



Mrs. Eleanor J. James

June 11, 1933 - March 18, 2022

JAMES, Mrs. Eleanor - Age 88 passed away Friday, March 18, 2022, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Rev. Virgil Humes, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. James will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. There will be no public viewing. Mrs. Eleanor Jean Sams James was born June 11, 1933 in Washington, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George and Esther Sams. Eleanor graduated from Washington High School in Washington, PA. Eleanor was a resident of Flint, Michigan since May of 1952. She married Percy James in August 1953. Her church affiliations were, Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle in Flint and New Hope Church in Wayne, MI. She attended Mott Community College in Flint, where she studied to become a Special Education Teacher. She was employed with Mrs. Ann Smith as a Seamstress. Eleanor was a Para-Professional Teacher for Special Education, and a Bus Driver with the Flint Board of Education, along with working part-time as a Knitting and Crocheting Teacher. Lastly, she also worked as an Independent Seamstress. Eleanor was a loyal and devoted member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle. She was a member of the Dorcus Circle, Floral Club, Gospel Choir, Senior Choir, and the Usher Board. She was also the Bus Driver for Vacation Bible School and was committed to doing any and

everything for her church. Eleanor's hobbies included, knitting, crocheting, quilting, puzzles, gardening, and she loved to travel. Her characteristics were that she was kind, caring, giving, loving, understanding, patient and artistic. Mrs. Eleanor J. James leaves to cherish her memory: 4 daughters, Dr. Bonita James Leavell of Highland Park, MI, Cheryl James of Flint, Letitia James of Highland Park, MI and Tonya Jamison of East Lansing, MI; son, Rodney James of Flint; grandchildren, Tiffany Leavell of Detroit, Mrs. Alexandria (Dr. Daniel) Hollern of San Diego, CA, Aiana Jamison J.D. of East Lansing, MI, Rodney Kirk II of Atlanta, GA, Randy James of Flint and Derrell James of Indianapolis, IN; great-grandchildren, Darryl Ash Jr., Devin Long, both of Detroit, MI, Rodney Kirk III of Atlanta, GA, Anexx and Adonnes James (twins) of Saginaw, MI, Nimauri Robinson, Avery and Ava James all of Indianapolis, IN; 2 sisters, Mrs. Florine (Andrew) Garrison of Los Angeles, CA and Mrs. Alfair "Cheech" Simons of Salem, MA; 6 brothers, Dr. Frederick (Judith) Sams of Pittsburgh, PA, Duane (Revelie) Sams, J.D. of Washington, D.C., Paul (Patricia) Sams of Aurora, CO, Ronald Sams of Baltimore, MD and William Sams Sr. of Flint; nieces and nephews, Rachel and Stacy Sams of Aurora, CO, Brittany Sams of Atlanta, GA, Kimberly Washington of Salem, MA, Marissa & Kyla Sams of Washington, D.C., Esther Sams of Virginia Beach, VA, Brenda Willis, Linda Willis, Anthony Willis, all of Flint, Gregory Chewe of Riverside, CA, Gwendolyn Misner of Riverdale, GA, Merlynn Chewe of Junction City, KS, Marcia Chewe-Ward of Atlanta, GA, Vern (Justine) Holley of Philadelphia, PA, Fred (Rose) Sams of San Diego, Kevin Washington of Seattle, WA, Brandon Sams of Atlanta, GA, William Sams of Columbus, OH, Barbara Sargent of Las Vegas, NV, Edward Sargent Jr. of Lansing, MI, Tyrone Sargent of Las Vegas, NV, Dr. Steve James of Grand Blanc, MI and Timothy James, of Detroit; cousin, Jane Arlington of Cleveland, OH; sister-in-laws, Mrs. Juanita (Joseph) Roberts of Palm Desert, CA, Mrs. Bennie Ruth Willis, and Mrs. Maggie (Mural) Chewe, all of Flint; brother-in-law; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Mrs. Betty Compton, Mrs. Delores Taylor, Ms. Jethene Brandon, Ms. Claudette Brandon, Mrs. Sarah

