



## Otis Daniel Talley

May 6, 1940 - February 10, 2005

Otis Daniel Talley, son of the late Irving and Bettie Gravitt Talley, was born on May 6, 1940 in South Boston, Virginia. During the early morning hours of Thursday, February 10, 2005 a heavenly angel visited his bedside, closed his eyes and took him from labor to reward. Otis received his education in the Halifax County School System. He was baptized and received Christ as his Lord and Savior at the White Oak Fork Baptist Church in Halifax. He married the love of his life, Dorothy Mae Hayes in 1965. Shortly afterwards they moved to Baltimore seeking employment. Otis worked in the Baltimore school system as a custodial engineer for twenty-five years, while also working concurrently for Crane and Craine Realtors. Otis was gifted in many areas. There was no task too difficult for him to tackle and conquer whether it was electrical, plumbing, flooring, landscaping, chauffeuring or simply entertaining. Holidays and special days were spent at Otis and Dorothy's. His culinary skills were exceptional - from preparation of fried potatoes and onions, eggs and bunker hill beef to a dinner smorgasbord of any and everything from fried chicken to his famous sweet potato pies. Otis' culinary skills matched his full loving, warmhearted lovable personality. He could walk into a room of gloom and doom and fill it with joy and laughter. No one was a stranger to him. His presence at the family reunions in Virginia and other family gatherings were highlights of his life. Seeking a closer relationship with the Lord, Otis along with his loving wife Dorothy, joined New Shiloh Baptist Church several years ago and remained faithful until his death. He enjoyed the choirs immensely

and always wanted you to hear what his Pastor had preached about, often stating "he is a preaching man." Otis was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Arthur; two sisters, Nannie and Dorothy. He was a family man and would stop at nothing to ensure their happiness. He leaves to cherish wonderful memories: his loving and devoted wife of forty years, Dorothy; two devoted sons, Michael and Marc; two granddaughters, Tiara and Amber; a loving and devoted daughter-in-law, Lisa; one brother, Joseph Talley of Alexandria, Virginia; one sister, Elaine Talley of Fredericksburg, Va.; three aunts, Katie T. Williams, Gracie T. Stanfield and Cecil T. Crutchfield all of Va.; a devoted mother-in-law, Nellie Brooks; four sisters-in-law, Shirley Talley, Clara Lewis, Ann Knolls and Linda Hayes; three brothers-in-law, George (Jack) Tuck and Bishop Ralph Hayes of Halifax, Va. and Michael Lewis of Baltimore, Md.; two special friends, Haywood Tindall and Joseph Cross; a host of nieces (a devoted one, Barbara, who always had home grown veggies or special cured meats to send to Uncle Otis and Aunt Dorothy); a host of nephews (a devoted one who was often mistaken for his son, Ervin J.); cousins and other relatives and friends.

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“ LOVE ALWAYS REMEMBERS May tender memories soften your grief, May fond recollections bring you relief. May you find comfort and peace in the thought of the joy that knowing your loved one brought-- For time and space can never divide or keep your loved one from your side; When memory paints in colors true- The happy hours that belonged to you May God Bless You & Keep You###imported-begin###Elaine Erma & Destiny Talley###imported-end##

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“ A time like this is never easy and is always filled with pain. There are many who extend their hearts and hands to you, let them help you get through this tough time. May you find much comfort in what's stated in God's word at Revelation 21:4 & Isaiah 25:8. My sincere condolences are with your family and friends.###imported-begin###Josephine###imported-end##

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“ Dear Family and Friends, Please accept my condolences on the passing of your loved one. At times like this comfort is needed more than ever. Please find comfort in the scriptures. Malachi 3:16 states that Almighty God has a book of remembrance. He also promises that when he opens that book those that are in it will be brought back to life (John 5:28,29) and will never die again. Please let these scriptures comfort you in your time of need.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Our family finds much comfort and solace from the loving promises from God's Word. I would like to share one of these promises with you. Daniel 12:2- "And there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up, these to indefinitely lasting life." I hope this promise comforts you until that promised time takes place.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mr. Talley. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend. No doubt that when this enemy, death, arrives, it brings pain that cannot be compared to any other. In your time of sorrow, there is someone who understands exactly what you are going through and that is our Heavenly Father. He gives us such a wonderful tool in which we can gain comfort and that is His word, the bible. In it, at Isaiah 26:19, Jehovah God tells us: "Your dead ones will live. A corpse of mine-they will rise up. Awake and cry out joyfully, you residents in the dust..." The hope is not that we have to die to join our loved ones again, but that they will join us again through the resurrection. Just as He resurrected His Only-Begotten Son from the dead, He too will do the same for us. So, one day soon, you can have the opportunity to enjoy his company and smile again. Please compare these scriptures to your copy of the bible. Isaiah 25:8, John 5:28,29.##imported-begin##Denise Dukes##imported-end##

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. A person that is kind, helpful and generous is not easy to find. When we don't have them around life just isn't the same. The Bible gives us comfort to help us through difficult times. At Job 14:14, 15 it says- " If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait, Until my relief comes. You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning. " May you continue to find comfort from God's Word.##imported-begin##Joseph Hill##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 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 55:11 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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