



Mr. James C. Lee

December 18, 1953 - April 17, 2025

James Clifton Lee affectionally known as “Burnside” was born December 18, 1953, to Estella Mae Franklin Parker and Verlen Burnside, in Forrest City, Arkansas.

He confessed his faith in Christ early in life and later joined New Bethel Church of God in Christ, first under Superintendent Alexander Dean where he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and continued serving under the leadership of Pastor Reggie Davis. He served as president of the deacon board and managed the church's finances with the finance team. He loved his church deeply, always responding to calls and making himself available for God's work.

He graduated from Forrest City High School in 1971. He started his first job at Kentucky Fried Chicken at the age of 14 and has worked continuously since then. He has been employed by Yale Hoist Manufacturing, Sanyo Manufacturing Corporation, Boar's Head Provision Company, Inc., and is currently working at Arisa Health.

Burnside, also known as “Burn”, “SugarDropper” or “Sweet Burn”, was devoted to his grandchildren, always present for their milestones and offering support. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, infectious laughter, and making everyone feel loved. He enjoyed hanging at the shop, talking with the guys, fixing cars, and cutting grass.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Estella Mae Franklin Parker and Verlen Burnside; and his siblings, Lee King and Mark King.

James Clifton Lee passed away on April 17, 2025, at Forrest City Medical Center.

He is survived by his children: Umeiki Deere (Carols Terrell) of Woodstock, GA; James Lee, Jr. of Forrest City, AR; Brandy Miller (Marcus) of Lawrenceville, GA; Lashunda L. Lee of Forrest City, AR; grandchildren: Jaqualyn Lattimore, Omari Lattimore of Forrest City, AR; Aaliyah Deere of Woodstock, GA; Kendarious Oliver of Forrest City, AR; Kendall Miller, Marcus Miller, Jr. of Lawrenceville, GA; Jamariya Lee, Chantler Dale of Forrest City,

AR; great granddaughter: Jakyra Smith of Jonesboro, AR; siblings: Verle Lee (Loretta), Derek Burnside, Jackie White (Danyell), Catherine Smith (Kelvin), Marquetta Oakley (Rodmetrice) all of Forrest City, AR; James Burnside (Patrice) of Little Rock, AR; Shenita Rogers (David) of Marion, AR; Freddie Black of Dallas, TX; one special friend: Sherry Smith of Forrest City, AR; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, his church family, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park Cemetery

2605 South Washington Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 25. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Service

APR 26. 1:00 PM (CT)

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
105 Haven Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

*The family will line up at the funeral home, 1900 South Washington Street, Forrest City, AR 72335 on the day of the service.
Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 12:30PM*

Repast

APR 26. 3:00 PM (CT)

Salem Missionary Baptist Church Life Center
109 Haven Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Ricky Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Ricky ray - January 09 at 05:22 PM

TT

“ I am sorry for your loss. You all have my deepest sympathy.



tasha and terry - May 16, 2025 at 02:40 PM

AC

“ Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Angela Crippen - April 26, 2025 at 03:15 AM

CC

“ To family of James Burnside
I am sorry to hear James has passed . I send my deepest sympathy and condolences. James and I were in the same class 1971 Rest In Peace Classmate



Christine Chism - April 25, 2025 at 09:10 PM

LO

“ Lovie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Lovie - April 25, 2025 at 02:07 PM

AW

“ James and I grew up together we were like family sorry for y'all loss he will be truly missed friends back then we're truly family he always had smile no matter how he were telling looking forward to seeing you again in the resurrection

Annie Humphrey Wade - April 23, 2025 at 02:18 PM

BJ

“ Bobbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Bobbie jones - April 23, 2025 at 10:56 AM

MT

“ Moniek Chanta Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Moniek Chanta Thomas - April 23, 2025 at 07:51 AM

TG

“ Timothy Grady lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Timothy Grady - April 23, 2025 at 07:31 AM

DS

“ DIANNE SHINE lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



DIANNE SHINE - April 23, 2025 at 02:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. James C. Lee.



April 22, 2025 at 10:44 AM

CC

“ *My deepest condolences to the Lee family on your loss to great person. May God give you guidance during this homegoing celebration. "Big James" was a very out going person..*



Christopher Chatters

Christopher Chatters - April 22, 2025 at 04:53 AM

DM

“ *A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.*



Sending condolences to the family of James "Burnside" Lee on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. James was a member of the Forrest City High School Class of 1971.”

*Delores Farr Morelon
MGNAAI President*

Delores Farr Morelon - MGNAAI - April 21, 2025 at 08:10 PM

FF

“ *Freddie I Brown Jr and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James C. Lee.*

Freddie I Brown Jr and Family - April 21, 2025 at 08:01 PM

FF

“ Freddie I Brown Jr and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lies Basket for the family of Mr. James C. Lee.



Freddie I Brown Jr and Family - April 21, 2025 at 08:01 PM

DJ

“ Dorothy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Dorothy Johnson - April 21, 2025 at 06:07 PM

RL

“ Good man gone longliveBurnside R.I.L.

Rosha Leak - April 21, 2025 at 06:00 PM

HK

“ see you in Heaven James I love you



herbert kidd - April 21, 2025 at 05:40 PM

LL

“ Lisa Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Lisa Lane - April 21, 2025 at 05:22 PM

DF

“ Debra Hargraves Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Debra Hargraves Ford - April 21, 2025 at 04:49 PM

CW

SENDING MY PRAYERS AND Condolences to the Family. Asking GOD to the Family Strength. Carolyn Williams

CAROLYN WILLIAMS - April 21, 2025 at 05:23 PM

DW

“ Deborah Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Deborah Washington - April 21, 2025 at 04:33 PM

CC

“ My sincere condolences to entire family. May God comfort you at this time. I will never forget our days on 'C' Street and Quarter Mile Skating Rink...RIL "Burn" "Big James"



Carmillia Chatters - April 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Shelia Smith-Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Shelia Smith-Wright - April 21, 2025 at 03:43 PM

RG

“ Rest my friend and classmate



Ricky Green - April 21, 2025 at 03:35 PM

DE

“ Rest on my friend and brother

Deborah - April 21, 2025 at 03:16 PM

BW

“ Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Bonnie Watson - April 21, 2025 at 03:15 PM

PW

“ This is so hard knowing Big James is gone. He was one of a kind always smiling and keeping it real. He will be missed. Prayers for the families.



Peggy Robinson Wright - April 21, 2025 at 03:13 PM

PS

“ Phyllis Suggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Phyllis Suggs - April 21, 2025 at 03:11 PM

OL

“ i love you papa 🥺🙏

Omari Lattimore - April 21, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Eddie Hodges - April 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Marva Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James C. Lee



Marva Garrett - April 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ Mr Lee was such wonderful person beat supervisor I ever had he was my friend
condolences to the family and friends 🤝 known as Burnside❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️
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Jeff McNutt - April 21, 2025 at 02:46 PM



I been known James for a while Ever since we worked at Boars Head he was a very cool dude never seen him mad about none thing. He always kept a smile on his face that what I liked about James C Lee We going to miss Him so much his memory going to live on RIP James C Lee

Sherita Taylor - April 23, 2025 at 06:27 AM