

Lawrence Frederick James



Sunrise

October 11, 1932

Sunset

November 15, 2018

Service

Monday, November 26, 2018

FRANKLIN- ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

142 Maple Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07112

Obituary

Lawrence Frederick James was born to the late Richard James Sr. and Susanna James in Mays Landing, New Jersey, on October 11, 1932. Lawrence was one of eleven children born to his beloved parents. Lawrence was raised in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, where he was educated in the Egg Harbor Township School District. He graduated from Egg Harbor High School in the year 1949. Lawrence completed his freshman year of college at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, and later furthered his higher education at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia.

Humorously, it's been said that "A man who finds a wife finds a good thing", and a GOOD THING is exactly what manifested. With his infamous Hucabuk dance moves and marvelous charm, Lawrence met Edna (Brinkley) at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. Lawrence and Edna became one, commencing their union through marriage on April 20, 1957 in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. To Lawrence, Edna was known as "My Sugar", and to Edna, Lawrence was known as "My Boo". My Boo and My Sugar would go on to be blessed with two beautiful daughters: Debbie James and Lynette James. Lawrence would go on to acquire one more nickname, "Skeeta", given to him by his granddaughter Danielle (Bullard), yet inherited by fellow family and friends to use as well.

Lawrence loved spending quality time with his family at home but more importantly, he enjoyed worshipping the Lord together as a family at Franklin- St. John's United Methodist Church located in Newark, New Jersey. Lawrence was a faithful servant at Franklin- St. John's United Methodist Church. Within the church, Lawrence served on the Franklin- St. John's Board of Trustees, United Methodist Men Ministry, Franklin - St. John's Ushers, operated the church van, and volunteered at numerous church functions. Lawrence had a profound love for the church and its members.

Rising daily before the sun would surface, Lawrence was committed and diligent in providing for his family. He understood the fruits of his labor would lay the foundation of his family's values for years to come. After twenty-five plus years working as a manger of packaging at Xerox Corporation, Lawrence retired. Retirement afforded Lawrence the opportunity to spend more time with his family and indulge in his utmost favorite hobbies: bowling, cooking, listening to jazz music, playing Pinochle, and traveling; especially to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

On Thursday, November 15, 2018, God called Lawrence James to his eternal resting place. Lawrence was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Susanna and Richard James Sr.; brothers, Albert James, Stanley James, Harold James, Marvin James, Richard James, and Andrew James; and sister, Sandra James. Lawrence leaves to cherish his fond and loving memories: his loving wife, Edna James; daughters, Debbie James and Lynette James Porter; stepdaughter, Wanda Brinkley; granddaughters, Danielle McKenzie (Karima) and Erika Dean; sisters, Murdis James and Lois James of Jacksonville, Florida; brother, William James (Rhudine) of Jacksonville, Florida; sisters-in-law, Burley James of Pleasantville, New Jersey, and Daisy James of Camden, South Carolina, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Lawrence wore a heartwarming smile and exhibited a great sense of humor that will never be forgotten. He will be missed deeply.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude *by Mr. Emory L. Lee*

Processional of Clergy and Family

Congregational Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading *by Rev. Vivian Cook*

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14: 1-6

Musical Selection *by Mr. Emory L. Lee*

Remarks

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements - *Mrs. Diane Murray- Clements*

Reading of the Obituary - *Mrs. Diane Murray- Clements*

Musical Selection

Solo – Mr. Andrew Williams

Eulogy - *Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell*

Recessional *led by Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell*

Entombment

Glendale Cemetery Association

28 Hoover Avenue

Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Pallbearers

Mr. Edward James

Mr. Glenn Murphy

Mr. Wesc McCollum

Following the Entombment, family and friends are invited back to Franklin- St. John's United Methodist Church, 142 Maple Avenue, Newark, New Jersey- 07112, for the repast.

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
~Author, Unknown

Acknowledgement

There are those whose lives, death cannot diminish. Their love radiates forever in the hearts of family and friends. We felt that love in your thoughtfulness. The family of Lawrence James wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to them during this time of bereavement.



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