



## Ernest James Pilgrim Jr.

September 6, 1933 - October 11, 2016

Darlington, South Carolina

Ernest James Pilgrim, Jr., 83, of Darlington passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 3 PM in Freedom Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 PM on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Mr. Ernest was born on September 6, 1933 in Darlington, SC. He was the son of the late Ernest J. Pilgrim, Sr. and Beulah Blayton Pilgrim. Mr. Ernest was a member of Freedom Baptist Church in Darlington. Mr. Ernest had a heart of gold and never met a stranger. He loved spending time with his family and was a veteran of the Korean War in the United States Army.

Surviving are his loving wife of 53 years, Helen Odom Pilgrim of Darlington; his son, Ernest "Dee" Pilgrim of Darlington; his daughters, Elizabeth Pilgrim Stevens and husband, Leon of Westerville, Ohio; and Melissa Pilgrim Blackwell and husband H.A. of Rock Hill; his grandchildren, Van Johnson, Margaret Chapman and husband, Dewey, Bethany Smith and husband, Joshua, and Preston Stevens; and his great grandchildren, Ansley Chapman, Mackenzie Chapman, Teagan Chapman, LJ Chapman, and Alyssa Johnson; and his beloved cat, George.

Mr. Ernest was preceded in death by his parents listed above; and by his

brothers, James Marvin Pilgrim and AM Pilgrim.

Memorials may be made to Freedom Baptist Church Romania Fund 1416

Lamar Highway, Darlington, SC 29532.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.kistlerhard.eefuneralhome.com](http://www.kistlerhard.eefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - Darlington  
315 Pearl St.  
Darlington, SC 29532  
(843) 393-3851  
<https://www.kistlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

OCT **14**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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315 Pearl St.  
Darlington, SC 29532  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest James Pilgrim Jr..*



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October 14, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *Helen I am so sorry for your loss.I am praying that God will comfort and strengthen you and your family Gayle Bove*

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**GAyle Bove** - October 13, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ *Melissa,  
Peace be with you and your family at this time.  
Donna Tomlinson*



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**Donna Tomlinson** - October 13, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *DONNA SMOTHERS lit a candle in memory of Ernest James Pilgrim Jr.*



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**DONNA SMOTHERS** - October 13, 2016 at 10:24 AM

KL

“ *Mrs. Helen, Elizabeth & Family,*

*Wilma and I will be praying for you during this time. I have many fond memories of the entire Pilgram Family.*

*Kenny & Wilma Lynch*

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**Kenny Lynch** - October 13, 2016 at 08:45 AM

GO

“ *Dee, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. Please know that you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Always reflect back on the memories you cherished with him, They will last a lifetime. Sincerely, Grady L O'Neal Former Classmate Saint Johns High School Class of 1985 Darlington SC*

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**Grady O'Neal** - October 12, 2016 at 10:38 PM

SH

“ *Beth... so sorry to read about your dad. Prayers & hugs to you. May God grant you peace during this difficult time.*



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**Sheri Hyler** - October 12, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ *Tobie Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Ernest James Pilgrim Jr.*



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**Tobie Reynolds** - October 12, 2016 at 07:14 PM

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“ *Ms. Helen and family, We are sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you at this most difficult time.*  
*With love, Nancy and Jimmy Nichols*

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**Nancy and Jimmy Nichols** - October 12, 2016 at 04:03 PM

GB

“ *Gary & Geneva Barber lit a candle in memory of Ernest James Pilgrim Jr.*



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**Gary & Geneva Barber** - October 12, 2016 at 03:32 PM

BW

“ *Dear Margaret and family,  
So sorry for your loss. May the LORD comfort you during your time of sorrow.*

*God Bless  
Beverly Watson*

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**Beverly Watson** - October 12, 2016 at 12:37 PM

BW

“ *Beverly Watson lit a candle in memory of Ernest James Pilgrim Jr.*



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**Beverly Watson** - October 12, 2016 at 12:31 PM

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“ *Beverly Watson lit a candle in memory of Ernest James Pilgrim Jr.*



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**Beverly Watson** - October 12, 2016 at 11:49 AM