



## James Nelson

December 24, 1959 - September 18, 2024

On September 18, 2024 Mr. James Nelson made his earthly departure as he transitioned from life to eternal life. James Nelson, son of the late Johnnie B. and Dorothy Mae Nelson was born on December 24, 1959 in New Haven, Connecticut at Yale Hospital. He was preceded in death by his wife, Angela Pauline Nelson.

James was a devoted husband and father who dedicated his life to serving others. Affectionately known as Porkchop or Chop by his family and friends, he had a golden heart. His kindness and beautiful personality blessed everyone he came in with. James graduated from Eli Whitney with his degree in culinary arts. He went on to become a chef employed for 42 years at Advance Nursing and Rehabilitation Center formerly known as The Jewish Home for the Aged.

He was joined in holy matrimony in 1988 to Angela Sayles-Nelson for 29 years until the Lord called her home in 2017.

In 1994, James made the best decision of his life when he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior under the leadership of Bishop Frankie and Dr. Kim Carmichael at Kingdom Love Center Ministries. There he served wholeheartedly as a Deacon.

James leaves to cherish and honor his memory: a loving son, Jaleem (Katina) Sayles Sr. and daughter Jameka Sayles; grandson, Jaleem Sayles Jr and granddaughter Kennise Staton godchildren Jericho and Jenesis Cubiz; all of New Haven his fiancé, Joyce Hunter of Hamden; three brothers Christopher(Evangeline) Nelson, Jeffrey Nelson, John Henry (Jean) Nelson all of New Haven. three sisters Johnnie Mae and Elizabeth Nelson of Salters, SC; Yvonne (Larry ) Roberson of VA and a host of relatives, church family and friends. He will forever live in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT 06519  
(203) 624-5505

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

OCT 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kingdom Love Center Ministries  
19 George Street  
Hamden, CT 06514

## Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kingdom Love Center Deliverance Ministry  
19 George St.  
Hamden, CT 06514

# Tribute Wall

IH

“ Send condolences from the Pritchett (Gomes/Howard) family 225Ashmun st ( Highrise). I remember memories of Porkchop from when I was just a youth. He was always a good person, always spoke or acknowledged me as a child call me lil Prich after my late brother Tony P.( Ant). Another thing is even up to recent you'd see him he'd give you that smile of his. Rest in eternal peace. Brickbabies for life. Mia



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**lami Howard** - October 06, 2024 at 07:17 AM

LM

“ To my family i send my condolences and sympathy cuzin james aka porkchop you will be sorely missed i know up in heaven you'll be rockin the latest dances with your swave style love you all

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**lashawn mccooy** - October 04, 2024 at 09:53 AM

LM

“ lashawn mccooy lit a candle in memory of James Nelson



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**lashawn mccooy** - October 04, 2024 at 09:39 AM

TD

“ My condolences 🙏❤️😞🙏



Terri Davis - October 03, 2024 at 12:19 AM

MG

“ Marilyn(McCoy) Grimes lit a candle in memory of James Nelson



Marilyn(McCoy) Grimes - October 02, 2024 at 10:05 PM

VB

“ To Jameka and family,

*So sorry for your loss. Deacon Nelson was such an awesome man of God, his dedication of service was impeccable. He was always on his post with that beautiful smile of his.*

*May all of the beautiful memories of him forever live in your hearts. He will be greatly missed.*

*May God comfort you all in this difficult time, as we lift you in our prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Verna Bishop & Family  
Charlotte, NC*



Verna Bishop - October 01, 2024 at 03:16 PM

DE

“ To the Nelson & Sayles Family,

*Mr. Nelson was a good family man, who took care of his family without hesitation. He would do anything, and everything to make sure the family was okay. Whatever the need was, he tried to resolve it. Whether in the household or extended family. This is a great loss but heavens gain.*

*I will be praying for the family as you all lay your fiancé, dad, grandfather, brother, uncle, brother in law, cousin and friend to rest. Remember that, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.*

*Debra & Calvin Stoner,III*

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**debra** - October 01, 2024 at 01:26 PM

DJ

“ *Still can't believe your not here , But I will always remember you coming to my aidin the kitchen @jewish home for the aged/*

*Advanced Nursing, you say, you good, I said no , I'm here to get the lunch for the adult day care, you show me everything was ready to go in a portable heating stove,your kindness was much needed , and since then became friends introduces me to your wife Angela 🕊 who was a semester and began making my uniform skirts , and I love the plants you both had growing beautifully in your home, Made you both rest in Heaven's Paradise 🕊*



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**Diana Johnson** - October 01, 2024 at 12:14 PM

HJ

“ My sincere condolences to the Nelson family  
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Hope Johnson - October 01, 2024 at 09:13 AM

KF

“ TO THE NELSON FAMILY MY  
CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS



Kelvan Fitzpatrick - September 30, 2024 at 10:08 PM

HP

“ To Nelson Family: Sending comfort on  
yourdearly “brick baby” Pork-chop. Going  
miss his smile 😊and was glad found an  
companion in his life, when working at Jewish  
Nursing Home always did his best to serve  
patients,staff,and different events they had.Now going home to  
share the talent of his Culinary skills with family and friends RIP 💕  
🙏



Helen C Powell - September 30, 2024 at 08:28 PM

AP

“ THE PerryJordan Family send their condolences pray for the Family  
💔💔💔🙏 you will be truly miss My favorite Dec. NELSON.

Alice Perry-Jordan - September 30, 2024 at 02:52 PM

SH

*Love you Deac*

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**Sybil Harrison** - September 30, 2024 at 05:05 PM

HS

*I send our condolences to the family. We are praying for comfort for you all, from the Simmons family. Rest in Peace Cuz.*

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**Horace Simmons** - September 30, 2024 at 05:09 PM