

# *Life's Journey*

**DR. JAMES R. MCCARTHER SR.**

**1955 - 2020**

**DR. James R. McCarther Sr. Th.D was born September 4, 1955 to Isam J. McCarther and Jackie Brown in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The family later relocated to Arkansas. Dr. McCarther completed his primary education in Conway, Arkansas.**

**Soon after, he became an Entrepreneur and began to cultivate a wonderfully and a successful career as a pioneer in the custodial service industry, which branched into other various areas of business. His keen eye for small business exploration and development was truly a gift. Through this gift, he was able to touch the lives of many.**

**It was his leadership and community service that was the catalyst to change the lives of so many people. He chaired such organizations as The Philander Smith College United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Board and The Little Rock Workforce Investment Board. He was a member of various community organization such as The William Thrasher Boys and Girls Club, Y.M.C.A and conducted outreach programs and sponsored many community service events as a proud citizen of the City of Little Rock.**

**The appreciation for Dr. McCarther's contributions and leadership were generously awarded to him from various organizations and the many people whose lives were touched. His smile, generosity, love for others, and his Obedience to God was the Life he lived.**

**James R. McCarther Sr. Th.D was ordained Deacon at Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church, under Pastor Gerald Parker Sr. In the year 2002 James R. McCarther Sr. Th.D was called to the ministry. He was Ordained as a Pastor in the year of 2003 in which his first sermon was titled "From My Mess to My Message "Romans 5-8." After which, he obtained his Doctorate of Theology in Religious Education and became an Associate Pastor at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, under the direction of Pastor Isiah Bennet. He spent the majority of the remainder of his life and career conducting ministry outreach. His primary outreach focus was to minister to young adults, helping them to pave a brighter path for themselves.**

**Dr. James R. McCarther Sr. was proceeded in death by his Father Isam, Sister Beverly, Daughter Vicki, and Brother Orlando. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 40 years, Geraldine McCarther, Mother Jackie Brown, Brothers Philip (Janice), and Sieburn, Sister Melody McCarther, Daughter Rita (Virgil), Sons Derrick, Michael (Paula), Kenneth, Lamont, and James Jr. (Amy), 13 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and a host of relative and friends.**