



Ms. Mildred James

May 25, 1952 - May 17, 2022

JAMES, Ms. Mildred - Age 69, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Minister Raymond Nelson officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 North Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Funeral Home, 10:30 AM Tuesday. Ms. James will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Monday. Ms. Mildred James was born in Tylertown, Mississippi. She was a longtime resident of Flint, MI; she worked 38 years as a Flint Public School Teacher. Ms. James was a member of Vernon Chapel AME Church and the church Bell Choir. A graduate of Flint Public Schools, Ms. James continued her education at Western Michigan and Michigan State Universities, earning degrees from both schools. Ms. James was an active member of the Flint community, earned numerous awards, and participated in countless organizations and initiatives across the city including Flint's chapter of Jack & Jill of America, the Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games Executive Committee, Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games Swim Coach, Flint Public Schools swim coach and swim teacher, the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, Lifeguard and Lifeguard Trainer, the Special Olympics, and was an avid clarinet musician and swimmer. Ms. Mildred James is survived by: sisters, Patty J. (Jim) Oehmke of East Lansing, MI and Etta Marie (late Cail) Jones of New Orleans, LA; brother,

Robert E. James of Lansing, MI; granddaughter, Ariya James, Flint; uncle, Jimmie Conerly of New Orleans, LA; aunts, Georgia Lee Conerly of Detroit, MI and Kathleen Conerly of Tylertown, MS; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless other relatives and friends including, Lyria Smith, Geraldine Lee, Evelyn & Henry Flowers, Ladale Woods, Vee Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Collins of Metro Flint, and Raymond Johnson, Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. James was preceded in death by her son, Wilford D. "Shawn" James; parents, Wilford and Geraldine James; and numerous aunts and uncles. The family would like to express a special Thanks to Ladale Woods, Henry & Evelyn Flowers, and all of those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to assist Mildred, Shawn and Ariya.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 23. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
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lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

MAY 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 24, 2022 at 08:18 AM



“ *Ms. Mildred James*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Sheila Lomax lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Sheila Lomax - May 26, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ *Ms. Mildred James was an amazing women, and teacher. She touched many children's lives. She was our oldest son's swimming instructor in 1999. She was firm, but loving, and she loved working with children. I am so glad that our son learned to swim under her instructions. We are blessed to have known her, and her family. My Condolences to the family!*

Victoria Pritchett - May 25, 2022 at 10:58 PM

PG

“ *PEA GEE lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



PEA GEE - May 25, 2022 at 10:44 AM

GJ

“ *A warm caring neighborhood friend who loved her community. Sending my condolences to the James Family.*



Georgena Johnson-Anderson - May 25, 2022 at 05:08 AM

MS

“ *Carpenter Road will never be the same.....until we meet again....my condolences and prayers.....Mark D. Shivers and Family*

Mark Shivers - May 25, 2022 at 12:29 AM

MS

“ *Mark Shivers lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Mark Shivers - May 25, 2022 at 12:27 AM

CM

“ *Charles Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Charles Miller - May 24, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Mildred's passing. As childhood neighbors she was always a model of quiet strength & poise with a gentle smile and laughter. In Love & Prayer always! May God Bless and keep you Robert, Patty & family!*
Marcia Shivers Johnson

Marcia Johnson - May 24, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Marcia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Marcia Johnson - May 24, 2022 at 07:32 PM

MH

“ *Mildred was a joy to be around & she truly enjoyed being with the children. Mildred was well loved by her students.
A people person she truly was! Praying for the James family.*

Mr and Mrs Paul Hood(Mildred) - May 24, 2022 at 06:10 PM

VM

“ Valerie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Valerie Marshall - May 24, 2022 at 12:02 PM

VM

“ God bless the family of Ms. Mildred James. I have very fond memories of the swimmer, the church member, and the caregiver of her family. I send my love to you all. Valerie Marshall

Valerie Marshall - May 24, 2022 at 12:02 PM

JG

“ Janice Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Janice Green - May 23, 2022 at 09:10 PM

TA

“ Teresa Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Teresa Anthony - May 23, 2022 at 08:59 PM

WS

“ To granddaughter, Ariya, Robert, Patty, please know I pray for you and all of her family left behind. Although I know she is at peace now, I was saddened to learn of her passing. Two months (less 2 days) and she has rejoined her precious Shawn! "The Lord bless you and keep you...and give you peace," as you transition life in their absence.- Numbers 6:24-26 Willene Sumpter and Family



Willene Sumpter - May 23, 2022 at 06:08 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Valerie Southall - May 23, 2022 at 05:17 PM

JA

“ My deepest condolences to the James family. Mildred and I grew up in school and church together. I am sure that she will continue to teach, help and love as she exist beyond this world.



