



Mr. Derrill James Chavis

April 10, 1923 - March 12, 2015

On Thursday, March 12, 2015, the Angel of death took the soul of Derrill James Chavis at 2:30 a.m. After fighting a courageous battle during his declining health.

James Chavis, as he was affectionately known was born on April 10, 1923 in Lee County Township of Cypress, South Carolina to proud parents, the late Barney Chavis, Sr. and Lula Alford Chavis.

James was educated in the Lee County Public School System. He resided in his home town until he was 18 years old when he decided it was time to leave home to seek employment. In 1941, he moved to and worked in North Carolina. A couple years later, he decided it was time to move north where employment opportunities were much better. On January 23, 1943, he married his childhood sweetheart, Eular Lee Holmes and together they moved to Baltimore, MD. It was there that he gained employment with Bethlehem Steel in Sparrows Point as a Crain Operator until he retired.

James and Eular started their family and were blessed with three (3) loving and faithful daughters, Velva D. Foster, Virginia Chavis and the late, Gloria Hester who preceded him in death. The Chavis residence was always a warm and welcoming home for anyone who stopped by just for a visit or for anticipation of a hot southern meal prepared daily by his wife and daughters.

The home at 1902 E. Lanvale Street was the perfect community gathering place.

James was raised in a loving caring Christian home. His parents had twelve (12) biological children of their own and raised another eight (8) children as their own in the same household. James was a former member of the Sandy Bluff United Methodist Church in Lee County, South Carolina and later joined the Eastern United Methodist Church in Baltimore, MD.

James was a dedicated family man. His family was very important to him. He loved his neighbors too. He loved hats and wore many by name.....James, Jimmy, Rooster, Mr. Chavis, Daddy and Pop-Pop.

James was academically blessed with great math skills and great penmanship. His favorite past time was spent watching sports and his favorite television shows,. He loved Westerns, Detective shows and family comedy shows.

James leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Eular Lee Chavis; three daughters, Velva Foster and Virginia Chavis and Joyce Dawkins (Thomas Dawkins); grandchildren, Marcia Davis, Keyana Johnson, and Lowand Green-Scott; great granddaughters, Shavia Jones, Taijah Davis, three great grandsons, Garen Green-Scott, Gavante Green-Scott and Vincent Dawkins; five great great grandchildren, Aniyah, Amirah, Aliyah, Colvin and Kaiden; three sisters, Queen Esther Evans, Louise Hooks, and Lula Mae Hines, two sister-in-laws, Gwendolyn Banks, and Bertina Holmes, two special nephews, Thaddeus Holmes and Julius Banks, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 19. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAR 20. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Community United Methodist Church
5315 Harford Rd.
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Derrill James Chavis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am extremely sorry for your loss. I can not imagine the pain you have had to endure. May the God of comfort be with you now and in times to come. God's Word the bible promises the hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. That promise is at John 28,29 and also at Revelations 21: 3,4*

Shane Briscoe - March 30, 2015 at 07:57 PM



“ *Wilberetta Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derrill James Chavis*



Wilberetta Robinson - March 20, 2015 at 07:54 AM



“ *Ms. Velva: Out prayers are with you and your family during this time. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ comfort you. Jessica Hurtt & Family & CDA Ct. SFX # 2257*



jessica H - March 19, 2015 at 08:43 AM

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“ *The memories of your visits shall forever be engraved in my Hall of Family Favorites, as well as my visit to you. The family fun, emergency(cuz) and laughter were pleasurable. Since I'm older and wiser now, I leave the family with this prayer: Father, I pray in the name of Jesus, and I decree the Comforter, our Holy Spirit, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shall rest upon the souls of all Uncle Rooster Family and cover them with the Blood of the Lamb as a Shield and Protector. Be their fortress, their strength, and in God shall they put their trust. They shall serve the Lord, and their strength shall be renewed and they shall mount up with wings as eagles. The Spirit of the Lord shall be the wind beneath your wings. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint; and SOAR as eagles with great vision and wisdom through this time of bereavement and the journey of life.*



*niece, Gigi Chavis-Weston & Family
gcweston63@gmail.com*

Geronell C Weston - March 18, 2015 at 06:02 PM

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“ *I am extremely sorry for your loss. I can not imagine the pain you have had to endure. May the God of comfort be with you now and in times to come. God's Word the bible promises the hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. That promise is at John 28,29 and also at Revelations 21: 3,4*

Shane Briscoe - March 14, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *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 - March 14, 2015 at 09:08 AM