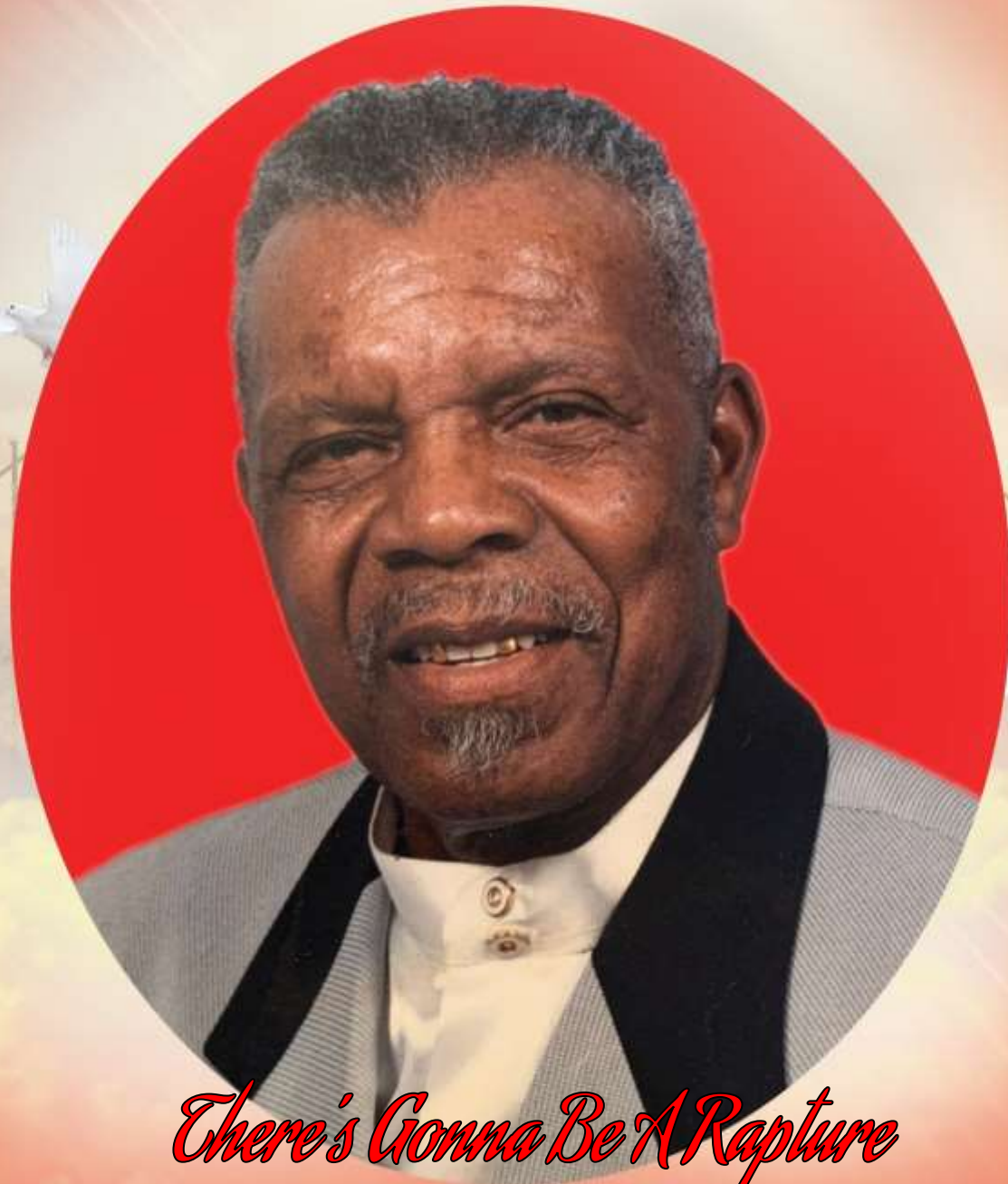


*A Celebration for the Life of*  
*James Willie Parks Sr.*



*There's Gonna Be A Rapture*

*Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 2:00pm*

***Miracle Faith Towers***

*1124 Goldsboro Ave Statesville, NC 28677*

*Elder Eric Blunt, Officiating*







**James Willie Parks Sr**, 88, of 315 Jericho Rd. Harmony, departed this life on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 surrounded by his grandchildren. He was born in Iredell County on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1932 and was the son of the Late Laura Parks.