Janice Brown Adams - May 23, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ms. Mildred James.



May 23, 2022 at 02:55 PM

DG

“ *Patty and family,*

You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I have great admiration for the James family. Beginning with your parent, who instilled in all of you a sense of purpose, strong values, and work ethic.

So many fond memories of Mildred. Her infectious smile, caring about others emulated your mother's legacy throughout her short life. A dutiful daughter, loving sister, and mother.

Mildred exemplified the true meaning of building a sense of community. Her coaching and teaching career with the Flint Community Schools, endless volunteering for the Flint Olympian/CANUSA and other community programs provided opportunities for her students to explore their gifts and talents.

Two moments bring a smile to my face – First, the birth of her son Shawn, born on a CANUSA Games weekend. We always called him our CANUSA baby. Secondly, taking members of her swim team to the city of Belize, Central America.

Passion, commitment, faith, hope, and charity were just some of the Mildred's attributes that will be missed by many.

She was a blessing to all of us!

Dr. Gail Ganakas

Dr. Gail Ganakas - May 23, 2022 at 12:28 PM

CC

“❤️🕊️☐



Carla Clark - May 23, 2022 at 06:43 AM

FB

“ *Felicia Blount lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Felicia Blount - May 22, 2022 at 08:52 PM

MM

“ *Maxine Murray sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Maxine Murray - May 22, 2022 at 08:42 PM

YU

“ *To the James Family,
May God, give you comfort during this difficult
time. Mildred was a kind person who had an
infectious smile. RIH*



Yolanda Urquhart-Williams - May 22, 2022 at 06:33 PM

VB

“ Vanessa Brackins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Vanessa Brackins - May 22, 2022 at 04:10 PM

TW

“ Theresa & James Wesley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Theresa & James Wesley - May 22, 2022 at 11:42 AM

DW

“ Deborah Whitehead sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Deborah Whitehead - May 22, 2022 at 09:53 AM

RE

“ Rhonda Etherly sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Rhonda Etherly - May 22, 2022 at 09:49 AM

SL

“ I was deeply saddened hear of Mildred passing. Mildred taught my son to swim when he was 3 years old. Mildred and I had been communicating lately. Mildred has always been a caring person. I know how much she cared for her family. I am especially praying for her granddaughter. God bless and protect her from all hurt harm and danger in Jesus name! Amen!



Shirley Luckado-McReynolds - May 22, 2022 at 03:33 AM

JJ

“ I worked with Mildred at Northwestern, and we had many good times together. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. The entire Rodda family sends their condolences.

Judy Rodda Johnson - May 21, 2022 at 11:01 PM

BC

“ Bethany Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



bethany collins - May 21, 2022 at 10:46 PM

AP

“ Arnenia Peoples-Odum lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Arnenia Peoples-Odum - May 21, 2022 at 04:44 PM

JG

“ *Janice Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Janice Green - May 21, 2022 at 03:42 PM

EF

“ *Eula Pressley, Cassandra, and family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Mildred James.*



Eula Pressley, Cassandra, and family. - May 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

IH

“ *Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Ivy Herron - May 20, 2022 at 10:04 PM

JJ

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mildred's passing. We were friends and lifeguard/swim instructors at Northwestern. I spent may days with her and her family with many fond memories. My condolences to her family. My thoughts are with you.*

Judy (Rodda) Johnson - May 20, 2022 at 08:29 PM

SB

“ Sabrina Lang Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Sabrina Lang Brown - May 20, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Mildred James.



May 20, 2022 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ To the family of Mildred, we're sending our sincere condolences and empathy. Especially to her granddaughter. We as well as many others will miss her smile laughter and warm extending heart . Pray that you,the family , receives the guidance and strength needed at this time.



