



## David Leroy James

July 1, 1946 - June 3, 2023

### Legacy of Love

David Leroy James departed this life on June 3, 2023. He was born to Pearl James on July 1, 1946, in Dawn, Virginia.

He received Christ at an early age at Mangohick Baptist Church. He attended Caroline County Public Schools, graduating from Union High School.

After graduation, he served three years in the United States Marine Corps. His military tour of duty lead him to serve in the Vietnam War from 1966-1968. He served his country proudly and received an honorable discharge. He was a recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Letter of Appreciation, and Certificate of Appreciation of U.S. Veterans from Caroline County.

David loved being a truck driver for the trucking company Professional Delivery Systems and later retired. He had a great love for family and went out of his way for the ones he loved. David was a die-hard Los Angeles Lakers fan and a true Los Vegas Raiders fan for life. He always made sure that he was properly dressed before leaving the house. And we all know, he never left without his jewelry.

He leaves behind cherished memories, adored wife Joan; son, Tracey (Arnica); two devoted grandchildren, Travin and Akira; bonus daughters, Stephanie Fells-Dodds, Lisa Clayton and Michelle Fells; brother, Daniel James (Betty); bonus parents, Clarence "ButtCutt" and Alice Stevens; bonus

siblings, Rev. Christopher Stevens (Diane), Rev. Bryan Stevens (Janette), Anita Alsop (Rev. James), Andre Stevens (Anna), Rev. Chandra Atkins (Rev. Philip), Joan Ware (Johnnie); brothers-in-law, Kenny Fells, Larry Fells, Michael Fells (Rosalind), Jeffery Fells and Steven Fells; sisters-in-law, Brenda Essex (Ray), Gwendolyn Brown and Rhonda Fells; devoted family and friends, Sandra Stevens-Whatley (Darrell), Garfield Fells, Roderick Courtney, Carlton Wills, Christopher Stevens, Danielle Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Andre Stevens (Anna) and Ingrid Bynum; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Mount Zion Baptist Church  
31220 Old Dawn Rd  
Hanover, VA 23069

## Celebration of Life

JUN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Leroy James.*



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June 12, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *To Joan and family Sorry to about the passing of David. He was a very nice guy. May God bless you 🙏 and family.*

*The families of The Wills, Baylors and Holmes.*

*Gloria Wills Holmes*



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**Gloria Holmes** - June 10, 2023 at 09:15 AM



*Sending my deepest Condolences to the James family. My Prayers to the family for God to wrap his arms around each of you.*

*Our late Brother Gary Johnson was one of David's good friend. When we did see him he would always have a beautiful smile & always dressed so nice.*

*R in Paradise David 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Priya Mirpuri** - June 10, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Daddy always spoke so fondly of you. I know you two are catching up on old times. Condolences and prayers goes out to the family.*

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**Tashana Menzie (Simmons)** - June 09, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *My dear Uncle David I will miss you dearly you always welcomed me with open arms treated all your nieces and nephew's like we were your own to my Aunt Joan and cousin Tracy and to my baby cousins I send my condolences We will always miss Uncle David I TRULY LOVE MY FAMILY.....Love Crystal Fells*

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**Crystal Lynn** - June 08, 2023 at 03:10 PM

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“ *To Mama Joan, Tracey and the Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. David was such a beautiful soul, always great laughs and good energy whenever the family got together. He will truly be missed but we know his legacy will live forever. Love you all so much and always here for you. Aunt Tee & Neya*



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**OP** - June 08, 2023 at 01:27 PM

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“ *The Children of "Henry and Louise Quash" purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Leroy James.*



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**The Children of "Henry and Louise Quash"** - June 08, 2023 at 12:29 PM

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“ *To Joan and Family  
David was a gentle giant. He loved his family  
and always had encouraging words to share.  
Just remember Earth has no sorrow that  
Heaven can not heal. David rest in eternal  
peace.*



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**Cathy Harris** - June 07, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *My uncle David was everything to me... he always looked out for  
me. He told me all the time he lived next door when I was little I  
believe him for years! Lol... anytime aunt joan said NO.. I would run  
to him and he say get that for her! I will miss our talks and just have  
a good time. He always said never let man disrespect you! I love u  
uncle David u will always hold a special place in my heart!*

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**Stephanie Fells-Dodds** - June 07, 2023 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Love you Uncle David You will be truly missed your football partner  
has been asking bout you my son elijah*

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**lisa clayton** - June 07, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ *To the family of Mr David James David was a kind man I love talking  
to him and that smile he had was so beautiful Rest on my Friend  
from Eveline (puddin) Terrell Douglasville Ga*

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**Eveline (Puddin)Terrell** - June 06, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - June 06, 2023 at 11:30 AM