



## James Bivins

July 13, 1931 - April 18, 2006

JAMES THOMAS BIVINS, SR. was born July 13, 1931 to James Robert Bivins and Margaret Thomas Bivins, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the second of six children, including one sister (Rose Williams) who preceded him in death. His family moved to Lothian, Md. in Anne Arundel County where "Jimmy," as he was affectionately called, graduated from Bates High School in Annapolis in 1947 at the age of fifteen. After finishing Bates, Jimmy went to Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va. where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Auto Mechanics in 1950 at the age of eighteen. After completing Hampton, Jimmy went to work at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Maryland where he was the first black heavy-duty diesel mechanic. He then went on to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. Jimmy's teaching career started in Cheltenham, Md. at Boy's Village as an auto-mechanic teacher. During this time he met Margaret Taylor of Charlotte, N.C. and they married on June 27, 1959. After they married, they both taught at Boy's Village until they came to Baltimore in 1961. After returning to Baltimore, Jimmy taught in the Baltimore City School System at Fairmont Hill Vocational High School in the sixties, at Lake Clifton High School from 1970 to 1985, and was the cluster coordinator at Westside Skill Center until he retired in 1989. Jimmy joined the Wayland Baptist Church and was baptized by the Rev. W.W. Payne. When the church moved to Garrison Boulevard, Jimmy became a trustee and served in that capacity for a few years. Jimmy loved working on cars and could be found on any day looking under the hood of a neighbor's

car. He derived much pleasure from helping friends and neighbors (especially when they needed help on cars). Everyone who knew him found him jovial, congenial, and always helpful. Many of his students and former students visited him often for advice, guidance and just plain fellowship. When Jimmy's health began to fail his former co-workers, neighbors, friends and other relatives would make calls and visits often. His wife was always there encouraging and helping him. Jimmy's last days on earth were spent at the Gilchrist Hospice Center where he peacefully answered the call to come home on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 10:30 p.m. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Margaret Taylor Bivins; son, James T. Bivins Jr.; daughter, Angela D. Bivins Otero; two grandchildren, Evan Otero and Owyn Otero all of Baltimore, Md.; mother, Margaret Thomas Bivins of Lothian, Md.; two brothers, Leonard E. Bivins (Ernestine) of Lanham, Md. and Robert P. Bivins of Lothian, Md.; two sisters, Betty Chase (Ralph V.) of Randallstown, Md. and Dr. Margaret Brown of Baltimore, Md.; two brothers-in-law, Carlton Williams of Randallstown, Md. and Everett Taylor of Charlotte, N.C.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ James Bivins

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ James Bivins

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I wish to express my deepest sympathy to the Bivins family. The death of a loved one can be hard to deal with. No doubt all of us need comfort when dealing with such a tragedy. May your family find comfort in the words at Acts 24:15, where it promises the remedy for death.##imported-begin##K. Smith##imported-end##

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“ To the family, I offer my sincere sympathy. May you find comfort during this time not only from your precious memories but also from the promise noted at John 5:28,29. There we are assured that there is relief from the sorrow caused by death.##imported-begin##G. Winston##imported-end##

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“ My condolences on the loss of your loved one. Jesus compared death to a sleeplike state. At John 5:28,29, he states that "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice & come out." The solution to death is a resurrection from Jesus.##imported-begin##D. Spann##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the family. May you all find comfort from the father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##

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“ To the family, I offer my sympathy during your time of loss. May you find comfort now and in the days to come from one who promises at Isaiah 66:13 to keep comforting his people.##imported-begin##Alva Dorsey-Handy##imported-end##

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“ Dear Bivins Family, we send our condolences and love during this difficult time. We know that God's arms are surrounding you and His Shalom is comforting you. We Love You##imported-begin##S. Taylor & Family##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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