



# James Shields

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James Mack Shields was born March 9, 1923, in Como, Mississippi, the youngest of Mack and LeeAnn Shields' seven children. The Shields family moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where James attended vocational school and received a diploma. James relocated to Cleveland in 1938 and immediately was blessed with several job opportunities before settling in as a truck driver at Republic Steel. He was employed until his retirement. James took an active part in the ministry of Second Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a member for more than 60 years.

James married Ima Jean Mosley November 18, 1944, and when their only child, Gwendolyn Jean, was born it was on March 9, sharing his birthday. Ima preceded James in death.

Proud of his family whom he loved very much, James returned to Missouri after retiring, to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren. He joined the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Florissant, Missouri.

James loved to sing. He enjoyed watching professional basketball and baseball. In fact, he remained a devoted Cleveland Indians fan even after leaving the city. He loved to bowl, and his team won several trophies and tournaments, traveling to various cities around the country.

Active and independent, James lived on his own. When he passed away Wednesday, September 7, 2016, Gwen and Al were at his side.

James' legacy of love includes: his daughter ~ Gwen (Al) of St. Louis,



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MO; grandchildren ~ Richael (Rick) of St. Louis, MO and Rosalind (Joshua) of Memphis, TN and Terron of Florissant, MO; five great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law; a number of nieces, nephews and many friends. Also, very special to him were: Verdale Claxton (Sheri) and grandchildren of Atlanta, GA, as well as Donetta Claxton and son of Cleveland, OH.

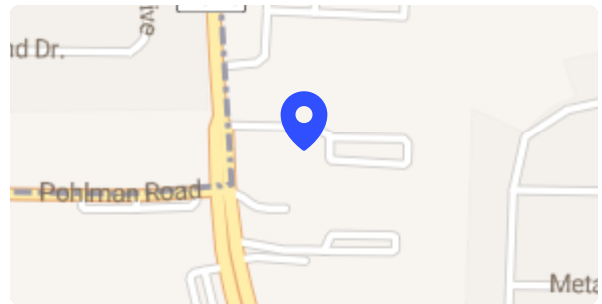


### Visitation

**Thursday**, September 15, 2016

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

**McClendon Mortuary and Cremation Services**  
12140 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant MO  
63033

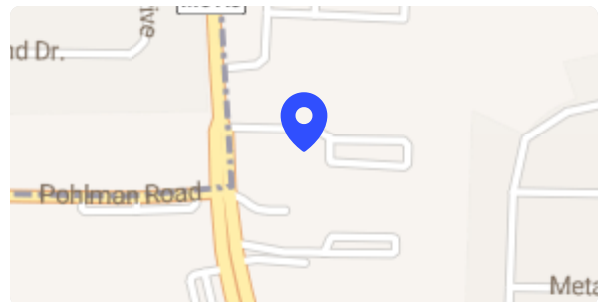


### Visitation

**Friday**, September 16, 2016

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

**McClendon Mortuary and Cremation Services**  
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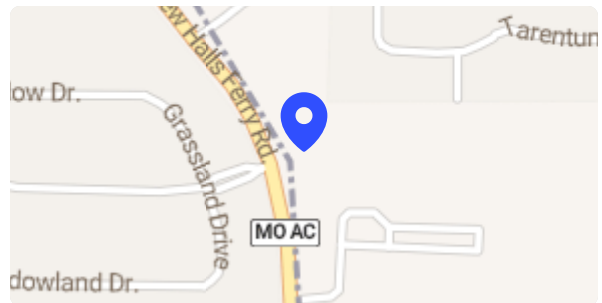


### Service

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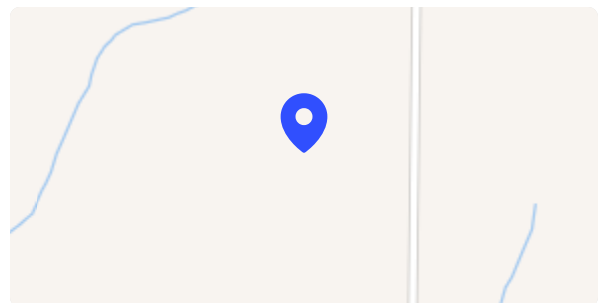
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CT

**Olivet Baptist Church**  
12200 New Halls Ferry Rd., Florissant MO 63033



### Cemetery Details

**St. Peters Cemetery**  
MO





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