



## Rev. James Rainey

May 27, 1935 - March 13, 2023

Rev. James Rainey age 87 of Centre passed away Monday March 13th at his residence.

Funeral services will be 1 PM Thursday March 16th at Perry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Rainey, Rev. Tim Smith, Rev. Eddie Nation and Rev. P.D. "Jr" Wheeler officiating, burial will follow in Gnatville Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 AM until 1 PM Thursday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers include Dewayne Hurley, Nick Petrosky, Jameson Rainey, Jonathan Rainey, Will Thompson, Nate Thompson, Zeke Curvin and Zeb Curvin. Honorary Pallbearers will be Billy "Bit" O'Neal, Lane Stinson and Scotty Stinson.

Survivors include sons, Mike (Karla) Rainey and Randy (Sandie) Rainey; daughter, Sheila (Billy) O'Neal; brother, L.D. (Helen) Rainey; sister, Linda Pittman; 6 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gaynell Rainey; brothers, Charles, Donnie, Ralph Rainey; sisters, Betty Rainey Simpson, Naoma Rainey Reynolds and Veona Rainey Law.

Mr. Rainey was a native of Piedmont, Al. and the son of the late Lloyd and Rachel Rainey and a member of Centre Congregational Holiness Church. The family will receive flowers or donation may be made to Centre Congregational Holiness Church.

Perry Funeral Home Directing

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# Cemetery Details

## Gnattville

Co. Rd. 6  
Piedmont, AL

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

MAR 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Centre, AL 35960  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 1:00 PM.

Perry Funeral Home Chapel

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ James Rainey was our pastor for many years. He was pastor when my husband gave his heart to God. He was baptized by him and when he deceased Bro Rainey officiated his funeral (on crutches!) Both James and Gaynell were so loved by our family. He will be missed. Sara Morgan Lewis.

Sarà Morgan Lewis - March 21, 2023 at 07:06 PM

TN

“ Sheila, Mike, Randy, & families: May you feel comforted knowing your family and friends grieve with you. My heart is lifted thinking how happy Uncle James and Aunt Gaynell must feel to be reunited... and how sweet heaven is to have his caring laughter to echo for all to hear. All our love, Tammy McDougal Nicholson & family

Tammy McDougal Nicholson - March 16, 2023 at 04:12 PM



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Perry Funeral Home Inc. - March 16, 2023 at 12:39 PM



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**Perry Funeral Home Inc.** - March 16, 2023 at 10:58 AM

WR

“ *Randy & Family: Our thoughts and prayers to each of you in the passing of your father. May God bless and comfort you always. Resp, Wendell & Linda Rakestraw, Centre, Al*

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**Wendell O Rakestraw** - March 16, 2023 at 07:10 AM

VM

“ *My love and prayers are with this precious family. Love you all.*



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**Vickie Moon** - March 15, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. James Rainey.



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March 15, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Lisa Mobley lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Rainey*



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**Lisa Mobley** - March 14, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *Barbara O'Neal Petrosky, Nick & Britney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. James Rainey.*



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**Barbara O'Neal Petrosky, Nick & Britney** - March 14, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Barbara Petrosky lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Rainey*



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**Barbara O'Neal Petrosky** - March 14, 2023 at 12:35 PM

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“ *Paula Grimes lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Rainey*



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**Paula Grimes** - March 14, 2023 at 11:51 AM

BG

“ *Betty Garner lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Rainey*



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**Betty Jean Garner** - March 14, 2023 at 10:51 AM

TB

“ *Teresa Buttram lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Rainey*



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**Teresa D Buttram** - March 13, 2023 at 10:40 PM

TB

“Dad bf and vice versa. Many happy times in my childhood at the Raineys! Churning ice cream, cooking lunch, and laughing. Also Gaynell, his sug, was a light next to him. Rev James Rainey was the top of the line man. Appropriately my favorite song, It's bubbling was just like these two. His ever present smile and laugh that was so precious will remain with me forever. He is having a reunion in heaven with many loved ones and Jesus! Love to all the kids, spouses, children and Centre CH.and prayers.

Teresa D Buttram - March 13, 2023 at 10:38 PM

MP

“Sending prayers for God's comfort to the family in the days ahead. Mr. Rainey has gone home to rest and and receive his reward for the many years in service for God.



Mr and Mrs David Pike - March 13, 2023 at 09:07 PM

JP

“A precious soul who loved Jesus and loved everyone. He always had a smile on his face and was quick to share the Lord with everyone! My precious friend, I will miss you so much. Heaven is sooo sweet and I know without doubt you are with your Lord and savior!!! I will see you later! 🙏🏻

Jennifer Paul - March 13, 2023 at 07:48 PM

HP

I first met Brother & Sister Rainey over 50 years ago & have Precious Memories of the times we got to see each other at different churches & the Campground. It probably won't be long until I see them & hug them again. There's not a doubt in my mind, they are rejoicing in Heaven.

Hilda Parris - March 14, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Rev. James Rainey.



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March 13, 2023 at 06:04 PM