



James Dalton Utsey

April 20, 1938 - February 7, 2026

Memorial Services for James Dalton Utsey, 87, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 4 p.m. at Cornerstone Assembly of God Church in Tyler with Reverend Thomas Saali officiating.

Dr. Utsey passed away Saturday, February 7, 2026 in Tyler. He was born April 20, 1938 in Houston to Oscar and Mable Utsey.

James was a member of Cornerstone Assembly of God church and the North Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God. He graduated from Tyler Junior College, The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA and a Minor in Art where he was a charter member of Chi Alpha, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry. He was an ordained minister for over fifty years with the Assemblies of God. He pastored churches in Texas, Arizona and Mississippi. He taught Bible and theology courses at Western Bible Institute, Southwestern Assemblies of God College now known as Nelson University, and at Calvary International Institute. He had a heart for discipling and preparing young people for ministry.

His hobbies included painting, landscaping, hiking, enjoying nature and reading.

James was preceded in death by his son, James Dalton Utsey Jr., and his

parents, Oscar and Mable Utsey. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 63 years, Sidney P. Utsey; daughter, Camille Adkisson; son in law, Kerry Adkisson; grandchildren, Ally and TJ Matelski and Zoe Adkisson; brother, Michael Utsey, and sister, Rebecca Anderson and other family and loving friends.

If desired, memorials may be made to Calvary Commission <https://calvarycommission.org>

The Michael J. Fox Foundation (Parkinson's research) <https://give.michaeljfox.org>

Pleasant Hills Children's Home
<https://www.pleasanthillchildrenshome.org>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 4:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Assembly of God Church
9107 Paluxy Dr.
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Dalton Utsey.*



February 20 at 09:24 PM



“ *Frankie, Wilma, Judy, Bruce, Greg, Jonie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Dalton Utsey.*



Frankie, Wilma, Judy, Bruce, Greg, Jonie - February 20 at 01:24 PM



“ *Ann M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Dalton Utsey.*



Ann M. - February 19 at 11:15 AM



“ *Ann M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Dalton Utsey.*

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Dalton Utsey.



February 19 at 09:54 AM



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“ Linda, Jon, David, and families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Dalton Utsey.



Linda, Jon, David, and families - February 16 at 09:51 PM