



## James B. Duckett Sr.

February 2, 1939 - May 17, 2020

Obituary of:

James “Herman” B. Duckett, Sr.

February 2, 1939 – March 17, 2020

James was a jolly friendly person who was loved by everyone. All who met him remembered his smile that brought joy to those around him. His nickname, Herman, as told to us, came from his Aunt Fanny, one of his favorite aunts who cared for him frequently as a child. She often called him “Herman” because she said he was “her – man,”

Born in the town of LaPlata Maryland, he attended Bryantown Catholic School. He joined the United State Army at the young age of 17 in 1956, initially being stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He returned home in October 1958 to soon marry his devoted wife of 61 years Gladys “Baker” Duckett on January 3, 1959. Thereafter, he began his 35-year career at the Naval Ordnance Station in Indianhead, Maryland where he retired as a Supervisor. Over the years, James received many accommodations and awards for his committed and stellar service to the Department of the Navy.

Together they raised 3 children, Bonita J. Bell (married to William G. Bell), James B. Duckett, Jr. and Rev. DeBora M. Duckett. He also leaves behind a much-loved granddaughter, Stormi M. Duckett-Peay (married to Michael T. Peay).

James was an avid fisherman who spent many of his weekends with family and friends on his boat. As a young man he played baseball with the Bryantown baseball team for many years. His love of baseball continued throughout his life. “Go Orioles!”

James was a man who was deeply loved by his wife, children and a host of other family and friends. Even after decades of battling Alzheimer’s, Gladys honors his years of strength, love and commitment to family.

Our passing loss, is heaven’s eternal gain. We will love you... forever!

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Cheltenham

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Service

11:00AM - 11:45AM

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Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County  
4308 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD, US, 20746

# Comments

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“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for James B. Duckett Sr., Please Click the Link below.



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - June 01 at 05:28 PM

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“ Aunt Gladys and Family,

The Stokes Family extends their deepest sympathy for your loss. May God give you strength to know that Uncle Herman is in heaven and at peace. We will continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Emillio, JoAnn, Tanya, Jr and Shalietta

JoAnn Stokes - June 03 at 10:14 PM

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“ Gladys and Family,

I am sending all my love to each of you. You have my heartfelt condolences. Herman was a very funny guy. He and Joe had a lot of good memories together. Gladys, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family as you adjust to not having Herman's physical presence with you. Everyday the family is in our hearts and prayers. The Lord will ease your burden and lift your spirits through these difficult days. God bless you all.

The Bankins Family with all our love : Olaine, Sonya, Joey, Zettica and the Grandchildren

AIBankins - June 02 at 12:00 PM

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“ Uncle Herman,

I am truly going to miss your wonderful smile and you calling me "So-ni." Rest Peacefully! Aunt Gladys and family my heart goes out to you and your family at this

trying time. Praying for your peace and strength.

Love Always,

Sonya Bankins

**Sonya** - June 02 at 11:37 AM

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“ Auntie Gladys and Family,

I'm sending all of my love to you all. Uncle Herman will always be in my heart as he gave great joy, love, and his smile and wit was to be adored. As one of his god-daughters, I will always remember our dances together, the warm hugs, and his spunkiness. Though he was a hard worker and great provider for the family he also gave of himself not only to his family but to those who mean so much to his children. Uncle Herman, I know you are a fisherman for our Lord and Savior so enjoy and wear your angel wings well.

Peace & Blessings,  
Kaye

**Johnna (Kaye) Holly-Berry** - June 01 at 10:24 PM

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“ My deepest prayers and condolences to Aunt Gladys, Bonita, James, Debora and Stormi in the passing of Uncle Herman. He always had a smile for everyone. You could always see and feel the love he had for his family. May the Lord grant each of you His strength, His comfort and His peace. Love Andre, Tressa, Alex and Justin

**Tressa Davis** - June 01 at 09:25 PM

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“ Rest in Paradise Uncle Herman. I will miss your smile and laughter most.

Love,  
Brandi, Gibby, and Sydney

**Brandi Dyson** - June 01 at 07:17 PM

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“ From Your Wife:

Goodbye My Love, Goodbye.  
We had many beautiful years together. We battled Alzheimers for so many, long

years. I know it was hard. Sometimes you did not know if you were coming or going.

Now... you can find your way. Now... there is no more pain.

I shall love you forever. So Goodbye My Love, Goodbye.

Gladys

Gladys Duckett - June 01 at 05:43 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James B. Duckett Sr..



