



Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I

May 10, 1952 - April 18, 2025

Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I

was born on May 10, 1952 as the fourth child to Pleasant and Willie Odessa Joplin in Williamson, WV. He attended Matewan High School where he was a member of various sports teams. Upon his graduation from high school he entered into the coal mines, where he would continue to work for the next 24 years. After retiring from the coal mine, he enrolled in Southern West Virginia Community College where he received an associate's degree in Business Administration. He then obtained employment with AmeriCorp, serving the youth community of Williamson, WV. While living in Williamson, he was a devoted member of

Christ Temple Church where he operated as the youth minister and minister of music. Upon moving to Huntington, WV, he joined New Life Church where he fulfilled the need of Praise and Worship Leader, Intercessors' Prayer Group Leader, Seniors Minister and Care Pastor.

Pastor Joplin was a man of high distinction and class. Throughout his lifetime, he remained full of life and energy. He never met a stranger, and became a true example of the Lord Jesus Christ, exemplifying the love of Christ to everyone he met. His infectious smile would radiate within the room. He excelled in many hobbies such as tennis and pickleball. He cherished spending time with family, watching sports, and creating music, but most importantly, he had an irrevocable love for GOD. Those of us who were

fortunate to have known him, understand that the everlasting imprint he left on our hearts is truly a blessing.

Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I was welcomed into heaven on April 18th, 2025 surrounded by his family, of whom he loved dearly. Preceding him in death were his parents Pleasant and Willie Joplin, Pleasant Joplin, II, James and Wanda Joplin, and grandchildren, James Hutsell, Jr, Ja'Cheree Hutsell and Jasmine Scott.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, carried on by his loving wife of fifty-four years, Harriet Joplin and his four children: Rhonda Joplin, Sherita Hutsell (James), Ronald Joplin II (Ebony), and Rosalyn Scott (James), eight grandchildren: Jailah Scott, Shailis Joplin, Raiven Scott, Alexis Joplin, James Anthony Scott II, Jah'Mal Hutsell, Jah'Mir Hutsell, and Xavier Joplin. He is also survived by one uncle, Irving Washington, Sr. of Indianapolis, Indiana, one aunt, Dorothy Washington, of Williamson, WV, two sisters, Sharon Joplin of Matewan, WV, Donna Joplin-Seaberry of Riverdale, GA, one brother Raymond Joplin (Robin) of Matewan, WV;, two sister-in-laws, Betty Joplin of Indianapolis, IN, and Abby Woodson (Eric) of East Stroudsburg, PA., two brothers-in-law, Bobby Jackson of Williamson WV, and Doug Jackson of Louisville, KY, and a host of nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

Funeral Service will be 6:00 P.M., Friday, April 25, 2025, at New Life Church, Huntington, WV, with Pastor Josh Huffman officiating. Visitation will be 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, April 25, 2025 at New Life Church Huntington, WV. A Home Going service will be conducted at 11:00 A.M, Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Christ Temple Church, Williamson, WV with Pastor Thomas Moore officiating. Visitation will be 10:00 A.M., Saturday April 26, 2025 at Christ Temple Church, Williamson, WV. Interment will follow at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Maher, WV. Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, Huntington, WV has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be

expressed to the family at www.Ferrell-ChambersFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memory Gardens

Maher , WV 25661

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

New Life Church
1101 Cedar Crest Dr
Huntington, WV 25705

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 6:00 PM (ET)

New Life Church
1101 Cedar Crest Dr.
Huntington, WV 25705

Visitation

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Temple Church
101 Fourth Ave
Williamson, WV 25661

Home Going

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Temple Church
101 Fourth Ave
Williamson, WV 25661

Graveside

APR **26** (ET)

Mountain View Memory Gardens
Maher , WV 25661

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Riley Browning lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I



Riley Browning - April 25, 2025 at 01:01 PM

PG

“ Pastors Joshua and Anna Gresham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.

Pastors Joshua and Anna Gresham - April 25, 2025 at 11:24 AM

PG

“ Pastors Joshua and Anna Gresham purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.



Pastors Joshua and Anna Gresham - April 25, 2025 at 11:24 AM

JA

“ He was one in a million. Always with a Word in season, smiling, laughing, and positive. He was one of Rosa's very very best friends and mentors. I can only imagine their reunion in heaven. I am praying for his precious family and his family @ New Life Church. Truly a saint gone home!

Jeannie Adkins - April 25, 2025 at 11:03 AM

JL

“ Jeannie L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.

Jeannie L. - April 25, 2025 at 10:58 AM

FW

“ Frankie II, Hannah and Gracelyn Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.

