



Malachi James

June 9, 2011 - December 25, 2025

MALACHI C. JAMES OBITUARY

Today, we gather in the presence of God to honor, remember, and celebrate the life of Malachi Christopher James.

Malachi was born on June 9th, 2011, at Hartford Hospital and resided in Middletown, Connecticut. On December 25th, 2025, after attending a Christmas gathering, Malachi was traveling with his father, sister and niece when he was called home to be with the Lord. Though his time on earth was brief, his purpose was fulfilled, and his spirit touched countless lives.

Malachi was a freshman at Middletown High School and an active participant in STEAM

programs, like the “Prof Gallitto” basketball league, through the Middletown Recreation

Department, and ran track at Beaman Middle School. God gifted Malachi with a heart of

compassion, wisdom beyond his years, and a peacemaking spirit. He was known as a healer, a

negotiator, a “Roblox General” and a unifier—always striving to bring peace,

where there was
conflict.

Malachi walked in kindness. He carried a giving spirit, radiant light, and an infectious joy that drew people to him. He was honest, respectful, and deeply loved. His laughter lifted heavy hearts, and his humor reminded us all, to find joy even in difficult moments. Many considered him the heart of the community, because he lived out love, in action.

Malachi discovered early that his calling included service through creativity. He dreamed of becoming a culinary artist and found joy in cooking for others. At home, he was affectionately known as “The Cook King,” preparing breakfast with enthusiasm and openness, experimenting with flavors, and creating dishes and smoothies worthy to be shared. In this, he reflected the spirit of giving that God placed within him.

Malachi embraced God’s creation with wonder. He loved riding bikes with friends, swimming at Vets Park, running track, collecting rocks, playing video games, and basketball throughout Middletown. He cherished time at the lake with his mother and found peace at Crystal Lake and Wadsworth State Park in Middlefield, Connecticut, where watching the waterfalls reminded him of God’s presence and serenity.

Malachi also had a tender heart for cats—a true steward of God’s creatures. Known as a

“cat whisperer,” he tried to heal, shelter, and protect every stray cat he encountered. At home, he

would carry his beloved cat, Smokeydoke—also known as Pantha—over his shoulder and

lovingly say, “Okay Mom, I’m going to bed,” a simple moment now treasured forever.

Malachi leaves, to cherish his memory, his loving mother, Holli Holloway; his father, Thomas

Christopher James; his siblings, Cheyann Alicia Smith, Christiana James, Tianna James Taylor

and brother Thomas James; on his maternal side, his grandmother, Gloria Gilbert; aunts,

Tewanda Gilbert, Aziza Solomon; uncle Fidel Solomon and God aunts Anne Marie Williams and

Lael Marie Saez ; on his paternal side his grandmother, Annie James-Curry and her husband;

aunt and godmother Ruby Brunson; aunts Joann Hill and Tesia Hill and a host of nieces,

nephews and cousins. He was joyfully reunited in heaven with his maternal grandfather, Joseph

Holloway; and his paternal grandfather, Willie James and uncle Willie James Jr.

Though our hearts are heavy, we trust God’s promise that to be absent from the body is to be

present with the Lord. Malachi’s light will not fade—it was simply transferred prematurely from

earth to eternity. His love remains, his spirit lives on, and his legacy will

continue to shine
through every life he touched.
“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

FAMILY APRECIATION from Holli Holloway

Through the out pouring of support and care that I have received from my family, dear friends and the Middletown Community; I know Malachi is loved and I appreciate you. Special thanks: to my family and dear friends: Superintendent Dr. Alan Addley, Assistant Superintendent Jen Cannata, Mayor Gene Nocera & Mrs. Karen Nocera for your out pouring of love and support. Mother’s United Against Violence, Debra Davis, Reverend Brown, for your support on the behalf of the Hartford Community and standing in the gap for Malachi’s legacy for change in the city of Hartford. Detective Bradford and Hartford Police Department, Justin Vitols & My Middletown Home Depot family. Ms. Mckenna, school counselor for your encouragement and support during this time of bereavement. Principal Mertel, Mrs. Stephanie Zak and the Choir, Mrs. Amanda, and the wonderful teachers of Spencer Elementary School, Beaman Middle School and Middletown High School. Jedda Williams, Royael Saez, Clarice Gilbert, Ebony Peak, Akera Robotham, Nearin Blackwell, Tisha Belin, Colette Wilson and Middletown and Hartford Communities

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

307 Bow Lane
Middletown, CT 06457

Previous Events

Calling Hour

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cross A.M.E. Zion Church
440 West Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Malachi is truly missed and loved. I remember happy times when he was over his grandparents' home in Hartford. His smile and energy...may God comfort his parents, family, and friends.*
Sis. Jackie Miller-Black



Jackie Miller-Black - February 06 at 11:03 PM

CM

“ *Sending Hugs Prayers and Condolences to the Family Love Cherry and Family*

Cherry Martin - February 05 at 10:39 AM

AF

“ *Aziza & Fidel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malachi James.*

Aziza & Fidel - February 02 at 10:41 AM

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“ *Aziza & Fidel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Malachi James.*



Aziza & Fidel - February 02 at 10:41 AM

YB

“ I saw a quote that said "What if every time you think of them, it's because they are telling a story about you in Heaven!" And that made me smile.
May the Comforter rest gently upon your heart!!! 🌈 🕊️ 💜



Yvonne Brown - January 30 at 08:25 AM

DM

“ Dana McGriff lit a candle in memory of Malachi James



Dana McGriff - January 30 at 07:18 AM



“ Robin Williams lit a candle in memory of Malachi James



Robin Williams - January 28 at 09:27 PM

RO

“ *What a beautiful soul. A young man with extraordinary potential who had a vision for his life. May we forever honor his legacy and all he has contributed in his short time here. May we continue to strive for excellence in Malachi's honor. Love you Holli and God bless you and our families during this unimaginable time. Stay strong, keep leaning on Jesus and God will see you through. Asé from the Williams & Saez family as well as the John & Clarkie White Cherokee tribe* 💙



Royael - January 28 at 12:00 PM

JW

My condolences 🙏❤️❤️❤️ from Joan, Junior and DeAndre White families

Joan white - January 30 at 12:34 PM