



## James "Jim" Talbott Sr.

October 27, 1941 - June 6, 2026

Talbott, James "Jim" Sr. - June 6, 2026 age 84 of Canton.

Beloved husband of Janice.

Loving father of James Talbott Jr., Jeffrey (Angela) Talbott, and Jody (Amy) Talbott.

Proud grandfather of Grace Anne (Ronald) Gamache, Jordan Jamison (Mikaela) Talbott, Jeffrey Sean Talbott, Erika Mae (Jake Donley) Talbott, Sabrina Lynn (Benjamin) Coules, Austin David (Psyan) Talbott, Nicholas William (Mykela) Talbott, Meg Ann (Spencer) Hileman, Amelia (Gavin) Brown, Joshua Worthington, Noah Worthington, and David Worthington.

Loving great-grandfather of Addison Rose Gamache, Landon William Gamache, Calliope Lynn Coules, Doc McCoy Donley, Hattie Blue Donley, Osiris Talbott, Ellianna Talbott, Everett Talbott, and Elias Warnimont.

Dear brother of Priscilla Riley.

After completing his bachelor's degree at Marion College and his master's degree at Eastern Michigan University, Jim devoted the majority of his professional life to education, serving as a teacher and principal in the

Melvindale/Northern Allen Park School System until his retirement in 2005. A gifted musician, he also played piano for several southern gospel quartets, including The Travelers, the Cavalrymen, the Templeaires, and most notably the Toney Brothers, with whom he served from 1965 to 1980. In addition, Jim faithfully served for many years as Minister of Music at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. In his later years, he continued to share his love for teaching and worship by serving at Emmaus Road Church, where he remained active in ministry until his passing.

Visitation Friday, June 12th from 7 PM until 9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Funeral Service Saturday, June 13th at 1 PM also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace to You, PO Box 4000, Panorama City, CA 91412.

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# Today's Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..*



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June 11 at 01:06 PM



“ *Priscilla Talbott/Riley family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..*



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**Priscilla Talbott/Riley family** - June 11 at 09:42 AM



“ *Priscilla Talbott/Riley family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..*

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**Priscilla Talbott/Riley family** - June 11 at 09:42 AM



“ *Jamie and Andrea Centers purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..*



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**Jamie and Andrea Centers** - June 11 at 08:51 AM

TS

“ Jim and his Wife have been customers of Plato's Coney Island in Canton for years. We will miss his friendly smile and his kind words. Our deepest condolences to Jan and the family.

Toni and Sarah - June 10 at 09:05 PM

DM

“ Doug & Pam McWhinnie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..



Doug & Pam McWhinnie - June 10 at 08:18 PM

BE

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Janice and the entire family! I'm so blessed to have known Jim, truly a wonderful person. My heart is with you all... 🙏

Brenda Erickson - June 10 at 08:16 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..



June 10 at 07:54 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear hear of Jim's passing. He was an amazing Sunday school teacher, worship leader, choir director, and just a great person. Condolences to Jan and the entire family.

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**Doreen Ranck** - June 10 at 05:19 PM

MW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim while he was the Assistant Principal at Allendale Elementary in Melvindale. He was a kind and caring role model for our staff and students. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Marianne Watson

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**Marianne Watson** - June 10 at 11:58 AM

JA

“ We may not remember everything you said but we remember how special you made us feel. And I felt very special. Mr Talbott was my 5th grade teacher, and while the other teachers insisted in putting my identical twin sister and I in separate class so they could tell us apart, Mr Talbott said that was wrong. They might look identical but their personalities must be different, put them both in my class. Myself and my siblings have very fond memories of him. He will be missed!!!

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**Jane** - June 09 at 11:42 PM

SK

“ I treasure my memories of Jim from our days together at Plymouth Church. Loved singing in the choir under his direction, seeing and hearing him perform with the Brothers Three, and his piano playing. My love to Jan and all the family.