Frankie II, Hannah and Gracelyn Walker - April 24, 2025 at 09:18 PM

FW

“ Frankie II, Hannah and Gracelyn Walker purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.



Frankie II, Hannah and Gracelyn Walker - April 24, 2025 at 09:18 PM

GW

“ Words cannot express how grateful and blessed our family has been by the life of our dear Pastor Joplin and family. What a shining example of the love of Jesus in action! One of many memories that I have of Pastor Joplin was when Pastor Joplin and Harriet began at New Life Church. Every time he gave a testimony and introduced his lovely wife Harriet, he ALWAYS bragged about how many years they had been married! I always loved how sweet that was! I will always cherish the memory of our prayer time at the church with our little group of prayer warriors led by Pastor Joplin, with Harriet always by his side. What a precious time in the Lord we had praying for others and praying the Glory down!!! I know that Pastor Joplin is right where he always desired and lived his life to be, with Jesus! God bless you family, you are in our thoughts and prayers continually! Love, Gwyn Pierson, John Pierson and Family

Gwyn - April 24, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.

April 23, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ Forever in our Hearts - 11.5" Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.



April 23, 2025 at 10:40 AM

RH

“ Rodney, Trish, Rodney II & Ryann Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.



Rodney, Trish, Rodney II & Ryann Harris - April 23, 2025 at 12:24 AM

RH

“ So sorry for the family’s great loss . Prayers for his family & friends . May God comfort you all as only He is able.

He was a wonderful person with a kind gentle spirit. He was truly a man of honor. He was a treasure to know and will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

Thinking of you and praying for you. May your memories of your father's love bring you comfort and peace now and through the days ahead.



RAYMOND L. HORTON - April 22, 2025 at 04:01 PM

HB

“ There’s so many things to say about Bro. Joplin I still call him sort of like his nickname to me . I am so blessed that he was around when I was growing up . I always say if only Bro . Joplin was here . I thank God he blessed me and my family to be able to hear his gift of voice and his knowledge of wisdom in the Lord. I love you all and I know that death ends a life and not the relationship. I will cherish his life and keep you all in my heart. Rest Easy Brother Joplin you so deserve the blessing to rise and meet him in the air .

Hazel Brown - April 22, 2025 at 10:35 AM

TO

“ When I first came to New Life Church, after my family and I moved here in 2014, it was Pastor Joplin who took me under his wing. He was always smiling and laughing. He taught me the importance of prayer and how to wait and listen for the Holy Spirit. He and Harriet helped me through the loss of my son. Their love and support meant so much to me. Over the next years, I would call him when other life problems would occur. It was his calming voice that instantly chased away my fears and he always had a ready scripture to give to me. He was the most amazing, godly man I have ever met. I am so blessed to have known him and was able to call him my friend. I will miss him tremendously, and look forward to the day I get to see him again. My deepest, most heartfelt condolences to his family. As my heart aches, I know theirs must ache even more. Much love and prayers.
Terry Osofsky



Terry Osofsky - April 22, 2025 at 06:17 AM

DC

“ DeAndre & Shawn Crosby purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.



DeAndre & Shawn Crosby - April 21, 2025 at 08:04 PM

LC

“ He was a very good man. Always smiling. Very welcoming. One of the kindest and friendliest people I met at New Life. Not a lot were like him. Made us feel at home. Very unique voice that sent chills down our spines. May He rest in God's bosom.

LC - April 21, 2025 at 05:40 PM

JJ

“ We met through the Pickleball community and his kindness and grace was instilled upon us all. He was a special teammate of my wife's group of retired friends and they have missed his presence dearly. They still do but to know he is pain free and with his heavenly father makes the loss easier. Thoughts and prayers for all of his family, friends, and church community. You will be forever remembered and missed Pastor.

John & Amanda Waugaman and Family

John B Waugaman Jr - April 21, 2025 at 03:10 PM

WR

“ With love, Tom and Hilary Rose purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Pastor Ronald Dean Joplin I.



With love, Tom and Hilary Rose - April 21, 2025 at 02:40 PM

RD

“ Great childhood memories. We had the great fortune to play music together in our younger days. Great man, great friend. He will truly be missed. Prayers and condolences from the Dotson Family.

Roland Dotson - April 21, 2025 at 01:10 PM

KT

i will always remember How being in the shining lights and him being the choir leader and how he would fuss at me for be scared to lead a song. he fussed until i did it. the family is in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 he was a great man of God

Katherine Renee Thomas - April 21, 2025 at 01:56 PM