June 01 at 04:37 PM

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“ from your SAEM family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James B. Duckett Sr..



from your SAEM family - June 01 at 02:37 PM

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“ Aunt Gladys and Family,

Our loved ones will leave the world but never our hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you "ALL" during these sad times. No one else can truly feel the sorrow that you bear the most with his loss. Spending time with him over the last years meant so much to me. I would visit his and Aunt Gladys home or a family gathering with greeting him always by saying "hey boyfriend how are you doing" and he would reply "what's up turkey" with the biggest smile and laughter. This is just one of few memories that will forever be remembered in my heart. I know beyond the pearly gates to heaven, he will find happiness and rest in God's kingdom. With much sorrow, Uncle Herman will truly be missed and forever loved.

God Bless and Much Love,

## Lorraine Washington and Family

Lori Whalen - June 01 at 12:06 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James B. Duckett Sr..



June 01 at 01:39 AM

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“ From  
Rev. Dr. John, Rev. Brenda, and the Freeman family 1101 Ortego Drive  
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

May 29, 2020

To: The family of James B. Duckett Sr.

A few brief words we are sending you in all sincerity...to assure you of our deep and heartfelt sympathy. When sorrows come to those we love we know not what to say... Words are so inadequate our feelings to convey.....

Dear Family:

We would like to express our sincere condolences on the recent passing of your father, husband, grand-father, father-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, and our dear friend. Our children also send their thoughts and prayers to you and want you to never forget that we are your family also.

We thank God that because of De Bora, we came to know James well, during the time that we visited Maryland, your family visited Ohio and the telephone conversations through the years we became friends and part of the family. We did come to realize his great kindness and compassion towards people. And I often reminded him that his birthday was on the same day as my mother.

You were truly fortunate to have such a man as a model in your life up until he was challenged with health issues.

We have some idea of what you and your family are going through. We realize that no words of comfort are quite enough to replace the loss.

The members of United and Cyrene A.M.E. churches also send their deepest

sympathies on to the entire family.  
The Lord bless, and keep each of you  
The Lord make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you  
The Lord lift His countenance  
Upon each of you, and give you peace

Yours in Sympathy, The Freeman Family

Rev. Dr. John and Rev. Brenda Freeman - May 31 at 05:29 PM

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“ Gladys and Family,

I am so sorry for the loss of your loving husband, father, and grandfather. Herman was a loving and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother-in-law. We miss him already. He had an infectious smile and a hardy laughter that made everyone happy in his presence. He had nicknames for everyone that usually fit their personality. In so many ways he had a personality like our father - that automatically made you want to be around him. He was a hard worker, dedicated to providing for his family and I know he truly loved all of you and us. He is now resting with the Lord and our family members in heaven. "Heaven will not be the same since he has joined God's "BAND OF ANGELS". REST IN PEACE my brother until we see you again.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Hold on to God's unchanging hand and he will guide you through.

Love to all of you,

Clara

Clara Holly - May 31 at 02:15 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear the passing of Uncle Herman. To his beautiful wife Aunt Gladys and family, we wish you all peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Uncle Herman was sweet and fun to be with. He will truly be missed. Rest in Heavenly Peace Uncle Herman!!

With lots of love, Greg, Valerie, Sheena and Shayla

Valerie Turner - May 31 at 02:01 PM

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“ Bonnie, I am forever grateful for having known your father. For a period of time, when I didn't have one, he was like my father too. I will always have fond memories of Daddy Duck!

Kena Lyde-Green - May 29 at 11:57 AM

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“ DeBora,  
I didn't know your father well, but I know you and how much you love him. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of bereavement. May God comfort you and may your memories sustain you and your family now and always. Be blessed.

Carolyn Walker-Kimbrow - May 29 at 10:39 AM

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“ Gladys and Family -- we are sorry for the loss of your husband Herman, a father, a grandfather, an in-law, and an uncle. Herman has been a part of our family for over 61 years and we have tons of joyful memories of him. I will miss him calling me "Chink-Chink or Chinky, which always made me smile. May the love of family and friends bring you comfort along with his memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May GOD's love give you peace!

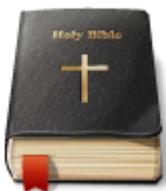
Love always,  
Janice (Chink, Chink),  
James and Jasmine Spears

Janice, James, & Jasmine Spears - May 27 at 02:55 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Love You



Thomas Widgeon - May 27 at 08:13 AM

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“ We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.

**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - May 26 at 06:16 PM