



## REVEREND JAMES F. MORRISON

Reverend James F. Morrison, age 63, a godly life ended Saturday, April 23, 2009. Reverend Morrison was born August 6, 1945 in Alto, the first child of Martin James York and Hazel Lee Morrison.

During his childhood Reverend Morrison was raised in various Churches in the Alto Community. He was also brought up at Ward Chapel AME, in Houston. Reverend Morrison attended and was ordained at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, in Houston. He was an honorary member of Greater New Hope MBC, in Lacy.

Reverend Morrison Pastored at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Old Washington, Saint Paul MBC in Jacksonville, Saint James MBC in Nacogdoches, Saint Matthers MBC in Nacogdoches, Rising Star MBC in Grapeland, Rose Hill MBC in Groveton and Pennington Chapel Baptist in Grapeland until death.

He was a member of Minister's Alliance, Liaison of Ritter's Lake District Association, Faithful supporter of local little league and public school sports activities.

Reverend Morrison was united in marriage on June 25, 1977 to his loving wife, W. Jean Morrison, and they were blessed with four children.

Survivors include his wife W. Jean Morrison, of Trinity; three sons Juan Pierre Morrison, of Washington DC, Charles D. Smith and wife LaRonica, of Crockett and Martin James Morrison of Trinity; daughter Melva LaJean Morrison, of Trinity; father Martin James York, of Burton, S.C.; grandchildren Quindon J. Smith and Marcus J. Smith; sisters Dorothy Jackson, of Palestine, Louise Mosley, of Jacksonville, Toni Mack, of Tyler and Nettie R. Taylor, of Maywood, Ill.; brothers Anthony Morrison, of Palestine, Earnest Bowens, of Lubbock, Johnny Bowens, Robert Bowens, Alonzo Bowens, Ray Charles Bowens, Don Browning, all of Tyler and Martin James York, Jr., of Indianapolis, Ind.; aunts Willie Mae Wiley, of Kennard, Gracie Gibson, of Trinity and Doris Morrison, of Tyler; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends who will always be in remembrance of his gentle smile and warm heart.

Preceded in death by his mother Hazel Lee Morrison; sisters Gloria Jean Mosely of Jackson, Esteen Shenault of Chicago, Ill.; and grandfather Rev. Hezekiah Morrison.

Funeral Services for Reverend James F. Morrison were held Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Chapel AME in Alto with the Rev. Bill Burton, the Rev. Precious Gibson and the Rev. Melvin Smith officiating.

Active Pallbearers were Jeffery Davis, Willie Shepard, Suvella Waller, Ernest Walker, Gus L. Walker, Rev. Donald Jordan, Arthur Punch and Ernest Walker.

Honorary Pallbearers were Juan Pierre Morrison, Martin James Smith, Raymond Smith Jr., Bill Akens Jr., Charles Daniel Smith, Leotis Smith and Bill Akens.

**Family Mortuary**