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**Sue Kring** - June 09 at 05:37 PM

TD

“ *The Hake family, Durham’s purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..*



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**The Hake family, Durham’s** - June 09 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Talbott Sr..*



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June 09 at 10:03 AM

SB

“ *Mr. Talbot was my 5th grade teacher as part of a split class. He ran a tight ship and I was thankful for it. It was so nice to have someone who was firm, fair and consistent. He was a wonderful teacher. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to learn from him.*

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**Stacy Bazman** - June 08 at 07:57 PM



“ *I will always remember Mr. Talbot. I had a hard time in fourth grade. His structured class room, firm but fair style, and understanding nature changed my life the following year. I will forever be grateful to have been one of his students. I am so sorry for your loss; he was one of the best teachers I've ever met, and I married one. He will surely be missed.*

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**Rick Almanza** - June 08 at 07:45 PM

TB

“ Met Jim and Jan at the Plymouth whalers hockey game years ago!  
Jim was a very generous man! He was one of my best friends!

Timothy Beal - June 08 at 06:07 PM

CM

“ Mr.Talbot changed my life as a kid . He was strick but fait. He held you accountable and put structure in the classroom. He was a great teacher and loved Elf. He will definitely be missed I'm glad I had the privilege to thank him as an adult visiting the school. RIP Mr. T .

Chris Madera - June 08 at 06:00 PM

BW

“ This beautiful man Mr.T was a great teacher hero and leader all of his students were very proud of him especially me he taught me a lot this is why today I am the man I became with his teaching is kids in school RIP Mr.T my heart is broken go teach in those beautiful white cloud

brian worley - June 08 at 04:57 PM

RC

“ oh my, this breaks my heart, my fifth grade teacher, my very good friend. I looked up to him, and I loved him, he was full of laughter and really, really good advice. He was a wonderful piano playet and we used to see him and the Toney Bros. every New Years Eve. I'm so very sorry for your loss, and I am praying for all of you. Renee Cook, Kaier school, his class of 75/76

Renee Cook - June 08 at 02:21 PM

RW

He was the best!!!

Ron Woody - June 08 at 03:20 PM

SW

“ We've been blessed to be great friends of Jim and Jan and their family for many years. Jim has also been our amazing Bible teacher for the last few years.....and how gifted he was. His knowledge of the Bible was such an inspiration to us, and there was rarely a question he couldn't answer. As a great friend, Jim held a very special place in our hearts, and we miss him very much. We are blessed, though, to still have Jan and the Talbott boys and their families in our lives. Thank you Lord, for bringing Jim and Jan and their family into our lives. I would be remiss if I didn't mention what an outstanding pianist Jim was. Again, we were so grateful that we were able to have Jim not only as our Bible teacher, but also as our worship leader! He brought such joy into our lives when he played all of the magnificent hymns each week! It was always a little bit of heaven here on earth. I can only imagine how much beautiful music he's sharing with all his friends in heaven as they worship the Lord in song! Jim, we miss you and we love you.

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**Susan Warmbier** - June 07 at 08:41 PM

RJ

“ Jimi Talbot was a hero to me. I grew up listening to him play piano for the Toney Brothers. I had the privilege to play piano for the Toneys twice, and a lot of the reason was Jimi!

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**Robert K Schneider Jr** - June 07 at 04:32 PM

JC

*I attended Emmaus Bible Church for many, many years. Such an excellent teacher and a true man of God. He walked the walk. I always looked forward to our Sunday's church. We would email each other on current events that were biblically note worthy. He was very important to me, and was a blessing in my life. Its painfully hard to explain the deficit I feel.. He was a faithful servant to the Lord and this gives me comfort knowing he is in heaven with Jesus Christ. As an employee of Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, it my greatest honor to serve the family during the visitation. I will miss Him dearly.*

*Jeanine Cupp Behrend*

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**Jeanine Cupp** - June 09 at 06:41 PM

RN

*I LOVE Jim Talbott! I've known Jim since his days with the Toney Brothers, and have shared the stage with him on many occasions. One of my greatest memories is singing in the group called The Chapels with his son Jim, and Jim senior playing an entire concert for us at the Gospel Barn in Hillsdale MI. An evening I will never forget! We will miss him greatly, what a wonderful man!*

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**Ron Newsome** - June 11 at 05:37 PM