Hunter-Tucker and many more. Mrs. James was preceded in death by her husband, Percy James; parents, George and Esther Sams, Elizabeth Sams; grandparents, Susie Essex and Edward Brooks; sister, Ms. Neatha Sams; brothers, Mayford Holly, Walter "Uncle Chubby" Sams, and George Sams; sisters-in-law, Suzanne Sams, Martha Wilson and Marie "Sweetie" Brown; brothers-in-law, Joe Roberts, Joe Dye and Nathaniel Willis; aunts Frances Yancey, Tammy Yancey, Alfair Johnson, Lilly Dupont, and Blanche Seldon; 5 uncles, Floyd Yancey, Percy Yancey, Sam Yancey, Percey Yancey and Charles Yancey; nieces and nephews, Joe "Buster" Dye, James Dye, Darryl Willis, Anita Brown, Harry Brown, Michael Brown, Pamela Brown, Byron James and Phillip James; dear friends, Dezeray Brandon, Delaine Blassingame, Mrs. Selma Collins, and Mrs. Lottie Grant. The family would like to express special thanks to Great Lakes Dialysis West, Dr. Emily Smith, Dr. Boniface Tubie, Dr. Hershel Jackson, Dr. Kenneth Jamerson, Ms. Gwendolyn Lovelace, Ms. Agnes Dado and Mr. Jim Ghadiali.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Family hour

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Eleanor J. James*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tonya Crayton-LaGrone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Tonya Crayton-LaGrone - April 01, 2022 at 03:50 AM



“ *Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Cherry L. Brown - March 30, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *We send our deepest condolences to the James family with the loss of Mrs. Eleanor. She was a wonderful woman and a great Godmother. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*



April (Spence) Harris

&

Katina (Spence) Woods and Monty Jr.

Katina and April - March 27, 2022 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ Rose L Sams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Rose L Sams - March 26, 2022 at 01:51 PM

GS

“ Gene And Vivian Stuart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Gene and Vivian Stuart - March 25, 2022 at 09:34 PM

KG

“ Keisha Gates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Keisha Gates - March 25, 2022 at 08:57 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Peggy Stribling - March 25, 2022 at 08:40 PM

LE

“ *Lenore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Lenore - March 25, 2022 at 04:02 PM

ER

“ *Rest in Glory*



Elvia Roberson - March 25, 2022 at 11:29 AM

ER

“ *Elvia Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Elvia Roberson - March 25, 2022 at 11:25 AM

ER

“ *Elvia Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Elvia Roberson - March 25, 2022 at 11:24 AM

ER

“ *Elvia Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Elvia Roberson - March 25, 2022 at 11:24 AM

SF

“ *Sandra Epps And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Sandra Epps and Family - March 25, 2022 at 07:49 AM

RC

“ *Roy & Beverly Cummings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Roy & Beverly Cummings - March 24, 2022 at 10:56 PM

MS

“ Our sincere condolences to Mrs. James family and friends.
I will miss our talks. She always took the time to listen to what you had to say. We always end our talks knowing that God had the last word. Just trust and believe. Praying for the family.
REST on Mrs. Eleanor.



LOVE
Benny & Mae Vern Spence

Marietta Ga.

Mae Vern Spence - March 24, 2022 at 10:28 PM

RJ

“ Raymond And Ethel Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Raymond and Ethel Johnson - March 24, 2022 at 07:44 PM

JB

“ James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



James and Lisa Blakley - March 24, 2022 at 07:43 PM

DT

“ When I was little I had the privilege of living with Aunt Ellen for 2 years. I was even baptized at this very church. I can proudly say that it's because of Aunt Ellen I heard The Word of God as a child. Aunt Ellen didn't play, everybody was going to church. It is because of her goodness and faith in God He planted a seed in me. I'm grateful for the pillars that placed unshakable foundations.



Danielle Terry - March 24, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. James.



March 24, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. James.



March 24, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. James.*



March 24, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Jeff & Gwen Yancey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. James.*



Jeff & Gwen Yancey - March 24, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *Ondria Kjrksy Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Ondria kjrksy Gillespie - March 23, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ *Sams Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. James.*



Sams Family - March 23, 2022 at 09:59 PM

MM

“ *Marva McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Marva McDaniel - March 23, 2022 at 05:46 PM

TA

“ *To the Family, you have my deepest sympathy. Your mom was a true blessing to me when my mom's health was failing back in 2002. I will never forget her.*



Theresa Allen - March 23, 2022 at 04:32 PM

BL

Fond memories of your mom. Massey Family, Carton St.

