



**W. D. CROWDER FUNERAL HOME**

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**ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, SUNDAY, SEPT 19, 2-3 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 3 PM AT CITY OF FAITH CHURCH, 1001 GOLDCREST DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, TN; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN**

**James Riley Gardner was born September 14, 1937, in Cedar Hill, Tennessee. He was called home to be with the Lord on September 7, 2021 from the Waters of Winchester in Winchester, Tennessee.**

**He is preceded in death by mother, Elnora Dowdy; father, Aaron Gardner; brothers, Robert Aaron Gardner Sr, Joseph Gardner, Frank Gardner; sisters, Glodena Gardner, Martha Gardner, Goldie Gardner, and Dorothy J. Hines.**

**James was a graduate of Bransford High School. He attended Tennessee State University where he pursued music. His love for music led him to play in bands, as well as play for several local gospel groups.**

**He also had a career as an electrician and was employed by Tennessee Lightning and Appliance for many years until his retirement.**

**James was married to Florence Ann Tyler on October 1, 1960 for forty-three years. She preceded him in death on February 26, 2004. To this union was born four children, three daughters and one son.**

**James gave his life to Christ at an early age, and later was baptized in Jesus' name, was filled with the Holy Ghost and attended Greater Faith Church, now known as City of Faith International.**

**He leaves to cherish his memory four children, Teresa Gardner, James (Cecelia) Gardner, Lisa (William) Savage, and Sonya Gardner, all of Springfield, Tennessee; one sister, Nora (Joseph) Smith. He also leaves five grandchildren; Roderick Gardner, Roslyn Gardner, Jeffrey Thomas, Nicole Gardner, and Letricia Gardner. To his memory he also leaves great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.**