The Bey-Woodson family - May 20, 2022 at 07:06 AM



“ Our condolences to the James family, in the loss of Mildred. LORD, please wrap YOUR loving and comforting arms around the James family during their hour of grief, In Jesus Name, Amen!



Lincoln Ward - May 19, 2022 at 11:52 PM

IB

“ *Ivy Blount lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Ivy Blount - May 19, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Sending love & condolences to the James family. So saddened to hear of Mildred's passing. I'm praying for you all! May God give you peace & strength during this difficult time!*



Jacqueline Bridges - May 19, 2022 at 11:45 AM

PR

“ *So sad to hear of Mildred's passing. We both lived our lives teaching and coaching swimming. So many fond memories of Southwestern Pool. Mildred touched many lives during her career. Prayers to Robert and Patty and their families. Paula and Fred Rettenmund*

Paula Rettenmund - May 19, 2022 at 09:55 AM

WR

I am so saddened to hear of Mildred's passing. She was a dear friend who taught my children swimming and donated so many hours to the success of the CANUSA games! I pray for strength and courage for her granddaughter and the entire James family.

Wendy Ross - May 22, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JH

My Sincere condolences to family of Mildred James. She taught my children to swim. She was a caring and wonderful woman who loved teaching, educating, and mentoring others.

Jacqueline H.Nolden - May 23, 2022 at 02:23 PM

ET

“ *Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Ernelle Taylor - May 19, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Brian Hébert lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Brian Hébert - May 18, 2022 at 11:59 PM

GR

“ *“Back in the Day” it was unheard of for a Black girl to be on a swim team. Yet Mildred had the courage to break that barrier by being in the Girl’s Synchronized Swim Club at Northwestern High School. I also remember Mildred to be a kind, gentle soul who was always quick to smile; and I am happy to have known her. May God’s love and happy memories, comfort and sustain the family through this difficult time.*



Gwendolyn Rosborough-Goodrum - May 18, 2022 at 11:52 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Belinda Brown - May 18, 2022 at 11:36 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Belinda Brown - May 18, 2022 at 11:28 PM

NB

“ *Neysa Hodges Burns lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Neysa Hodges Burns - May 18, 2022 at 10:30 PM

DC

“ *Darlene Davis Calvert lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Darlene Davis Calvert - May 18, 2022 at 09:34 PM

DS

“ I extend my condolences and prayers to the James Family.
Mildred is a kind person who will be missed.



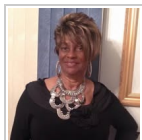
Dana Simmons - May 18, 2022 at 08:33 PM

EP

“ EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY - May 18, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ Lula Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Lula Lewis - May 18, 2022 at 06:13 PM

AD

“ Alison Dedrick lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Alison Dedrick - May 18, 2022 at 05:38 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jordan-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Gloria Jordan-Thompson - May 18, 2022 at 05:27 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jordan-Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Gloria Jordan-Thompson - May 18, 2022 at 05:27 PM

JM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James.



Joan McKinnie-Sanders - May 18, 2022 at 03:34 PM

BD

“ Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Brenda Duckett-Greer - May 18, 2022 at 03:26 PM

PM

“ I (Pastor Lorraine Munerlyn) thank God for the memories of sister Mildred James, I worked at Northwestern high school during my junior year and sister James worked there as well. I took the tickets from the students that came from with in the community of Flint area to swim during the summer; and I remember standing and talking with her. She was educated and carried her love for life in her beautiful smile she was always smiling always kind words to say and her sister always was with her and I can't remember her sisters name but she was definitely a great swimmer! Mildred James was a sweet spirit filled person with nothing but love and appreciation for life and you felt it! God bless has blessed her deceased soul in Jesus Christ almighty Name. May the continued prayers for blessings cover the James family. Peace and blessings to you all



Pastor Lorraine Munerlyn - May 18, 2022 at 02:46 PM

SE

“ *Stuart Elzy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Stuart Elzy - May 18, 2022 at 01:43 PM

EH

“ *Elbert Hicks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Elbert Hicks - May 18, 2022 at 01:38 PM

EH

“ *Elbert Hicks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Elbert Hicks - May 18, 2022 at 01:38 PM

GJ

“ *Gloria Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Gloria Jackson - May 18, 2022 at 01:13 PM