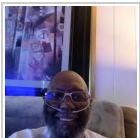
Betty Jo Levels - March 23, 2022 at 08:38 PM

LP

“ *James Family praying with you and for your family. Sis James will be missed.*



Leola Page - March 23, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *To the James family from Thomas and Karen Rawls(Touche'). She will be really missed by us, she was just like my other mother. I wireally miss her.*

Thomas Rawls - March 23, 2022 at 02:26 PM

LT

“ *Lawrence & Barbara Townsel lit a candle in the memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James, Our condolences to the James Family.*



Lawrence Bernard Townsel - March 23, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Thomas Rawls lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Thomas Rawls - March 23, 2022 at 02:22 PM

JK

“ *Julie Koger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Julie Koger - March 23, 2022 at 01:45 PM

KA

“ *Kandy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Kandy - March 23, 2022 at 11:29 AM

EF

“ Eddie,Linda Booth And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Eddie,Linda Booth and Family - March 23, 2022 at 10:46 AM

JS

“ Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Jacqueline Scott - March 23, 2022 at 09:56 AM

SS

“ Sheri Stuart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Sheri Stuart - March 22, 2022 at 10:24 PM

CM

From claudie majied cade and family for the 30; years I have know you a very loving Strong outstanding person God has you now and it's time to rest until we meet again

Claudie Majied - March 23, 2022 at 09:29 AM

NJ

“ Nate Jamerson purchased the *Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Eleanor J.
James.



Nate Jamerson - March 22, 2022 at 06:31 PM

BC

“ My heartfelt condolences in the passing of my
best friend. She will be greatly missed.
With Love, Bettye Compton



Bettye Compton - March 22, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for
the family of Mrs. Eleanor J. James.



March 22, 2022 at 06:28 PM

MP

“ Mrs. Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Mrs. Doretha Phillips - March 22, 2022 at 02:50 PM

WF

“ *Wigfall Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Wigfall Family - March 22, 2022 at 11:41 AM

PP

“ *PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



PJ & Glenda Pointer - March 22, 2022 at 09:18 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Badger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Carolyn Badger - March 22, 2022 at 08:54 AM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Jean Durrett - March 22, 2022 at 01:20 AM

DP

“ Dorothy Parrish sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Dorothy Parrish - March 21, 2022 at 11:03 PM

AH

“ Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James



Anita Harris - March 21, 2022 at 08:59 PM

JP

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Eleanore James. I pray the family strength during this bereavement time.



Joan Pointer - March 21, 2022 at 06:47 PM

KW

“ I will forever miss my beautiful Aunti. I am glad that she is in a better place.

Kevin Washington - March 21, 2022 at 06:39 PM

RB

“ *Rose Buggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Rose Buggs - March 21, 2022 at 04:43 PM

BC

“ *Bettina Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Bettina Campbell - March 21, 2022 at 04:23 PM

BL

“ *Such a beautiful , sweet soul , fly on Angel .*



Barbara Leake - March 21, 2022 at 11:08 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Jesse Kirksey - March 21, 2022 at 09:44 AM

JT

“ *Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - March 20, 2022 at 09:49 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Cynthia Tipton - March 20, 2022 at 09:03 PM

AS

“ *My dearest nieces and nephew I share in your breaking hearts but joy is your mom and my sister is with mom and dad and rest of family with God. Love, Aunt Cheech*

Alfair Simmons - March 20, 2022 at 08:07 PM

RF

“ *Rawls Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Rawls Family - March 20, 2022 at 07:51 PM

TF

“ *The Wheeler Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



The Wheeler Family - March 20, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Vera Styles - March 20, 2022 at 04:06 PM

IH

“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Iris Hare - March 20, 2022 at 01:58 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Coles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Pamela Coles - March 20, 2022 at 12:10 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Wanda Harrison - March 20, 2022 at 11:18 AM

MP

“ *Mrs. Michele Kirksey Parker*



Michele Parker - March 20, 2022 at 10:49 AM

BW

“ *Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Betty Wiggins - March 20, 2022 at 08:40 AM

GC

Praying for the family during this difficult time I hope you feel the power of God's love and His presence in your lives. May God continue to bless you and keep you.

Gregory Chewe - March 20, 2022 at 07:24 PM

AS

“ *Alfair Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor J. James*



Alfair Simmons - March 19, 2022 at 10:07 PM

 Vicky Ellison

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the James family...May God wrap his loving arms around you all in your time of sorrow... THE ELLISONS...*



Vicky Ellison - March 19, 2022 at 06:55 PM