



Mr. Frank James Blakely

November 15, 1972 - June 1, 2025

Mr. Frank James Blakely, 52, who departed this life at 2:55 am on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at his residence.

Frank was born in Indianola, MS on November 15, 1972 to Essie and Bessie (Zolicoffer) Blakely. He married Melissa Lewis.

Frank lived a life full of humor, warmth, and unforgettable personality. He worked as a professional auto detailer, taking great pride in the care and craftsmanship he brought to his work. Frank had a natural gift for making people laugh and feel at ease his presence could light up any room. His bond with his family was strong, filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Frank's humor, generous spirit, and kind heart will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren, and the many lives he touched.

Frank leaves to cherish his most precious memory his wife, Melissa Lewis of Bloomington, IL who remained a significant part of his life; loving mother, Bessie Mae Scott, who was a steady and supportive presence throughout his life; four children, Detric Blakely, Derrick Blakely, Devin Blakely, and Amira Lola Lashawn Blakely four brothers, Jessie Zollicoffer (Marnie) of Winter Park, FL, Clifton Blakely, Timothy Scott, and Patrick Scott all of Peoria IL; four grandchildren, Calla Blakely, Amillionna Blakely, Zaidyn Blakely and Aubrielle

Blakely, whom brought him immense joy. He is preceded in death by his father, parents, James and Essie Zolicoffer and his nephew, Treyshawn Blakely, whose memories he carried closely in his heart.

Funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at 11 am on Friday, June 13, 2025 at Simons Mortuary Chapel with a visitation beginning an hour prior at 10 am. Sis. Geraldine Zolicoffer will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day—unseen, unheard, but always near.”

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
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Peoria, IL 61605
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Frank James Blakely*



Simons Mortuary - June 12, 2025 at 11:42 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Frank James Blakely*



Simons Mortuary - June 11, 2025 at 04:31 PM

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“ To the family of Frank James Blakely:

The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Although our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort you and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure. He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.

God be with you,

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II
Lady Marcia J. Bolden
and the PCJC Church Family*

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ - June 18, 2025 at 07:05 PM