 PM

SW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family praying that the good LORD give you all the strength to get through such a difficult time RIP Earl.*

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**Sharron K. Wilson** - October 25, 2022 at 07:31 PM

BH

“ *"Maye Boy" is what I called Earl. I loved my cousin and will miss him. Grateful for the memories I have of the times we were together until the end. Take your rest, Cuz*❤️

Barbara Highsmith - October 25, 2022 at 06:30 AM

RB

“ *The May family you have our condolences from your classmate. Robert and Minnie Brown*

Robert and Minnie Brown - October 24, 2022 at 09:26 PM

JW

“ *Rest Well Family, you're gonna be truly missed by everyone,*

Jeffrey Whitfield - October 24, 2022 at 05:01 PM

VP

“ *Condolences, Vernestine Clemons Paige*



Vernestine Clemons Paige - October 24, 2022 at 03:56 PM

DW

“ Remembering the May family from the little stone house on Smith Street, next to my grandfather's house. When we grew up in Bethel, I thought everyone one was related. While we were distant relatives, it felt like we were "close kin."

*Earl brought a lot of smiles and joy to a lot of people. If his passing makes you sad, I pray that your memories of him will make you smile.*

*Dianne Worsley Wilson*

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**Dianne Wilson** - October 23, 2022 at 11:15 PM

WL

“ We send our sincere condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with your during this difficult time. Earl has always been such a kind and friendly person each time we've come in contact with him. May his soul rest in peace.



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**William & Debra House Lee** - October 23, 2022 at 05:21 PM

RF

“ Rev.Milton Delorse Staton and Family lit a candle in memory of James May



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**Rev.Milton & Delorse Staton and Family** - October 23, 2022 at 09:10 AM

PT

“ *Pastor and Donnell Taylor lit a candle in memory of James May*



**Pastor James and Donnell Taylor** - October 23, 2022 at 02:03 AM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton Delorse Staton and Family lit a candle in memory of James May*



**Rev.Milton & Delorse Staton and Family** - October 21, 2022 at 11:06 PM

ZB

“ *Zachary Bunns lit a candle in memory of James May*



**Zachary Bunns** - October 21, 2022 at 08:16 PM

LT

“ *I've known every since high school. I can tell you that when he considered you a friend, he would share his very last dollar with you if there was a need. I will never forget our time together in the 82nd Airborne and our weekend trips back to Bethel. My family and I offer our deepest condolences to Earl's family and friends, and pray for the time that a memory of Earl will bring a smile to you lips before a tear to you eye.*

**Larry Thigpen** - October 21, 2022 at 01:56 PM

PC

“ *Praying For The Family That God Will Give You All The Strength Only God Can Heal A Broken Heart.* ”



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**Patrice Cox** - October 21, 2022 at 01:10 PM

PC

“ *Praying For The Family That God Will Strengthen You All Only God Can Heal A Broken Heart.* ”



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**Patrice Cox** - October 21, 2022 at 01:06 PM

EH

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers Are With The Family* ”



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - October 21, 2022 at 09:15 AM

CG

“ *“Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.”* ”

*Camilla J Griggs and Family*

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**Camille Griggs** - October 21, 2022 at 08:14 AM

SL

“ Our condolences goes out to the family of James Earl May, praying that God will keep you in perfect peace, and give you comfort and strengt h during this time and the time to come. God Bless,



STONEWALL LITTLE AND MILDRED LITTLE - October 20, 2022 at 10:25 PM

IE

“ Barbara, Mrs. Allie Gee, and Family of Earl May, you have our heart-felt sympathy. We know Earl truly appreciated you for the love and care given him over the years, especially during his illness. Barbara thank you for bringing Earl to our class reunion this past July. We were so happy to see him and have him share in the celebration. May God Bless you always for giving Earl so much of your time. Izora and Mack Ebron, Jr.

Izora Ebron - October 20, 2022 at 09:16 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - October 20, 2022 at 04:28 PM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton & Delorse Staton And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Maye*



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**Rev.Milton & Delorse Staton and Family** - October 20, 2022 at 02:45 PM