



## *Broken Chains*

We little knew the day that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.

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.

You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.

Written by Ron Tranmer

## *Acknowledgement*

Thank you all. We are deeply touched by your prayers and kind  
expressions of sympathy during our time of loss.  
May God continue to bless each of you.

## *Celebration of the Life of*

# *Curtis Lee James Jr.* *"Curty Burty"*

Sunrise:  
March 25, 1988

Sunset:  
November 2, 2024



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# Obituary

Curtis Lee James Jr. was born on March 25, 1988, at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey, to Curtis Lee James Sr. and Pamela James Menatac.

Curtis spent most of his life in Paterson, New Jersey, where he attended School 27 for elementary education and graduated from Panther Academy High School. He continued his academic journey at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. Driven by a relentless pursuit of knowledge and a commitment to excellence, Curtis earned multiple certifications in computer science and most recently obtained his CDL license to embark on an entrepreneurial journey. An entrepreneur at heart, he founded SpaceXowboy LLC, aiming to expand his trucking business and internet marketing services across state lines. In 2024, Curtis was honored as “Parent of the Year” at both Jeremiah’s and Isabella’s schools. He received numerous accolades at the Congressional, state, and city levels.

Curtis dedicated 15 years of his career to Verizon, where he held multiple roles in leadership and continuously pursued both personal and professional growth. Known for his diligence, he took on various pursuits, always striving to provide for his family and fulfill his God-given potential.

Baptized at a young age at the New York City International Church of Christ, Curtis was affectionately known as “Curty Burty,” “Curt,” “Little Curt,” and “Son” by his loved ones. He was deeply committed to serving others and took pride in his role as a leader for the Instrumental in New Destiny Family Success: GO FAR Father’s Initiative Program in Paterson, New Jersey. Curtis’ deep love for people shone through his community involvement, including his participation in the Brothers United Bike Club. Always ready to help, he assisted others with home

projects, homework, computers, resumes, and more, sharing his heart freely.

Curtis shared a lifelong, loving partnership with Jasmine Lovelace, a bond that began when they were just 12 years old. United in love and friendship, they were blessed with two children, Jeremiah Isaiah James and Isabella Kimora Lee James, who will carry forward his legacy.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Archer H. and Virginia Lee James Sr., and Israel and Lucretta Marie Neal.

Curtis leaves behind his father, Curtis Lee James Sr., and stepmother, Shirlene Henry-James; his mother, Pamela James Menatac, and stepfather, Louis Menatac; his sister, Shannon-Marié Bucsko, and brother-in-law, Kenneth Ryan Bucsko; his stepbrothers, Jordan Barrett and KoJohn Menatac; and his stepsisters, Brianna Barrett, Melissa Menatac, Natasha Menatac, and Trisha Menatac. He will be dearly missed by his aunts and uncles, Archer H. James Jr.; Carl V. James and Tabitha James; Eleanor Lowery-Johnson and Joe Johnson; Mary Virginia James-Bailey; Israel Grant; Darrell Grant; Paul and Letita Campbell; and by the late Annie Delores Ricks and Sheila James. Curtis was also blessed with mentors, including Douglas Goulding, Rev. William Henry, Bishop Charles V. Singletary Sr., and William Raheem Smallwood, as well as many cherished friends, including Caleb, Nate, and Cruze, along with his extended family members.

Curtis Lee James Jr. will be remembered for his kindness, laughter, dedication, resilience, and the boundless love he shared with everyone he met. May we look forward to the day we meet him in heaven.

**Monday, November 11, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.**

## **Reformed Church of Oradell**

641 Church St.

Oradell, New Jersey

*Bishop Charles V. Singletary Sr., Officiating*

## Order of Service

Prelude

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23 .....Shannon-Marié Bucsko

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6 .....Jordan Barrett

Great Is Thy Faithfulness....., Charla Holder  
& Trené Barksdale

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Loraine Priestly Smith

Goodness of God.....Charla Holder & Trené Barksdale

Poem.....Brianna Barrett

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/ Acknowledgements..... Shannon-Marié Bucsko

Remarks ..... Jasmine Lovelace  
Jeremiah Isaiah James  
Isabella Kimora Lee James

I’ll Fly Away.....Charla Holder & Trené Barksdale

Eulogy ..... Pastor Pamela James Menatac  
& Bishop Charles V. Singletary Sr.

Benediction..... Bishop Charles V. Singletary Sr.

Recessional..... Martha Watson

Interment  
Fair lawn Memorial Cemetery  
22-21 Maple Ave  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

*Family will receive friends and guest downstairs  
in the fellowship for a repast following the Interment.*