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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024, 11AM-1PM, WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 1 PM, CITY OF FAITH, 1001 GOLDCREST DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172; INTERMENT, SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL.

James Richard Hilliard was born August 26, 1953 to his late parents Richard and Eunice Hilliard.

He was a 1971 graduate of Springfield High School. He was employed by Delight Products for more than thirty years as a Line 3 operator.

James professed a hope in Christ at an early age and later was baptized in the name of Jesus and filled with the Holy Ghost in October 1971 at Bethel Apostolic Temple under the leadership of the late Pastor Margaret S. Coutts. There he remained a faithful member until his call to start Calvary Temple in 1998.

Elder Hilliard founded and pastored Calvary Temple from August 18, 1998 to May 18, 2010 where a lasting bond remained with the members.

He and Dr. Hilliard were ordained as Pastor/Elders by Prophetic Miracle Ministries Worldwide (PMMW) Inc. December 1998 in Montgomery, AL and remained under the tutelage of Apostle Leo S. Lewis, Sr. Elder Hilliard fellowship with PMMW Churches until returning from Nashville to Springfield, at which time, he joined City of Faith International under Pastor Robert A. Gardner. There he remained faithful until his health began to fail. He was a Deacon, Usher, Van Driver and a COF Men Choir member.

Elder Hilliard was preceded in death along with his parents; and one sister, Alice Fay Hilliard.

On June 6, 2024, he departed this life leaving those to cherish his memories: his devoted wife of 44 1/2 years, Clister Kay Hilliard; son, Julius Fisher of Nashville, TN; daughters, Mexina Fisher of Springfield, TN, OrMonda (Derrick) Gregory of Springfield, TN and Jessica (Bishop Leo Jr.) Lewis of Pike Road, AL; eight grandchildren, Montreal Fisher, Ormondria Gardner, Martez Fisher, Keeonna Elliott, MaKayla Dowlen, Jazni Lewis,

L'Oneal Lewis, and Leo Lewis, III; two great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Ambuehl and Onaje` Esaw; three brothers, Deacon Winston (Evangelist Mira) Hilliard, Brother David and Deacon Larry (LaTonya) Hilliard; three sisters, Minister Mary E. Gardner, Minister Margie McKissick and Lady-elect Elaine (Elder Samuel) Anderson. He had a total of five brothers-in-law, seven sisters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; two devoted adopted sons, Jeff Thomas, Sr., and Earl Johnson; adopted daughters, Sherry Johnson, Elder Theresa Sampy and Minister Elizabeth Ivey; special friends, Ralph Dotson, Sr., Mathis Vaughn, Lee Woodard, Deacon Sam M. Maitsi, Deacon Carlos Lynch and Deacon David Elliott.