



Rev. James P. Moragne Jr.

November 6, 1955 - October 4, 2025

James was born on November 6, 1955 to the parents of James and Mary Moragne in Abbeville, South Carolina. He was the second eldest of 5 children. The family relocated to Chicago, Illinois in 1963. James accepted Christ at the age 16 and was baptized at West Point Baptist Church.

James valued education and was a proud graduate of Kenwood High School. He went on to pursue higher education at Illinois State University.

James met Sylvia at Woodlawn Hospital where they both worked. He invited her to a Christmas Party however, she was his only guest. Their relationship blossomed and they were united in marriage on June 15, 1985. They had a blended family; he had one biological daughter and Sylvia had a son and a daughter.

James dedicated 25 years of service to Service Master Management Company, working in hospitals across Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. He later joined Coverall as a franchise owner demonstrating his entrepreneurial spirit. Eventually, he founded Alpha Cleaning Enterprise LLC, where he continued

his passion for business by securing multiple contracts throughout the state.

James received his license to preach in 1987 at Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois under the leadership of Rev. Silas Johnson. The FAMILY Relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in July 1987. He united with Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Kenneth Bowen. He was later ordained by the late Rev. Charles Thornhill. He served as Interim Pastor after the passing of Rev. Bowen until Rev. Thornhill became the Pastor.

James later united with Mount Zion under the leadership of Rev. Louis Sibley III, where he served as an Associate Minister, At Mt. Zion, James served in many ministries throughout the church, such as, Sunday School, Bible Study, Food Pantry, Mission & Courtyard Ministry. He took Biblical courses at Moody Institute of Theology.

James was a Preacher and a Teacher. He served faithfully until his health began to fail in 2024.

James considered himself as a Baller, Master Griller, a die-hard Chicago Bears fan and a mathematician. He was kindhearted and always saw the good in everyone. James departed this life on Saturday, October 4, 2025 under Hospice Care at Froedtert Hospital. He is preceded in death by his dad (James Moragne) sister (Shirley Moragne) and daughter (Shirida Davis).

He leaves to cherish his memories, his mother: Mary Moragne (Chicago, IL); his wife: Sylvia Moragne, (Milwaukee, WI); Siblings: Elaine Moragne, (Manhattan, NY), Joyce Moragne, (Crestwood, IL) and Michael Moragne, (Chicago, IL). Two children: Shouna Angion (Chicago,

IL) and Michael Washington

(Milwaukee, WI) Six grandchildren: Rahfee (Kirsten) Washington, South Milwaukee, WI, Tatiana Washington (Minneapolis, MN), Alphonso McKinney (Chicago, IL), Alyssa Mckinney (Chicago, IL), Christopher Davis (Kent, Ohio) and Michael Davis (Milwaukee., WI). Three God Children: Tonja Whittley, Tahje Whittley and Pierce Grey; one Great-God Son: Dylan Birrs (all of Milwaukee, WI) and deceased daughter best friend: Dorian Hafemann (Aubrey, TX). Host of nieces, nephews, in-laws and other family members, His "Homies" from Kenwood High School, childhood friends, and his Mount Moriah/Mount Zion church families.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion MBC
2207 N. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Rev. James Moragne was my best friend in college and during my young adult life.*

We worked together until our jobs sent us to different places. The people we worked with loved James as I did. He was conscientious, hard working and loyal. He always had my back and I tried to have his as well. Our memories are forever.

I will always miss you my friend until we see each other again on the other side.

Love forever, Ray Bentley

Ray Bentley - November 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

DH

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Moragne family for the loss of Rev James. “Pops” was a second dad to me since the age of 15, when I met his stepdaughter Sherida in high school, who became my best friend. I will miss seeing you when I come to visit. I will make sure that mom is okay, take your rest pops.*

*Love you always,
Dorian Hafemann*

Dorian Hafemann - October 08, 2025 at 11:07 PM

KG

My condolences to the MORAGNE family we grew up together in Chicago and attended the same schools!

Karen Gaines - October 12, 2025 at 05:30 PM

CF

Sending deepest sympathy to The Moragne I sorry for loss. Rev Moragne family and my family we all went to Mt.Moriah Bapt. Chruch under the leadership of the late Pastor Bowen and Rev.Thornhill. He was one of the nicest man ever, he will turly be missed

Campbell family - October 16, 2025 at 03:52 PM

GS

My prayers continue to go out to the Moragne family. It was a sad moment when I was informed Pastor Moragne has passed, he was a gentle man, there for me when my husband was killed. There's for my son and he came to my brother funeral as well. I will deeply miss him him and his preaching.

Gloria Sargent-Barnes - December 10, 2025 at 05:09 PM