



Mr. John D. James

April 20, 1948 - April 3, 2025

John D. James was born April 20, 1948, to the late John James and Iola Dulaney Williams. After the passing of John James, John was raised by his stepfather, Jerome “Bill” Williams.

He was raised in a Christian home and confessed Christ at an early age. He graduated from Lincoln High School with the Class of 1966. Upon graduating high school, John attended Philander Smith College. A year later he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served and received an honorable discharge after several years of service. John later moved to Gary, Indiana and started a career at the U.S. Steel Mill. He retired from the mill following thirty-plus years of service. Upon retirement John returned home to Forrest City.

John married the girl of his dreams in 1978, Elnora Garmon, and to their union one son was born, John David James.

John departed this life on April 3, 2025. He is preceded in death by both parents and ten siblings: Emma Ruth Woodus, Ethel L. Wilson, Lavern Alexander, General Williams, Harold Jerome Williams, Billy Williams, Claudine Gordon, Carl Williams, Pauline Daniel, and Edward Williams.

He is survived by his wife—Elnora Garmon James; his son—John David James; eight siblings—Rita Williams, Joyce Williams, Carolyn Jackson, Velma Williams Thompson, Richard Williams, David (Willie Jean) Williams, Alice Jean James, and Mary Moton; a brother-in-law—John “Lil Sonny” (Pamela) Garmon; two aunts—Claudine Dulaney and Verline Davis; one uncle—Walter Taylor; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery - Birdeye

3600 AR-163
Cherry Valley, AR 72324

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 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 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

The family will line up at the home house, 1018 Hicky Street, Forrest City, AR 72335 on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 11:30AM

Repast

APR 12. 1:30 PM (CT)

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

Graveside

APR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TT

“ You all have my deepest sympathy



tasha and terry - May 16, 2025 at 02:43 PM

RW

“ Reva J Wiley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John D. James



Reva J Wiley - April 17, 2025 at 02:39 PM

AW

“ One of my favorite cousin you will be missed you were always sweet and kind thankful for the resurrection

annie Wade - April 08, 2025 at 06:27 PM

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 John D James on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. John was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1966.”

*Delores Farr Morelon
President, MGNAAI*

Delores Morelon - MGNAAI - April 08, 2025 at 01:55 PM

ST

“ James family, Condolences and Prayers to you. May God keep you in Perfect Peace. May His Holy Spirit Comfort the family and friends.

shirley williams thorn - April 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John D. James



shirley williams thorn - April 08, 2025 at 11:18 AM

PW

“ My deepest condolences to the Williams and James Families. May God continue to strengthen each of you during this difficult time.

Peggy R Wright - April 08, 2025 at 09:23 AM

EH

My dear cousin, it been a while since I seen you, but once upon a time, we were really close, my condolences to the family Earnestine Humphrey love to you all.

Earnestine Humphrey-Moore - April 08, 2025 at 11:00 PM