



Rev. Lawrence M. Lanier

May 2, 1940 - March 26, 2026

Rev. Lawrence M. Lanier was born May 2, 1940 to the late Rev. Lawrence Lanier and Lillie Triggs Lanier Flournoy Watson in Madison County.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Hurts Chapel C.M.E. Church, beginning a lifelong journey of faith and service to God.

He received his education in the Madison County school system and graduated from East High School. After graduation he continued his studies at Lane College and later at Union University where he earned a degree in Theological Studies.

On January 17, 1976 he was united in holy matrimony to Emma Bond Lanier, and their union was blessed with one daughter.

Rev. Lanier had a deep love for the Lord and a passion for gospel music. He began singing at an early age with his family at home and in church. He especially loved playing the guitar. Answering his call to preach, he was ordained as a Deacon and Elder under Bishop William H. Graves. He pastored several CME Churches within the Brownsville Dyersburg District and the Jackson District.

He was a hardworking and devoted employee throughout his career. He

worked at Bemis Mill until its closure and later the Jackson Sun where he built many friendships among his coworkers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather; his brothers Wayne Joshua Flournoy, Joe Wesley Flournoy, and Major Franklin Flournoy; his sisters, Peggy Jean Flournoy and Rosette Lilly Larry, and a special niece who was raised with him Barbara Cheryl Flournoy-Heard.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 50 years Emma Bond Lanier, two daughters Laurice Lanier, Jackson TN and Stella Lolita Bristol, CT one son Wayne Lanier (Milly) Jackson TN and one stepson Bruce K. Bond, Beaumont, TX, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, two brothers Herbert Flournoy and Athen Flournoy (Margery) Saginaw MI, one sister Gloria Mason (Preston) Saginaw MI and a host of nieces, nephews cousins and friends.

Rev. Lanier leaves a legacy of devotion to God that will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
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Celebration of Life

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

QM

“ *Queen Merriweather lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Lanier*



Queen Merriweather - April 01 at 12:39 PM

NP

“ *Our sincere condolences go out to the Lanier and Flournoy Families. Praying God's strength upon each of you during this most difficult time.*

Minister Nettie Pruitt and family.

Nettie Pruitt - March 31 at 12:39 PM

WC

“ *Willie Cameron lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Lanier*



Willie Cameron - March 30 at 10:54 PM

TF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire Flournoy family. The Benson Family.*

The Benson Family - March 29 at 03:36 PM

LR

“ Love, Preston, Gloria, Trina and Reasia purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Rev. Lawrence M. Lanier.



Love, Preston, Gloria, Trina and Reasia - March 28 at 02:32 PM

LR

“ Love, Preston, Gloria, Trina and Reasia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Lawrence M. Lanier.

Love, Preston, Gloria, Trina and Reasia - March 28 at 02:32 PM

SF

“ Sarah Fredricks lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Lanier



Sarah Fredricks - March 28 at 12:19 AM

WC

“ Prayers for the families and friends 🙏🙏🙏!!



Willie Cameron - March 27 at 06:41 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cliff lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Lanier*



Mary Cliff - March 26 at 09:59 PM

 Sylvia Arn

“ *Sylvia Arn lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Lanier*



Sylvia Arn - March 26 at 08:14 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Lanier*



Mary Johnson - March 26 at 01:17 PM