



James Robert "Pocket" Anderson

March 13, 1938 - February 23, 2015

Obituary

James Robert Anderson was born March 13, 1938 to the late Ernest Walter and Bertha Speller Anderson. On February 23, 2015 at the age of 76, James entered eternal life and went to be with the Lord. He was preceded in death by his son Ollie Eugene (Junnie) Jackson, his parents, Ernest and Bertha Anderson; sisters, Amanda Pryor, Marion Lewis, Bertha Anderson, Virginia Ryan and brothers Everett, Horace and Harold Anderson.

James was affectionately known as "Pocket" to his family and friends. Pocket accepted Christ at an early age at the Bethlehem Baptist Church and became an active baptized member serving faithfully on the Men's Usher Board, Men's Fellowship and Men's Sunday School Class until his health started to decline. He was instrumental in recruiting men to join the Men's Usher's Ministry. Even in declining health, he continued to attend Men's Tuesday night Bible Study and Sunday services. He was also Past Worship Master of Henrico Masonic Lodge # 41.

At an early age Pocket showed an uncanny ability to be inquisitive, which led to his wit and his incredible sense of humor; he was a true charmer. Pocket attended Richmond Public Schools and after being skipped twice, he graduated from Armstrong High School at the age of 16 with the proud Wildcat Class of 1955. He developed his strong work ethic as a young worker

for the 9-11 super market in downtown Richmond. He was engrafted by different cultures and developed some lifelong friendships. He was later employed at A. H. Robins Pharmaceutical Company retiring after 32 years of service.

During the summer of 1960, Pocket carried a young friend of his nephew's named Kelvin home on his shoulders and was introduced as "Uncle Pocket" to Kelvin's mother, Constance. Two years later when Constance and Pocket married, it was no longer Uncle Pocket when he became Dad to two young boys, Junnie and Kelvin. In 1964 a daughter, Cyndee was born, followed by son, Reginald in 1966.

Pocket lived to provide for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. With all of these roles, came some of the names he was affectionately known as: Pocket, Hy-Pocket, Daddy, Daddy Pocket, Uncle Pocket, Pop Pocket, Robert James, Andy, Andy Cap, Papa Doc and Pop. He answered to them all. Pop's greatest joy was his family. He especially loved watching his grandkids grow and prosper in life. When the doctors tried to explain to him just how sick he really was, he responded by informing the doctors that he had another four more years to live because he still had two grandsons that had not yet finished school.

Pocket's other joy was the "love of his life" Constance. He loved himself some "Boo" his "Honey". He would be ever so quick to acknowledge that it was because of the goodness of God, and the good woman God blessed him with, that he was able to have lived 13 years well past his so called expiration date (according to his doctors) but we know differently as proclaims Psalm 90:10.

Although Pocket is no longer with us in this realm; his spirit will live with us forever. He leaves to cherish his memory his dedicated, loving wife

Constance, his children Kelvin and Lolita, Cyndee and Dwayne, Reginald and Tara. His grandchildren: Tanisha, Nikita and Tony, Kelvin Jr., Dwayne II, Diamond, Savannah, Anastasia, Reginald II, James and David. His great grandchildren: Tahj, Tori, Tayvaughn, Tamia, Monte, and K'yem. Six siblings: Rev. E Walter Anderson (Lois), Doris Stokes, Reginald Anderson, Gwendolyn Pitts (Ethan), Herbert Anderson (Emma) and Lewis Anderson. Sisters in-law: Delois Anderson, Freda Anderson, Lauritta Anderson, Barbara Thomas and brother in-law, Johnnie Thomas; cousins Barrington Anderson of Washington D.C and Darnell Anderson (Wendy) of Maryland, as well as many nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends among them, one devoted friend, Stanley Brown and a four legged black lab named Encanta.

His beloved and faithful brother to the end, Herbert, always said that "Pocket had something special; he was one of a kind."

WHAT WOULD POP SAY?

Close that door!

Boo, you got something to eat for them boys?

I'm cold

Where's my dog?

Hey, Suga Suga

Not particu- arrrrr- ly

Shut that door!

Where the kids?

Bye now

Don't nobody tell me nothing

I had a bath last week, water rust iron and sink ships

Honey?

I love you too darling

I don't like chicken

Get out the room for a minute

Pick that up – look over there –

Move!

Shut that ---- door!

Give me my glasses

You got my bag?

Give me a glass of water

Oh --- naw!

Where's Boo?

My name Jimmy, take anything you gimmie

My name Benny, I ain't in it!

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

viewing

FEB 27. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
1920 Fairmount Ave
Richmond, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert "Pocket" Anderson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Miss my daddy more than words could ever express . I will always be his baby girl. Luv you Old Man :)*

Cyndee - January 19, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Mary Harvey/ Hanover Nurse lit a candle in memory of James Robert "Pocket" Anderson*



mary harvey/ hanover nurse - February 27, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ *To the Anderson Family, We the Kendrick and Hamilton Family are sending our Prayers and Blessing to each of you, may God wrap His Loving Arms around you and comfort you. Mr. Pocket has his Heavenly Wings and He is Smiling down on you. "Though his smile is gone forever and his hands you can not touch, You still have so many memories of the one you loved so much, His memory is now in your keepsake, which you will never part, God has him in his Keeping and You have Him in your Hearts".*



Rosa H. Lewis - February 26, 2015 at 08:22 PM

AB

“ MY prayers go out to the family at this time.



Alvin Brownlee - February 26, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James Robert "Pocket" Anderson.



February 26, 2015 at 10:29 AM

SB

“ I am sorry for your loss. The bible offers us the chance to see our dead loved ones again.
Revelations 21:3,4

Shane Briscoe - February 26, 2015 at 08:30 AM

DA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss . How comforting to know that Almighty God has not only the power but the desire to reunite us with our loved ones by means of the resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible at John 5 : 21,28,29 when both sickness and death will be no more as promised in Revelation 21 : 3,4

Delores Allen - February 26, 2015 at 06:47 AM

WR

“ *Winston Lane(Annie, Evonne, Pamela, Regina) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Robert "Pocket" Anderson.*



Winston Lane(Annie, Evonne, Pamela, Regina) - February 25, 2015 at 07:49 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.*

March Funeral Homes - February 24, 2015 at 05:07 PM