

In Loving Memory of



**Robert Emanuel James, Ph.D.**

Sunrise  
October 5, 1928

Sunset  
January 30, 2011

Service

Friday, February 4, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

**FIRST BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

860 Eighteenth Avenue • Irvington, NJ 07011

*Rev. H. Grady James, III, Pastor*

## *The Obituary*

**Robert Emanuel James** was born October 5, 1928 to the late Willa Mae and H. Grady James, Sr. Robert was the sixth of eight children: Mattie, Grady, Jr., Richard, Estelle, Edward, William, and Charles. The family moved to Newark from Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1945.

In early childhood both parents immersed all the children in prayer, biblical teaching and church life. Robert began his Christian discipleship at New Zion Baptist Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey and continued at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey where he was baptized and actively participated in the choir. In the 1990's Robert became a member of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church in Brooklyn, New York. There he was actively involved in the intercessory Prayer Ministry and the Prayer Band. Just prior to his recent illness, Robert joined Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey.

Robert graduated from Southside High School in 1946. The importance of education was instilled in all of the children by his father, H. Grady James, Sr. Robert exemplified and manifested the essence of scholarship. He was elected senior class president at South Side High School. He was an orator par excellence and received personal recognition competing throughout New Jersey in the American Legion Oratorical contests. Robert went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a Master's of Social Work degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. He also received a Master's of Public Administration at New York University. Robert's interest in the healing art and science of psychotherapy led him to continue his education and training. In the 1970's he earned his doctorate of Philosophy in Behavioral Science from the International Graduate University in Leysin, Switzerland and completed rigorous training at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health in New York City receiving certification in both Adult Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis and in Child Psychiatry and Child Guidance.

In 1951 Robert married the late Winona Thelma Caldwell of Newark, New Jersey. To that union were born two daughters, Synthia Linda James and Glenda Carol James. Robert was a devoted father and a man for his family. It was his zest for life and his soothing, gentle wisdom which his family will always cherish. Robert was blessed again in later years to be joined in Holy Matrimony to Devorah Thomas of Queens, New York. The couple extended their commitment to each other to their professional lives and developed a private practice as psychotherapists and consultants in Springfield, New Jersey.

Robert sincerely believed in the capacity of people to grow and change. He dedicated his career as a helping professional to improving the quality of life for others. From the early days of his clinical practice as a caseworker with East Orange Youth and a caseworker in a Methadone Program, and through a successful career of Executive Directorships in Harlem and Long Island. Robert's ultimate delight was always in teaching and in helping others. He was unique in that he was a gifted psychoanalyst, yet also grounded by an unwavering spiritual belief. Robert had unusual depth in his understanding of the human condition and a special ability to help others see their own potential and possibilities.

Robert is survived by his wife: Devorah Thomas James; daughters, Synthia Linda James and Glenda Carol James, D.S.W.; brothers: Edward E. James, D.O. and wife Joan B. James, William A. James, M.D. and wife Andrance James; godchildren: Sandra James Goodrum and husband George Goodrum, Robert A. James, Esq. and wife Natasha Lopez James; Bruce Bernard Shepherd and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

# Order of Service

*Rev. H. Grady James, III - Officiating*

Prelude

Opening Hymn ..... Blessed Assurance

Scripture

Old Testament Psalm 23 ..... Minister Loretta Peterson

New Testament I Corinthians 15:46-58 .... Rev. Lencie Marchan

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Ronald Tuff

Selection ..... Sandra James Goodrum

Acknowledgements ..... Lady Sharon A. James

Tributes ..... H. Grady James, IV

Robert A. James, Esquire

Obituary..... Edward J. James, M.D.

Selection ..... Shirley E. Thomas

Eulogy ..... Rev. H. Grady James, III, Pastor

Recessional

## Interment

Rosedale Cemetery  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

All guest are invited to return to the church for a repast.

# Words of Inspiration

He gave me dark night  
But moonlight pierced through  
He gave me hard roads  
But eagle wings lifted me up  
He gave me stormy days  
But bright sunshine broke through the clouds  
He gave me tears in the night  
But joy came in the morning.

-Author Unknown



## Pall Bearers

Edward J. James, M.D.  
H. Grady James, IV

Robert A. James, Esquire  
Frank Jordan

Lawrence Peterson

## Acknowledgement

The family wishes to **acknowledge** with deep appreciation your prayers, your concern and the many acts of kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one.

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