



## James Earl Rodgers

February 13, 1944 - May 18, 2006

**A TIME TO BE BORN:**James Earl “Tip” Rodgers, the son of the late HD and Bessie Rodgers, was born February 13, 1944, in Williamston, North Carolina.**A TIME TO BE BORN:**James, “Tip” as he was affectionately called, was educated in the public schools of Martin County, North Carolina. He graduated from E.J. Hayes High School. In 1966, he married Janice Wilks. Out of their love came two children.**A TIME TO SERVE:**James was a man of many capabilities. He always had an inquisitive mind. As a young boy, it greatly pleased him to take apart transistor radios, bicycles, etc., only reassemble them. He just had to know what made things “tick.” Not surprisingly, his mastermind would lead him to pursue a career with General Motors where he was able to continue to satisfy his curiosity and solve enigmas. In addition, he was a master builder. His trade of carpentry was an innate quality passed down through his lineage. “Tip” also loved people. He possessed such a genuine and charismatic spirit for his family and friends alike. He was a dedicated brother to his family and to the Brothers of the Essie Minor Lodge #40 B.P.O. Reindeer, Inc.**A TIME TO WORSHIP:**Having grown up in a Christian environment, Tip accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at an early age and joined the Cedar Hill Missionary Baptist Church where he attended Sunday school and church faithfully.**A TIME TO MOURN:**James Earl “Tip” Rodgers leaves to mourn: a daughter, Valerie Wilks, Baltimore, Maryland; grandchildren, Ashley Tates, Hilary Tates, Marcellus Rodgers, Anitra Rodgers; brothers, Warren Chester Rodgers (Faith), Parkville,

MD, HD Rodgers, Jr.,(Ruth), Irvington, NJ; sisters, Sadie R. Crews (Randy), Columbia, MD; Gertie R. Lewis (Bobby), Temple Hills, MD, Barbara R. Little, Williamston, NC; Betsy R. Wallace (Reginald), Williamston, NC; aunt, Louise "Posh" Mason, Owings Mill, MD; brother-in-law, Frank Wilks, Baltimore, MD; sisters-in-law, Ellen Artis (Samuel), Greenville, NC., Nellie Cobb, New York., Martha McInnis, Baltimore, MD., Verna Wilks, Washington, D C.; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends, Billy and Charlene Winkler. His wife, Janice and son, Jimmy preceded him in death. A TIME TO REST: James "Tip" unexpectedly, calmly left his earthly home just a little ahead of the rest of his family and friends. Death has no prejudices; it does not discriminate against age, race, creed, or color. To see our dear father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend again, we have an opportunity to live so that when we are called, we will not go like a quarry slave scourged to his dungeon at night, but rather, we will approach our grave with a sustaining and soothing trust. The scripture declares that there is hope for a resurrection for those who are prepared. We are saddened to lose our loved one today, but we bid him farewell. Our time is not God's time. So as there is a time for everything under the heave, we can only accept his departure with the hope of being reunited with him again. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him and loved him. Until we meet again, so long, our dear Tip; we loved you when you were with us and we will love you still.

# Tribute Wall



“ James Earl Rodgers

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“ To the family and friends: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Uncle James will always be in our hearts and memories. With Sympathy, The Wilks Family##imported-begin##Vanessa##imported-end##

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“ I am so very sorry that your family had to experience the pain of losing a loved one in death. What comforts my family at such times is the sure hope of the resurrection. Acts 24:15 tells us that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." May you be comforted dby the thought of being reunited with your dear loved one agin, meanwhile may the cherished memories of happier days bring you some comfort.##imported-begin##R Johnaonr##imported-end##

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“ Mr. James was well respected in the community. He has been around our family for many years doing small jobs or maybe just taking my son Michael to and from GM when he lived here. My husband was a lodge member at the the Essie Post on Preston Street for years and I know that he will truly be missed. God Bless the entire family.##imported-begin##Joann, Dwayne & Douglas Hill##imported-end##

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“ DEAR FAMILY, AS YOU COPE WITH THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. MAY YOU FIND COMFORT AND SOLACE IN THE BIBLE. AT (JOB 14:14,15) THERE WE FIND THAT GOD HAS A YEARNING TO BRING BACK OUR LOVED ONES BY MEANS OF A RESURRECTION. HE WANTS MANKIND TO ENJOY LIFE AND LIVE FOREVER. (PSALM 37:11,29) SOON THE EARTH WILL BE A GLOBAL PARADISE WHERE DEATH WILL BE NO MORE. (ISAIAH 25:8). MAY YOU ALL AS A FAMILY BE COMFORTED.##imported-begin##MICHELLE##imported-end##

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“ I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Rodgers. To loose such a love one can be a tragedy. May your family find comfort in the words of John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:3,4##imported-begin##Kashawn Smith##imported-end##

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“ You are in my prayers and my thoughts and my the Lord be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Topeka Totten##imported-end##

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