



Elder James O. Combs

December 25, 1939 - July 20, 2018

Elder James Combs age 78, left peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior at Bayhealth Medical Center at Kent General, on Friday, July 20, 2018, praising the Lord, surrounded by his loving wife, children, family and friends.

Elder Combs was born on December 25, 1939, to loving parents, Thomas and Katie Combs. He was a loving and devoted husband, an amazing father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

He received his education from William Henry Comprehensive High in Dover. During that time, he was a gifted athlete who played football, basketball and his favorite sport, baseball. Jim, as he was affectionately called, was a known as a “slugger” who would hit the ball out of the park.

Elder Combs met the love of his life, Elsie Camper in 1958. They were united in holy matrimony on July 9, 1960, in Sharptown, Maryland. This union was blessed with three loving daughters.

Elder Combs was employed at Abex Steel Company in New Castle, Delaware for many years. He also worked for and retired from Metal Masters.

Elder Combs was saved at an early age, under the leadership of Elder Irene Sudler “Big Mom”. He served as a faithful and active member of St. John’s

Holy Church and was called into the ministry in 1962. Elder Combs enjoyed singing with his brothers in their group, "The Gospel Impressions". He was ordained an Elder in 1988, under the leadership of Elder H. A. Williams. He also served faithfully as her assistant Pastor and was installed as pastor in 1994.

Elder Combs had come through many trails, adversities, and attacks on his body down through the years, but his faith in God never wavered; it remained unmovable, for he knew that God was in control, and like the title of one his sermons, "It's a "Fixed Fight."

Elder Combs fought the "good fight of faith", preaching the word of God, winning souls to Christ in these last and evil days. For like the words of one of his favorite songs he prayed we'll all be ready.

Elder Combs was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Katie Combs; brothers, Thomas Lee, Dennis, and Jerry; and sister, Estelle "Sis" Sudler.

Elder Combs leaves to cherish his precious memories, his loving wife of 58 years, Elsie Combs; three children, Deborah Landrum (David, Jr.), Sonya White, (John, Sr.), and Betty Luke (John, Sr.); four grandchildren, John White, Jr., Brittney White, Albert Camper, and John Luke, Jr.; three great-grandchildren; Faith White, Amyra and Amiya Redwine; two brothers, William Combs (Dorothy) , Frederick Combs (Lorraine); sister, Vivian Hampton (Elmer); three brothers-in- law; seven sisters- in- law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, friends, and the St. John's Holy Church family.

Lovingly submitted, by the Family.

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Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - July 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Mother Elsie Combs, Family and members of ST. John's Church, Our hearts are saddened by the news of the passing of your husband, father & pastor. We pray that God's merciful kindness will comfort each of you today, tomorrow and in the years ahead, according to His Faithful Promises which He has made to His Servants. (Psalms 119:76)

*Prayerfully,
Pastor & members of Faith Hope & Charity Pentecostal Church*

Eloise J. Wilmore - July 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ On behalf of Bishop Doreina C. Miles and the entire Union Baptist Church family we send our prayers to Elder Combs' family during this time of bereavement. Hold onto God's unchanging hand for His peace, comfort, & strength

Wendy G. Brown - July 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Sister Combs, We send our sympathy and prayers to you and your family for the loss of your husband, and also for the passing of your brother Robert. May God continue to strengthen and keep you all during these trying times.*

Bishop Michael and Pastor Thelma Purnell Jones - July 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Dear Family
Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. My prayers are with you and your family. JW. Org. Psalms 34:18.*

JoyceA - July 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ *Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Psalms 34:18 for words of comfort and peace.*

Irene - July 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Loves Me
I Am Special*

Thomas Widgeon - July 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM