



## James L. Forbes

March 2, 1928 - September 26, 2020

James Leroy “Tootie” Forbes was born in Richmond Virginia on March 2, 1928 to the late Tony and Amelia Forbes. He was one of four children and was preceded in death by his three siblings, Geneva Davis, John H. Forbes, and William Forbes. Tootie was married to the late Edith B. Montaque, from this union six children were born, one of whom preceded Tootie in death, John E. Forbes.

Tootie attended the historic Moore Street School in Richmond. He went on to work as a mechanic at Curtis Motors for many years, then went to work for J.P. Taylor, a division of Universal Leaf Tobacco Company. After his retirement, he went to work as a maintenance worker for the North Oaks Apartments well into his late eighties.

Tootie was known for being a well-dressed energetic man. He was a dedicated member of the Railroad Employees Club, inc. for more than 50 years becoming a lifetime member at the age of 90. He was a loyal Redskins Fan and often would be seen wearing his Redskins Sweatsuit during football games. Tootie loved playing cards, listening and dancing to music. He often would be heard singing “Hey Mr. DJ let’s get this party started.” He will be sorely missed by his dance partners, young and old.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory three sons: James E. Tiller, Sr. (Rosalyn); James E. Forbes, Sr. and Tyone Forbes (Mary); three daughters, Cheryl Winston (Walter); Patricia Branch; and devoted daughter Jacqueline Banks-King; one sister-in-law, Isabell Montaque Tillman; 23 Grandchildren; a host of Great and Great Great Grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a host of other family members and friends, among them two devoted friends, Jerome Johnson and Michael Talbert, Sr.

# Cemetery

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## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane

Richmond, VA, 23222

# Events

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**OCT 9** **Walk through Visitation** 11:00AM - 04:30PM

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March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23222

**OCT 10** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for James L. Forbes, Please Click the Link below.



**March Funeral Homes** - September 30 at 08:21 PM



“ Wishing love and comfort to the family.  
Helen N. Gray

**Helen N Gray** - October 09 at 05:22 PM

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“ Donald and Teresa Hill send our deepest sympathy to the family. We will always remember James Forbes (Tootie) from the Railroad Club and watching him dance.  
MAY HE REST PEACE

**Teresa and Donald Hill** - October 10 at 09:35 PM

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“ Teresa And Donald Hill lit a candle in memory of James L. Forbes



**Teresa and Donald Hill** - October 10 at 09:25 PM

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“ I remember Tootie from playing cards with him over the years at the Railroad Club. But a special memory I have of him dates back to 1992, when I drove my car to Petersburg when the Club had a softball team. After the game, I was following another driver back to the club in Petersburg and had a had on collision with a truck. Another driver took me back to the club, because I didn't want to ride in the ambulance. Then Tootie took me to the hospital in Petersburg, but it was overcrowded, so he left the party at the Petersburg club and drove me home, so I could go to my hospital in Richmond. He was the only one who volunteered, and I am forever grateful. May he rest in peace. He had a nice, long life. My prayers and condolences to the family

Sylvia Henderson - October 09 at 04:01 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James L. Forbes.



October 08 at 12:19 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James L. Forbes.



October 07 at 03:27 PM

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“ To the Forbes and Tiller family this is Clarence Davis member of the railroad club aka CC Tootie was a good brother and friend he will be missed and not forgotten all of the members of the railroad club will miss him condolences to the family



**Clarence Davis** - October 06 at 01:40 PM



“ To the Forbes Family and Tiller Family. This Tommie and Judy Tiller Your father will truly be missed. He was a very caring and giving man. His smile and character would light up the room. Condolences to both families and love.

**Tommie Tiller** - October 09 at 01:14 PM



“ To the Forbes & Tiller family sorry for your lost. I did not know Grandfather Forbes I have known your grandson Kevin Tiller for yrs. and if he takes after you I know you were a wonderful a great grandfather because Kevin is a wonderful young man along with his wife and kids. I know they all will miss you because from all the memories from family and friends it sounds like you were lots of fun. Sorry for your lost but just know he will having a whole lots of good times where he is going. God Bless Hattie Brooks & Family



**HATTIE BROOKS** - October 05 at 08:38 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss, Know that you are in our prayers  
**BEN & LOUISE COLE**

**Benjamin Cole** - October 04 at 02:05 PM



“ From Ivory C. Scott Sr. & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James L. Forbes.



From Ivory C. Scott Sr. & Family - October 01 at 01:29 PM

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“ Forbes Family,

We were all so sorry to hear about your father (Mr. James L. Forbes) death. Mr. Forbes was a 50+ year member of the Railroad Club and the Club Chaplain before taken sick. He was a fine man and all of the Railroad members are in mourning for him. We remember seeing him jazzy swing dancing with his Daughters Jackie, Pat, and Friends and what a dancer he was. Playing poker with Tootie was a great learning experience. We will miss Tootie, so please give our condolences to your family.

The Railroad Club, Inc.  
Members,  
URL: [i.c.scott@att.net](mailto:i.c.scott@att.net)



Ivory C Scott Sr - October 01 at 12:54 PM

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“ I'll always remember our moments together dancing. Rest in peaceful bliss Granddaddy.



**Ms. Flo Banks** - October 01 at 02:22 AM

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“ Calvin & Catherine Waller lit a candle in memory of James L. Forbes



**Calvin & Catherine Waller** - September 30 at 01:08 PM

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“ John Forbes sent a virtual gift in memory of James L. Forbes



**John Forbes** - September 30 at 01:51 AM



“ One Love

**John Forbes** - October 06 at 08:33 AM

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“ Estelle Coles lit a candle in memory of James L. Forbes



**Estelle Coles** - September 29 at 08:55 AM

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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** - September 28 at 05:15 PM