



## James Delarence Buster

March 29, 1941 - May 20, 2015

James Delarence Buster was born on Saturday March 29, 1941, to Joseph and Catherine Powell Buster, who both preceded him in death, in Halifax, Virginia. He was the eldest of six children, Jossie Buster-Dalby (Glenn Dalby), Joseph, William (Olivia), Ronnie, and Doretha Felder-Bennett (Raymond Bennett). Joseph and Catherine moved to Baltimore, Maryland where the other five children were born. Baltimore was where he grew up and lived until his death.

He attended Baltimore Poly Technical High School and graduated in 1957—one of three African American students to graduate in that class. He went on to attend Howard University. While home for the Christmas holiday, he proposed to and married Madeleine Taylor, who preceded him in death. Their union yielded four children, Renee Banks (Brian), Etienne, Michel (Jerlyn), and Jerod. He worked as a civil engineer for both the City of Baltimore and the surrounding counties as a surveyor and for the Department of Public works. He was a designer for the Baltimore City Water System and the first black manager/engineer in the state of Maryland.

James had several entrepreneurial endeavors. He was the inventor for the formula for encapsulation for abatement of lead and asbestos for buildings, bridges that has helped our society go GREEN. He retired twice from the Department of Public Works. The second time he returned, they created a

position for the purpose of consulting and referencing the maps for water works that he had drawn and designed.

He had numerous friends with whom he played basketball, tennis and pool. He was also a true maniac and fan of the Baltimore Ravens! He had many friends that surrounded him in fellowship at "No Fish Today." It was also his custom to eat at "Jimmy's" and his favorite meal was steak and potatoes.

He leaves to mourn: his children, his siblings, grandchildren, Jalil, Jonathan (Ke- dra), Etienne Gabriel, Meagan, Jessica, Julianna and Shaquille; his nieces, Tania Felder, Anastasia Matthews (Sam), Catherine Buster; his nephews, Evan Dalby, Mario Young, Anthony Felder; a host of cousins, his father, Joseph after wife Catherine died married Margaret Mitchell Buster who precedes him in death, from that union he gained siblings, Roslyn Nivens who precedes him in death, Franklin Mitchell who precedes him in death, James Mitchell (Judy), William (Don), Anthony Mitchell (Jackie) and host of nieces and nephews. He leaves two aunts, Viola Lovelace and Florence Chandler. He leaves Verbar McKnight who cared, cooked and cleaned for him as if he was her own father. Finally with regret he leaves his very special friend, Pamela Garnett. In his last months he made the most important decision to follow his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was the last words he heard as prayer was given in Jesus name. He awaits His Lords return.

# Cemetery Details

**Druid Ridge**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

**MAY 26.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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### Family Hour

**MAY 26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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### Wake

**MAY 27.** 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Delarence Buster*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Going "Way!! Way!! " back to the days of Fairfield/Banneker Homes Project to recall the curious, ever present older kid who always seemed to be in the middle of everything. James Buster was a few years older and he was bigger. Yet, he was always friendly to the littler guy, who was me. I would see him later as a West Baltimore neighbor and teenager. Times is fleeting and many years have passed since then, but I can still see "Buster's smiling" face as though it was just yesterday. I moved from Baltimore many years ago, but James Buster was someone you just could not forget. RIP, my good friend..... Linwood (Lin) Hart "One of many who learned to play on the long forgotten playground of Baltimore's PS #152."*

Lin Hart - May 29, 2015 at 01:30 AM



“ *James was a good guy. We grew up together on normount ave. I was in the next block. We called him "Buster" and I would often see him rolling through the neighborhood just to see who he could see. His friends on Nor mount and Belmont, Tippy, Leon, Alvin, Jack, and Carolyn wish to express our deepest sympathies to his family.*



Carolyn Smith-Allen - May 27, 2015 at 08:50 PM

PB

“ Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache: but those who care and share your loss wish you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish.



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**Patsy Buster** - May 27, 2015 at 06:01 PM

GB

“ I pray that God will give you comfort for your sorrows today, hope for what is yet to come, and the assurance of His presence with you always. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together when you remember your loved one.  
Gloria Buster



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**Gloria Buster** - May 27, 2015 at 09:57 AM

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“ To the Buster family, I am letting you know that we love you and will always keep the Normount Avenue memories close to our heart. Living across the street from you ..back in the 50's, I will always remember the fun and love we shared. So when I hug all the Buster's tomorrow know that the we love and adore you all. May God continue to embrace and protect you. And...please be gentle to yourself.



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**sheila somerville** - May 26, 2015 at 07:42 PM

RH

“ One of the Banneker Homes kids who grew up in the Popular Grove Area. RIP James, you will always be remembered as a member of this extra special group of kids. May we all meet someday at the "rope" to see how high we can swing.

*Roderick Hart aka Roy*

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**roderick hart** - May 26, 2015 at 02:05 PM

BC

“ BERLINDA CHANDLER purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Delarence Buster.



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**BERLINDA CHANDLER** - May 25, 2015 at 10:40 AM

DB

“ First and foremost I want to send my condolences to the family. May God wrap you in his loving arms and comfort you during this time of bereavement. Im really gonna miss seeing you at Druid Hill Park 😞. Your presence will be missed. Love DeeDee

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**Deidre Bryan** - May 24, 2015 at 08:54 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** - May 24, 2015 at 11:38 AM