

*In
Loving
Memory*



February 25, 1951 - March 13, 2018

Michael A. James

Service

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Officiating: Rev. Rubel Unel Caldwell

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Soloist

Maysa Washington - "Amazing Grace"

Remarks

Jason D. James

Ryan M. James, Esq.

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Maysa Washington - "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye"

Eulogy

Rev. Rubel Unel Caldwell

Recessional

CREMATION

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

Joeseph J. Greer, Esq.

Luis Ortiz

Dwayne Walker

Thomas Ander-
son

Michael Scott

Derick Bowman

Obituary

Michael Anthony James was born February 25, 1951 in Newark, NJ to the late Frederick James and Rosetta Starks. He departed this life on March 13, 2018.

He attended Newark Public Schools where he eventually graduated from Barringer in 1968, starring in football and wrestling. His collegiate path led him to a degree in education at Montclair State College.

After a brief public school teaching stint, Mike transitioned into Newark City Government where he had a long, distinguished career, beginning in the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs before moving on to serve as an Executive Assistant to the City Clerk.

Most notably, Michael, along with Congressman Donald Payne and Senator Ron Rice founded the Newark Pop Warner Football League where he served as President for 29 years. The Newark Pop Warner Football League became one of the most successful programs in the region, producing countless NFL signees and at least one NFL Head Coach.

Michael also served as President of Newark Council 21, IFPTE for approximately 20 years. He was also the State Union President.

As a result of Mike's dedication, he was enshrined in the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame on October 13, 2011.

Retiring from public life in 2014, Mike spent time with his wife, Valerie, of 41 years.

He leaves behind to cherish, wife Valerie Mitchell James, sons Ryan M. James, Esq. of Greenville, SC and Jason D. James of South Orange, NJ, granddaughter, Maya Llanes, sister Sharon Young and a host of nieces and nephews, and family pet Bruno.

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*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

I'm Free

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the

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