



## Franklin A. James

November 29, 1977 - January 16, 2021

Life Reflections....Franklin Alonzia Jones

We are all God's creations. Sometimes God shows His best work in nature. It seems when He created Franklin, He was going to show the world the boundless possibilities of what He could do in the creation of a man. Franklin Alonzia James was born on November 29, 1977. The blessed parents were Verna "Renee" Johnson (nee Berry) and Franklin A. James. God knew the responsibility of raising such a special gift required many here on earth. He provided the support of his stepfather, Paul Johnson and his parental aunt, O'Melia V. James. Franklin was predeceased by his loving grandmothers and great-grandmother, Elizabeth Anderson, Frankie M. James and Artchie Barber. He is glad to be with them. They are his heart. He quietly left this life on.

Franklin had the spirit of Jesus in him as a young child. He was always kind, helpful and gracious. When you encounter Franklin, you knew you were made to feel special, loved and valued. Franklin's innate nature was nurtured by his church family and pastors. He was always in the fellowship, as a youth at the New Antioch Baptist Church and his final way station was the Carter Memorial Church of God in Christ Church under the leadership of Bishop Carl Pierce. He served on various ministries: The Leadership Team, the Men's Ministry, and one of the Founding Members of the Good Fellas.

His first passion after his relationship with God was acting. He attended Baltimore City Public Schools. He was honored to be accepted in the Baltimore School for the Arts in the theater arts department in the Fall of 1992, completing his secondary education in 1995. He continued to pursue his craft; the first stop Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. Then the call of the Big Apple was overwhelming. He moved on to Fordham University in New York City. Upon completion of his studies, he pursued and obtained roles, both on and off Broadway and television. However, one never knows the plans God has for you and it may be so unlike what you can imagine. Like most starving artist, until that big break, he found himself engrossed in the hospitality industry. This was clearly God's call on his life. He was able to use his gifts and talents to serve others. That humble spirit did not just stop with assisting his customers, but also his coworkers, his family, friends and

neighbors to reach new heights of greatness. listen you can hear his touching words of encouragement, "Show up and show out". When times get hard and you miss him, be inspired in his memory to keep climbing higher and higher. He was so unselfish and would help anyone to reach their next level in life. Anyone who encountered Franklin, short term or long term, knew they had encountered a special person, a true gift from God to the world.

Franklin's employment was vast and varied. From his coveted position, at the Windows of the World Restaurant located in the now iconic Twin Towers in NYC, Hilton Doubletree, Roland Park, Hilton-Baltimore, Pendry Sagamore Hotel, 414 Light Street Residences, to his most recent achievement at the newest Tru by Hilton in Baltimore City as General Manager. He spent over ten years in New York honing his talents, when God called him back to Baltimore where those talents could be put to even better use.

Franklin leaves to not just mourn but celebrate his life, his parents, his grandfather, Thomas Reaves, his grandmother, Shirley Johnson his siblings: Rickia Wallace (m.Gregg) Kelsie Johnson, Tierra James, Jamal James, Talisha Johnson, and Travis Johnson (m.Cheryl). A role he enjoyed, "Funcle", His nieces, JuNada Davis, Amiyah Spraggins, Tasiah Edwards, Ariya Edwards and Rylie Sedgewick (the niece that stole his heart). His nephews, Joshua Daniels, Caydance Wallace.

Every person who Franklin met, he loved. There are a few people who stand out, that were extra helpful to him, when he needed support. Paulette Clay (long distance cousin), Bernard Dutton (barber), Eric Holmes, McCord Henry, Guy Valerie Bosworth, Shannon Jenkins, Jen Nicole Davis, Nika Easter, and Linda Brown, (god-sister), his BFF/brother, Lance Coadie Williams and a dear special friend, Damian Owens. There are a host of other relatives, cousins, and friends too numerous to name, who additionally had influence on his life.

Franklin wants to let everyone gathered, whether in the sanctuary or media, he loves you. If you must, cry a while. He is forever in your heart and memories. Let the good times engulf you. Be encouraged. He is with the Lord.

# Cemetery

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## King Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD, 21244

# Events

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**JAN** **Viewing** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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March Funeral Home - East

1101 E. North Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21202

**JAN** **Wake** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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First Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church

618 N. Hammond Ferry Rd., Baltimore, MD, US

**JAN** **Service** 10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ Whenever our paths crossed you was always the same, such a wonderful person that God sent to us just for a little while. You will be missed and nit forgotten! God Bless you my friend!

**Diane Love** - January 30, 2021 at 11:14 AM

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“ My condolences to the family! Franklin you were loved by many, you would give the coat off your back if you saw someone in need. great future ahead of you also but God loved you more. You will be missed! REST EASY, GOD'S GOT YOU. Miss Lil.

**Marjorie Harris** - January 21, 2021 at 10:45 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**March Funeral Homes** - January 20, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ Do you need help with the Obituary? Does the family prefer no obit? 410.941.9275  
james@jawcre.com

**James A White** - January 26, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Franklin's family and friends. The news of his passing was heartbreaking. It had been a long time since we'd seen each other but Franklin was an unforgettable person. His presence filled the room, his wit, his laugh, the skill with which he dispatched fools was legendary, but just as legendary was his incredible warmth and kindness. Sending love, strength and support to all who loved him.

**Carey Brandenburg** - January 29, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ My condolences to the James family

**TAMARA L SOLLERS** - January 29, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to Franklin's Family of his passing.

**Sarah C Robinson** - January 30, 2021 at 03:14 PM