



James Lankford

October 8, 1953 - May 16, 2010

LANKFORD, Mr. James Thomas - Age 56, passed away Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2010 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11 a.m., Pastor Arnold Lakes officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 10 a.m. Monday. Mr. Lankford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Mr. James Thomas Lankford was born October 8, 1953 in Brownsville, Tennessee, the son of Jerome Lankford and Lula Mae (Jones) Lankford. James was a longtime resident of Flint, Michigan. He was a member of New Covenant Christian Church under the guidance of Pastor Dr. Arnold Lakes. James attended Flint Public Schools until enlisting in the Marine Corps. He was employed at Carmen Ainsworth School District until his illness forced him to retire. James loved the Lord, spending time with his family, taking care of his cars and shopping. He also loved having get togethers with family and friends. James was a very loving, giving, spiritual and devoted to his wife and family. He leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 33 years, Yolanda Lankford of Flint; 2 daughters, LaTousha (Deonco) Jones of Grand Rapids, MI and Tiana Lankford of Flint; son, Anthony Rivera (fiancée, Keshia Hughes) of Burton MI; 3 grandchildren, Anthony Rivera II, Deonca Jones, both of Burton, MI and Desani Jackson of Flint; father, Jerome Lankford; 3 sisters, Sheila (Leonard) Smith, Janice Liston and Donna Robinson; brother, Lester Liston; 32 nieces;

30 nephews; 2 aunts, Ester Jones of Flint and Bunnie Liston of Marion, IN; uncle, Edward Liston of Lima, OH; many cousins including special cousin Dorothy Pharms of Flint; 3 sisters-in-law, Pam (Ron) Hardy, Tina Rivera and Kellie (Danny) Benton; 3 brothers-in-law, Bradley (Debbie) Crawford, Vince (Mary Jo) Crawford and Dan Knox (Nikki) Crawford; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, James "Mack" Lopp, Johnny Jones, Ed Dixon, Michael Newhouse, the Jones, Williams and Hurley families and Carman Ainsworth Transportation. Mr. Lankford was preceded in death his mother, Lula Liston; step father, Lester Liston; grandmother, Annie Jones; uncle, Napoleon "Nate" Jones; and mother-in-law, Rita Jacobs. The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center, Dr. B. Towfiq, Dr. E. Alunit and all who participated in his care.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Lankford*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

CB

I never got to meet my grandpa I was born in 2014 but my granny told me a lot about him and I can tell he was a great man and my sister Dasani she told me the memories they had

Carlina Bell - May 31, 2025 at 12:22 AM

DH

“ *James and I grew up together on Monroe St. We went to Lincoln elementary together. Many times he would come home with me for lunch. I was the fat white kid who stuttered and he was the fat black kid. We were the kids that they all picked on. We were friends. My mother adored him and said that I was lucky to have James as a buddy. We moved to Grand Blanc after sixth grade and we lost contact. I have great memories of our child hood. It has been ten years sense his passing, I just found out. If he became half the man of the kid he was, he was a good man. Please except my belated condolences.*

Saddened,

Dale Howe

Dale Howe - March 29, 2020 at 09:05 PM

LA

Being his oldest daughter, I can assure you my Dad spoke of you and adored you as well.. Hope you find comfort in knowing he truly was a great man and made a impact on everyone he encountered. We miss him dearly. Thank you for your kind words about my father. Made me smile.

LaTousha - June 26, 2021 at 11:55 AM

MJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. The best place to be is in God's memory John 5:28-29.*

Michael J - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Yolanda, my condolences to you and your family.*

love,

*Monica L. Leverette
322nd Medical Company
APO, AE 09342*

Monica Leverette - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I am sorry for your loss, Mr. Lankford will be greatly missed. You and your family will be in my prayers.*

JOANN DOCKERY - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Yolanda, I am so sorry to hear the passing of James. He was such a good person. You and your family are in my thoughts. May your memories bring you peace at this time.

Love,
Sarah

Sarah Folts - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ With my sympathy and respects I send to you hope it helps a little from me to you,A loved one lost before their time forever loved in your heart and mind.Tear will flow and hearts will mend just takes time so hope i send it's a start my friend so please take care if ever you need, me i be there.

LoveYall, Rochelle

Rochelle - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ May we extend to the family our deep and sincere sympathy in their loss, May they rely on Him who can and will heal all sorrow.

New Covenant Christian - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ uncle james u will be sadly missed but never forgotten we love u

gerald&angela fitzpatrick - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *BROTHER
IN GODS CARE YOU REST ABOVE
IN OUR HEARTS YOU REST WITH LOVE
MEMORIES OF YOU ARE OURS TO KEEP
OUR WORDS ARE FEW BUT OUR LOVE IS DEEP
JAMES WE WILL MISS YOU.*

JANICE ROGERS - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM