



## *James & Edna Together Forever!*

### *In Our Hearts*

*We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday,  
and the days before that too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have is memories,  
and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake,  
with which we'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping,  
We have you in our heart.*

### *Pallbearers*

James A. Clay  
Bill Hall

Sterling Shepard  
Norbert Butler

### *Flower Bearers*

The Nieces of James Clay

### *Interment*

Rose Hill Burial Park  
6001 N.W. Grand Blvd  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

### *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to express its sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.

SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

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"We Care"

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## *In Loving Memory of James E. Clay*



*Sunrise*

*August 20, 1935*

*Sunset*

*December 21, 2020*

### *Services*

Monday, December 28, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.  
TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.  
EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Pastor Rodney Payne - Officiating



# Obituary

James Earl Clay passed away from this life December 21, 2020 at the age of 85. He was born August 20, 1935 in Idabel, Oklahoma to Theodocia Parker and Henry Clay.

James grew up in Idabel and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. He earned a football scholarship and met his future wife, Edna Hudson. James and Edna married on September 10, 1955 and moved to Oklahoma City where James joined the Oklahoma City Fire Department and served with distinction until his retirement. From a young age, James was a budding entrepreneur who eventually built a successful plumbing company which supported his family and provided invaluable apprenticeships to countless numbers of young men. James also gave back to his community by providing free plumbing services to those in need.

James' hobbies included fishing, watching football, watching Westerns and spending time with his family. He was a warm and welcoming soul who loved his family and was full of intriguing stories and life-changing advice.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, Theodocia Parker and Henry Clay; siblings: Charles and Robert, and wife, Edna Clay. Survivors include his daughters: Corlis Clay McLeod and Cheri Clay Shepard and his son, James A. Clay; grandchildren: Lauren McLeod, Ashleigh Shepard, Kathleen Bonifassi (Brian), Sterling Shepard (Chanel) and Shelby Shepard and great grandchildren: Preston Torres, Cali Shepard, Cassie Shepard and Lennox Lozano.



## 23rd Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture Reading ..... Pastor Rodney Payne

Prayer ..... Pastor Rodney Payne

Solo ..... Kimberly Counter-Hasan

Obituary ..... Read in Silence

Solo ..... Anthony Zeigler

Eulogy ..... Pastor Rodney Payne

Video Tribute ..... Temple and Son-s Funeral Directors

Recessional ..... Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family