RJ

“ *Taught me how to swim at nw RIP MS JAMES*



Robert Jackson - May 18, 2022 at 12:22 PM

GM

“ *"Gary Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James."*



Gary Martin - May 18, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ *Janice Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Janice Holbrook - May 18, 2022 at 11:25 AM

PC

“ *Pamela Coles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Pamela Coles - May 18, 2022 at 09:54 AM

VW

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to Mildred son, and the James family, students, and the many many students she taught how to swim. Mildred was a joy, a very kind, caring and loving young lady with an infectious smile. I was so glad to have had her and her mom "Mrs Geraldine JAMES" as my kids swim teacher at Flint Northwestern. She made swimming for them a joy and they were very anxious to go to class each week. Everytime I saw her, she would always ask about my kids and we would give each other a big hug. She was a Excellent Teacher as well . May you find comfort in the wonderful memories his beautiful caring spirit and his life. For Our earthly house has dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Rest on in Jesus arms MS. Jame, until we meet again.*

Mrs. Valerie J Williams



Valerie Williams - May 18, 2022 at 09:00 AM

JO

“ Beautiful soul, always smiling with a kind word❤️



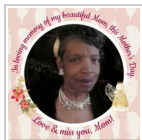
Jon - May 18, 2022 at 08:45 AM

MA

“ Melinda Mosley Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Melinda Mosley Anderson - May 18, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ Beautiful person, was glad I had the opportunity of knowing her in the Flint School District.



Mariea Coffer - May 18, 2022 at 08:22 AM

AG

“ Alvin Gayden lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Alvin Gayden - May 18, 2022 at 08:07 AM

JT

“ *Janice Tooson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Janice Tooson - May 18, 2022 at 07:58 AM

SW

“ *Sherry L Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Sherry L Williams - May 18, 2022 at 01:19 AM

CT

“ *Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Connie Taylor - May 17, 2022 at 11:27 PM

AJ

“ *Andrew L Gayden Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James*



Andrew L Gayden Jr - May 17, 2022 at 11:20 PM

CM

“ *Mildred James what can I say. You have been a big blessing to my family. You and your family have that special kindness about yourselves, and have always been in my life. Rest well and now that you are with your parents and your son, know that you will be missed.* ”



Cecilia Miller-Sims - May 17, 2022 at 10:51 PM

VN

“ *Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James* ”



Veronica Nickens - May 17, 2022 at 10:48 PM

TP

“ *Thanks for teaching me and my daughter how to swim. I was the one that couldn't figure out how to but you made me try. Tonya and ChaQuinta Price* ”



Tonya Price - May 17, 2022 at 10:11 PM

RS

“ *Raynetta Patrice Speed lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James* ”



Raynetta Patrice Speed - May 17, 2022 at 10:11 PM

JR

“ John, Tujunana And Nicholas Reaves lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



John, Tujunana and Nicholas Reaves - May 17, 2022 at 09:50 PM

LG

“ Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Linda Gulley - May 17, 2022 at 09:12 PM

JR

“ Joya Reaves-Embry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Joya Reaves-Embry - May 17, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ Rhonda White lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Rhonda White - May 17, 2022 at 08:26 PM

SS

“ *Ms. Mildred so many great memories at Northwestern. Condolences to the Family* ”



Sophia Staples - May 17, 2022 at 06:32 PM

MH

“ *Marilyn Howell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James* ”



Marilyn Howell - May 17, 2022 at 06:16 PM

EW

“ *Elder Charles And Linda Woods lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James* ”



Elder Charles and Linda Woods - May 17, 2022 at 06:14 PM

AJ

“ *Andrew L Gayden Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James* ”



Andrew L Gayden Jr - May 17, 2022 at 05:53 PM

JW

“ Mildred was such a big part of the Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games for many years. She was our swim coordinator and also our hospitality chairperson. She ran Flint Community Schools enrichment swim program for years. To say that she touched a life is indeed an understatement. Mildred ALWAYS had a smile for you and what can I do to help?
Because of all of her volunteerism, she had received the prestigious Alton Pat Paterson award for outstanding volunteerism in 1984. Mildred will be missed by her CANUSA family! Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family .

Jean Whiting - May 17, 2022 at 05:50 PM

NW

“ Nana Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



nana williams - May 17, 2022 at 03:35 PM

CW

“ Cathy Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mildred James



Cathy Williams - May 17, 2022 at 02:50 PM