He was married to Pastor Ella Louise Parks, who preceded him in death and later married Eloise Ijames Parks. In addition to his first wife, he was also preceded in death by his eldest daughter, Sheila Keaton, his sister, Roberta Smyre, his brother, Alfred Parks, three grandchildren, Timothy Gillespie, Michael Parks, and Anthony Dre Parks. He was the co-founder of Miracle Faith Towers.

In addition to his wife, Eloise, he is survived by three sons, James (Lesia) Parks Jr., Pastor Clyde (Angela) Parks, both of Harmony, Mark (Tina) Parks of Loray, and a son-in-law Alfonzo Keaton of Woodleaf; five daughters, Pastor NaeAnna (Ray) Smith, Lavender (Zachary) Parker, and Laura Parks, all of Statesville, Margaret (Charles) Davidson of Troutman, and Vanessa (Pablo) Lopez of the home; his stepchildren, Vincent Ijames and Corey Ijames; his grandchildren, Octavia Wilson, Amanda Keaton, Alphonzo Keaton Jr., Tratina Gillespie, Gerrie Gillespie, Derrick (Sophia) Gillespie, Alicia (Timothy) Leach, Natasha

(Sherman) Phifer, Samuel Gillespie, Chona (Eric) Cheek, Porshae (Ryan) Johnson, Shaquana Parks, Shoka Davidson, Yashica (Rickey) Long, T'Sha (J.C.) Harrison, Chuckie (LaToya) Davidson, Jamaica Parks, Shamaica Parks, Camryn Tyler, Lesia Hawkins, Champale Parks, Jessica Parks, Rachel (Derek) Robinson, Scottie Davidson, Brittany Bennett, Clyde Lazenby, Shelton Parks, Aaron Parks, Raphael Adams, Mark Parks, Jr., James Parks, Niesha (Keevin) Mullings, Cameron Ijames, Kayla Ijames, and Ja'Bria Summers; forty-four great-grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; special friends, Apostle O.C. Coleman II, Marion Perry, Barbara Dixon, Bishop J.T. Byers, Overseer Virginia Byers, Bishop A.W. Brown, Prophetess Shirley Nelson, others he helped raise as his own, David Smyre, McGraw Wilson, his godchildren, Tiffany Padilla, Patsy Poe, Khrystina Smith; his caretakers, Candice Smith, his son-in-law, Pablo Lopez; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

# The Order of Service

1:00 p.m.

**Pastor NaeAnna Smith, Senior Pastor**  
**Elder Eric Blunt, Officiating**

The Processional

The Musical Prelude.....Keith Holland and Friends in Christ

The Viewing

The Invocation..... Minister Mark Parks

The Selection **“When It’s All Been Said and Done”**.....Revelators For Christ

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament.....Minister Glenn Millsaps

New Testament.....Minister YaShica Long

The Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Samuel Gillespie

Special Musical Tribute.....Pastor Clyde Parks

The Acknowledgements.....Camryn Tyler

The Selection **“Really Gonna Miss You”** .....Shelton Parks

Special Remarks

Pastor NaeAnna Smith , Minister Cameron Ijames, and Pastor Clyde Parks

The Selection.....The Grandchildren

The Commemorative Presentation.....Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home

The Selection **“There’s Gonna Be A Rapture”**.....The Grandchildren

The Eulogy ..... Pastor Charles Davidson

The Committal

The Clergy

The Recessional Selection **“Let Me Ride”**.....Keith Holland and Friends in Christ

The Interment.....Iredell Memorial Gardens, Troutman, NC

*Private Burial on Monday 11/23/20*







## *Our Heartfelt Thanks*

**God looked around his garden and found an empty place, he then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.**

**He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.**

**He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. So, he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be Thine".**

**It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.**

