



Otis Ray Mays

May 6, 1953 - February 1, 2026

Otis Mays, age 72, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2026 at home surrounded by family. He was a loving father, cherished grandfather, devoted brother, and dear friend to many.

Otis was born on May 6, 1953 to the late Otis and Ester Mays Sr in Minneapolis Minnesota, where he lived a life filled with love, laughter, and kindness. He was known for his warm smile, gentle calm demeanor, and unwavering walk with God.

Otis accepted Christ at an early age. He united with St, John's Missionary Baptist Church in 1965. Later he became a member of Joint Heirs With Christ Faith International Church, where he became an ordained Deacon under the leadership of Pastor Gene Martin.

Otis worked as a paralegal at multiple law firms where he was respected for his dedication and hard work. He later became a supervisor for the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, where he approached every task with diligence and integrity, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the pleasure of working with him.

In his free time, Otis enjoyed traveling, fishing and singing in the church choir, finding joy and happiness in the simple moments spent with his family and friends.

Otis will be missed dearly by his children; sons: Anthony Burkhalter, Dedrick Mays, Otis Mays Jr, daughters: Sheerri (Tony)Miller, Teneshia Mays, Jessica Mays, grandchildren: Sadaesha Nunn, Shytaela Nunn, A'shiah Johnson,

Denaya Morris, Nori Skye Eatmon, great grandchildren: Dewitt Sprinkles Jr, Czance Nunn, Zuri Hall, sister: Leola Kirk, and nieces and nephews.

Proceeded in death: (son) Johnathan Moore, (grand daughter) DaLexius Johnson, (parents) Otis and Ester Mays Sr, (brothers) Ross Williams, Lyndell Ross Williams Jr, (sisters) Mildred Martin, Mary Johnson-Roy

A live stream of the service is available on this tribute page under the photos and videos tab.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Graveside Service

FEB 11. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Cemetery
3816 Penn Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Otis Ray Mays in memory of Otis Ray Mays



Washburn-McReavy - February 08 at 02:32 PM

LO

Going to miss you. We became friends in 1967 when I moved to Minneapolis and became a member of St. John MBC. Your entire family embraced me. God has made his move, sleep on

Lois Owens - February 08 at 08:52 PM

SB

*Mr. Otis R. Mays was a Gentle Giant always had a peaceful spirit and a happy smile I've been knowing Mr. Otis Mays back in the mid 60s His Father Decon Mays Sr. & Mother Mays and all his siblings we all fellowship together under the spiritual leadership of Reverend Ellis Bellfield & First Lady Charlene Bellfield St. John MBC, Otis was raised under a Church family at a early age, Please keep his family lift it up in prayer Mr. Otis you will be truly missed by so many people that you cannot count, absent from the body is present with the Lord. I send my deepest Sympathy & my condolences to the family.
.Sincerely Yours. Shirley (Nunn) Billingly 02/11/26 10:50 AM*

Shirley (Nunn) Billingly - February 11 at 10:53 AM

YB

*Sending my condolences to the family. Mr. May you will truly be missed.
Much Love
Ballard Family*

Yolonda Ballard - February 11 at 10:59 AM

AS

I'm going to miss you god dad you were very sweet & such a nice gentleman always kind ,smiling and very strong , you fought as long as you could !! You'll always be remembered as a great god father to me I love you & will miss you, your finally at peace not hurting anymore you take care your babygirl loves you -sincerely your god daughter Anaija Shannon

Anaija shannon - February 11 at 01:19 PM

PB

“ *I'm truly going to miss Mr. Otis Mays. He was not just a co worker at Wells Fargo. He was my friend/family. I could always talk to Mr. Mays and it was liking talking to my Father. He would always let me know if I'm wrong or right. Never would stroke my ego. True definition of a real down to earth Man. Truly an example of a good human being. Never duplicated but often imitated. Lol. Rest in Heaven my brother Otis. Love you. The Bryant family.. "P" 🙏🏾 100*



Percy Bryant - February 13 at 10:14 PM

SB

“ *Sleep in peace with the Lord Mr. Decon Otis Mays from the Nunn Family*

Shirley (Nunn) Billingly - February 11 at 12:23 PM