



James A. Cunningham

July 19, 1947 - February 23, 2017

Many great things happened in 1947, Polaroid produced 60 second cameras, Jackie Robinson took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Ferrari began production of Italian sports cars. None was greater than on July 19 in a quaint city of Durham, North Carolina, the late Lucy Jones and William Cunningham would welcome to the world James Arthur Cunningham who was affectionately known as “Meatball”, Daddy, or Grandad.

At an early age, he relocated to Maryland where he attended Baltimore City Public School System and later received his G.E.D. He dedicated many years to the Sanitation Division of Baltimore City. He was also the supervisor for Harry M. Stevens maintenance company; an employee for Maryland maintenance, Birds Nest Cleaning Company, Holly Cleaning Services, and Goodwill Industries.

He was united in holy matrimony to Mattie Foster on November 16, 1968. This union was blessed with one child, Alisa Cunningham.

Meatball was a loyal and devoted family man willing to help anyone. He loved coconut cake and sweet potato pie, and he was always in the kitchen cooking up something. He was always very blunt but had a funny, witty way of saying how he felt with love.

James life will forever be cherished in the lives of his daughter, Alisa Cunningham; son-in-law, Roger Massey; four sisters: Teresa Hale, Deborah Cunningham, Karen Cunningham, and Margaret Thompson; four brothers: Ernie Cunningham, Kevin Cunningham, Anthony Cunningham, Malcolm Cunningham; Granchildren: Ericka and her husband Jamal McCoy, Shirnice Kelly, Kaylarea Wilson, and and by his daughter's marriage, Marissa, Eliza, Sawaii Massey. One great grandson Kaiden McCoy. A devoted friend, more like brother Larry Pop. A close friend Bernard Holly and host relatives and friends. Preceding him in death is one sister, Dorothy Cunningham; and two brothers, Alexander Jones and Lynn Cunningham.

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
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Family Hour

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 4 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James A. Cunningham

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ My Daddy was the type of guy who was no nonsense. He /was a man who was true he did not like phony people. say what you mean and mean what you say. He was a go getter. He was a happy person smiled a lot and laughed even more. His favorite one liner's .. "I aint know" or "Sure Dear" . my favorite "Lil Girl" . We did not talk everyday but when we did he always had something silly to say to make me smile to let me everything is alright. we ended every call or when we saw each other we always said "I LOVE YOU. I TRUYLY MISS MY HUMAN SUPERMAN!!!!!"

LOVE ALWAYS .
YOUR LIL GIRL
LISA

Alisa Cunningham - March 08, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James A. Cunningham.



March 02, 2017 at 09:16 PM

DC

“ *Del Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of James A. Cunningham*



Del Conway - March 02, 2017 at 08:30 PM

AI

“ *Rest In Peace Uncle Meatball. I never got the chance to tell you how much I appreciated the work ethic you showed me while working with you at Pimlico, Rosecroft and Laurel racetracks. Working with you during my teenage years kept me off the streets and out of trouble. I will truly miss you but memories last forever.*

*Love your Nephew,
Albert T Harris III*

Albert T. Harris III - March 02, 2017 at 08:28 PM

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*I AM GOING TO MISS YOU ÇUZ ONE LOVE MEATBALL 🍑🍑🍑 100
100 !!!*

TRACY - March 03, 2017 at 03:24 PM

DC

“ *Del Conway lit a candle in memory of James A. Cunningham*



Del Conway - March 02, 2017 at 08:23 PM

DC

“ *Meatball, We love and appreciate you for being like a brother to our family. Your kindness and unselfishness will be truly missed.
Love forever.
The Conway Family*

Del Conway - March 02, 2017 at 08:02 PM

DB

“ *With my deepest condolences to the family of James Cunningham. May the Almighty, the God of tender mercies and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials (2Corinthians1:3,4), comfort you and your family in this time of need.*

D Barnes - February 28, 2017 at 08:10 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 27, 2017 at 01:11 PM