



## James Paul Gifford

April 8, 1948 - March 3, 2026

James Paul Gifford, age 77, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. He was a recently voted in member of Valleyview Baptist Church. For more than 25 years, he played bass guitar, sharing his love of Southern gospel music with Happy Harmony. He worked for many dedicated years at Harts Auto Parts. Paul enjoyed boating, fishing, building and collecting model cars and boats, and his old westerns.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents Onus Paul Gifford and Iver Maudie Raughton, and his loving wife Phyllis Lenora Johnson.

He is survived by his three sons David Johnson, Tim (Debbie) Gifford, Steve (Elizabeth) Gifford; his siblings Deborah Evans, Vickie (Lee) Henderson, and Wendell (Brenda) Gifford; his grandchildren Rebecca (Noah) Goodson, and Sean Gifford; his great grandchildren Lucinda Goodson and Aurora Goodson; and several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

The family invites friends to join us in remembering and honoring Paul on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 4pm to 8pm, Friday, March 6, 2026, from 9am to 11am. The funeral service will be held at the Chapel W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, at 11am on Friday, March 6, 2026. After the service, we will proceed to Lakewood Memory Gardens for the burial. Pallbearers will be Mike Johnson, Brian Lawrence, Jason Hembree, Sean Gifford, Noah Goodson, and Charlie Colts. Honorary Pallbearers are Randy Harrison, Jimmy Harrison, Dean Harbour, Alex Ramey, Harold McCormick, and Gerald Raughton. Your prayers and support mean a

lot to us during this challenging time, and we genuinely appreciate them. An Online guest book can be found at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel  
555 West Cloud Springs Road  
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742  
(706) 866-5555  
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

MAR 6 (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens South  
325 Greens Lake Road  
Rossville, GA 30741  
(706) 866-7777

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bro. Paul was a blessing to everyone who knew him. He and Phyllis were members of a church I pastored several years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, and many friends he leaves behind. James Helton ,Rossville, Ga.



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**James Helton** - March 05 at 10:34 AM

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“ Team Auto Inc purchased the Pretty Please for the family of James Paul Gifford.



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**Team Auto Inc** - March 05 at 09:15 AM

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“ Mary Sprayberry and Hembree Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Paul Gifford.



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**Mary Sprayberry and Hembree Family** - March 04 at 02:45 PM



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

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March 04 at 02:02 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Paul Gifford.*



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“ *I had the best times at Paul and Phyllis' House and when they would come to our house. We would laugh until our stomachs hurt and we could be so goofy. Paul and I have always been very close. He was kind, considerate and most of all a good Christian man. He is greatly missed and loved!*

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**Deborah Evans** - March 04 at 01:27 PM