



**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Deacon James Edward Grier**

Blessed is the man that walketh in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”
Psalm 1:1-3

On the morning of June 14, 2025, with wave of his hand and tear from his eye, our beloved Daddy, Granddaddy, and Uncle bid farewell to this world and “caught the wings of the morning” to his eternal home.

Deacon James Grier accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 12 at Center Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC. After over 50 years as a member of Center Baptist Church Gastonia, NC he later united with Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC until his death.

Deacon James Grier was the second child born on June 24, 1926, in Gastonia, NC to the late Leland and Pearl Stowe Grier. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Lillian Louise Williams Grier, his son, Edward Bernard Grier, his father, Leland Grier, his mother, Pearl Stowe Grier, two brothers Odell Grier, Robert Grier and two sisters, Catherine Grier Pierce Spencer and Helon Grier Whitworth.

Deacon Grier was a man of God. He loved the Lord and served Him. While at Center Baptist Church, he was ordained as a deacon under the leadership of Rev. H.B. Washington. He served as Chairman of the Trustees, Sunday School Superintendent, President of the Usher Board, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee, Church Treasurer, member of the Finance Committee, Musical Choir and Brotherhood for the upbuilding of God’s Kingdom.

He attended Reid High School in Belmont, NC. He served in the US Navy and after being honorably discharged, he married the love of his life, Lillian Williams Grier. He was a provider for his family making sure their spiritual and physical needs were met. He was educated and wise and gave spiritual advice to his family and always told them to “trust God.” Deacon Grier received various awards and certificates throughout his life. He retired from Freightliner in Mt. Holly, NC. Deacon Grier was well-respected and much loved in his community.

He is survived by four daughters: Ms. Nellie R. Stowe of Gastonia, NC; Mrs. Karen Grier Seigle of Gastonia, NC, Ms. Lillian “Evon” Grier Robbins of Gastonia, NC and Dr. Sherry Grier Veasey (John) of Wilmington, NC; two sons, Mr. James “Anthony” Grier (Melinda) of Gastonia, NC and Mr. Van J. Grier (Sureva.) of Greensboro, NC; one grandson, five granddaughters, nine great granddaughters, twelve great grandsons, three great great grandsons and one great great granddaughter, six nieces and four nephews. Daddy is finally home.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude
Processional
Receiving Friends..... 12:30 pm –1:00 pm
CALL TO WORSHIPRev. Robert O. Setzer
HYMN #249“Blessed Assurance”Combined Choirs
SCRIPTURE
Old Testament: Psalms 23Rev. Brenda Harris
New Testament: Rev. 21: 1-4Rev. Thomas Gillespie
PRAYER OF COMFORTRev. Dr. Pierre Crawford
SONG“When the Battle of Life is Over”Combined Choirs
REFLECTIONS & REMARKS.....(Limit 2 minutes)
Mr. James Hart, Community
Mr. William Powell, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Deacon Keith Connor, Center Baptist Church
Rev. Ricky Pierce, Family

RESOLUTIONS.....Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC
Center Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC

Obituary (SILENT READING)
SOLO.....Minister Sharon Gray
EULOGY.....Rev. Robert O. Setzer
SONG“ What Are They Doing in Heaven” ...Combined Choirs
RECESSIONAL....” I Can Only Imagine”Rosemary McDowell

Earthly Resting Place
Gaston Memorial Park Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina



THE ROAD

I lived my life the best I could,
I chose my path just like I should.
The road has ended now you see,
My soul and spirit have been set free.

Those I left behind to mourn,
The ones I’ve helped and watched be born,
My children I loved and cherished so much,
The ones I leaned on, they were my crutch.

They were there in the past few days,
For the late night visits and overnight stays,
Now I must travel this road alone,
With nothing to carry, just these old bones.

Remember me for the good times and bad.
Remember the smile I always had.
These are the things to remember me for,
I gave all I had and so much more.

Appreciate the things that life have to give,
You only have the one life to live.
So take the time to live it right,
Then you can see God’s heavenly light.

Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. James E. Grier would like to thank Dr. Gary Schenk, Sr. and staff, Cornerstone Home Health, Carolina Hospice Staff, and Right at Home Director John and staff for the care provided to our Dad.

Special thanks to Ms. Patricia McKnight and Dorothy McKnight for calling to check on Dad. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many deeds and expressions of love shown to us during this time of our loved one’s illness and passing. We sincerely appreciate all that you have done..

– The Grier Family



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Home Going Celebration
Honoring the Life and Legacy of



Deacon

James Edward Grier

June 24, 1926 – June 14, 2025

Friday, June 20, 2025
1:00 PM
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Gastonia, North Carolina
Rev. Robert O. Setzer, Pastor