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The family of Elder William James Ross, Jr., wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God forever bless you.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
ELDER

WILLIAM
JAMES
Ross, Jr.

SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 27, 1962 SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | 1:00 PM

Pentecostal Apostolic Church of Christ
125 W. Zion Church Road, Shelby, NC

Dr. Melvin L. Clark, Officiating Pastor
Bishop Avan Mitchell, Words of Comfort

Celebrating
A Life Of Faith

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

William James Ross Jr.

WRITTEN BY SISTER EZRA ROSS-SAUNDERS

Though your voice is silent now,
Your laughter fills our days,
The love you gave still carries on,
A glow that will not fade.

A father's pride lives in your sons,
Three men who bear your name,
The family you raised with pride and love
Now walks the path you made.

Your grandchildren will know your love
Through stories that we share,
Each smile and strength they show in life
Reminds us you are there.

To six dear sisters, two strong brothers,
You were a guiding hand,
A bond that time cannot erase,
Together still we stand.

You join our dear mother and brother now,
Together in heaven's embrace,
Though we grieve the loss here on earth,
We take comfort in God's grace.

The ties of love that bind us all
Will never fade away,
For in our hearts, your presence lives,
And walks with us each day.

Though heaven called you home too soon,
Your spirit shines above,
We'll meet again in God's own time,
And share eternal love.





Order Of Service



Officiating Pastor Dr. Melvin L. Clark

Prelude & Processional

Receiving of Friends 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Congregational Hymn Washington MBC Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Reverend Marvin Leary

New Testament Mrs. Lisa Spikes

Prayer of Comfort Clergy

Solo Mrs. Kristie Littlejohn

Poem Ms. Ezra Ross-Saunders

Solo Mrs. Brenda Padgett

Remarks (Please limit to 2 minutes) Family & Friends

Family Acknowledgement & Remarks Ms. Patricia Ross

Selection "Cooling Waters" Washington MBC Choir

Words of Comfort Bishop Avan Mitchell

Recessional Selection Washington MBC Choir



THE LIFE & LEGACY OF
ELDER
WILLIAM
JAMES
Ross, Jr.

Elder William James Ross Jr., 63, of Shelby, NC, departed this life on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at his residence. He was born on February 27, 1962 in Cleveland County, NC, to the late William James Ross Sr. and Virginia Louise Young Ross.

William attended Crest Senior High School, where he even drove the school bus while still a student. After graduation, he began working at Cone Mills before pursuing his lifelong passion for driving. He later became a truck driver for the North Carolina Department of Transportation, where he found joy and pride in a career spent behind the wheel.

He deeply loved his family and enjoyed working with people. Music was a lifelong passion, and he spent many hours playing the bass guitar and listening to his favorite songs at full volume. He also devoted his life to ministry as a member of the clergy and worshipped faithfully at Pentecostal Apostolic Church of Christ. His love for Christ and his strong faith in God were evident in the way he lived.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Kevin Lewis Ross.

He leaves to cherish fond memories to his children, James Antonio Ross (Antonnette), Cedric O'Brian Ross (Shanta), and Maurice Ross (Ashley); grandchildren, Amariyah Clardie, Ma'Shiya Clardie, Amariele Ross, and Amora Ross; great grandchild, A'myous Tate. He is also survived by brothers, Raymond Christopher Ross (Sarah); Ronald Shawn Ross (Pam); sisters, Patricia Ross, Ezra Mae Ross-Saunders, Lisa Spikes (Frank), Cheryl Brown, Ann Ross, and Melissa Thurman and Brenda Padgett (Matthew); aunts, Diane Young Wilson and Patricia Young; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.