



Rev. James Edward Daniels

March 19, 1948 - September 13, 2025

On March 19, 1948, in Galveston, Texas, God gifted the world with James Edward Daniels, born to Joe Clinton Sr. and Mildred Baldwin Daniels. Raised in a strong Christian home, James was taught the love of Christ, honor, respect, responsibility, and the importance of family. He gave his life to Christ at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. D. N. Benford, Sr., where he was baptized and remained a faithful lifelong member. As a youth, he sang in the Intermediate Choir, was active in the Youth Department, and served as a Boy Scout. As an adult, he continued his service in the Male Chorus and other ministries.

Educated in La Marque Public Schools, James was affectionately known as “Big Dan.” His hearty laugh was unforgettable, and his presence left a lasting mark on his classmates. A proud graduate of historic Lincoln High School Class of 1966, he lived by its motto and often declared, “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.”

Professionally, James served the City of Texas City with dedication for over 21 years, retiring in 2005. Yet his greatest call was ministry. Answering God’s call, he was ordained at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church and went on to serve faithfully as a preacher, evangelist, and pastor. His ministry extended beyond church walls into prisons, jails, neighborhoods, and communities across Texas and beyond. He founded a Prison Ministry recognized

statewide, pastored New Way Missionary Baptist Church, and later launched Rescue & Recovery, a family Bible study that grew into a vibrant weekly gathering for young adults and neighbors seeking God's Word in an open, welcoming space.

Rev. Daniels was also a tireless labor leader and community activist. A proud union member for over 50 years, he served with United Steelworkers Local 13-1, where he was instrumental in organizing workers across Galveston County. He rose to Vice President in 2005, fighting for labor rights, equity, and justice. His civic engagement included leadership in the NAACP, A. Philip Randolph Institute, Concerned Citizens and Ministers, Mainland United Task Force, and many other organizations. He co-founded the Texas City Police Department West End Ministers' Alliance and was a charter member of the National Museum of African American History.

On September 13, 2025, Reverend James Edward Daniels completed his earthly assignment and returned to his Heavenly Father at the age of 77. He is reunited with his parents, grandparents, his brother Sylvester Daniels, and other loved ones who preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his children, Eddie (Crystal) Daniels, Rev. Joe C. (Tyasha) Daniels III, Joshua (Amanda) Daniels, Hope (Johnathan) Daniels-Bell, and Matthew (Raquel) Daniels; brother, Joe Daniels; his aunts, Maudel Haywood and Geraldine Murray; his special friend Dr. Edna Courville; nieces, nephews, cousins, classmates, church family, and a host of friends.

Previous Events

Flower Deliveries

SEP **26**. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Norris D Burkley Professional Services
322 Laurel Street
La Marque, TX 77568
(409) 373-9118
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Visitation

SEP **27**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
302 N Oak
Texas City, TX 77591

Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
302 N Oak
Texas City, TX 77591

Burial

SEP **27** (CT)

Rising Star Cemetery
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La Marque, TX 77568

Tribute Wall



“ I met Rev James Daniels at this conference BLW and he really touched our hearts. So sorry to hear this. Praying for his family.

Yolanda - October 25, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. James Edward Daniels.

September 25, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. James Edward Daniels.



September 25, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ Collins Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Edward Daniels



Collins Family - September 25, 2025 at 01:37 PM

FC

“ From the Pemex Worker's Committee. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. James Edward Daniels.

From the Pemex Worker's Committee. - September 24, 2025 at 12:48 PM

FC

“ From the Pemex Worker's Committee. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rev. James Edward Daniels.



From the Pemex Worker's Committee. - September 24, 2025 at 12:48 PM

LM

“ I am thankful for your encouragement and laughter your fight and drive. Take your rest. We got it from here.



Larita Merritt - September 23, 2025 at 07:46 PM

TG

“ The Palmore Girls lit a candle in memory of Rev. James Edward Daniels



The Palmore girls - September 23, 2025 at 10:33 AM

GW

“ *Rev. Daniels I will miss you. You taught me so much, and I really enjoyed spending time with you. May you rest in peace.*

*Greg Washington
Vice President
USW Local 13-1 Pasadena*

Greg Washington - September 22, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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“ *USW Local 13-228 purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rev. James Edward Daniels.*



USW Local 13-228 - September 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM

TC

“ *The Shell Workers Committee. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rev. James Edward Daniels.*



The Shell Workers Committee. - September 18, 2025 at 01:44 AM

EV

“ James has been part of the Colvin Family as far back as I can remember. He was my friend since high school. He will always be remembered. We never lost touch checking in on one another. Rest in the arms of Jesus. Your sis n law FOREVER. Eva Colvin Davis



Eva - September 15, 2025 at 05:36 PM