



James C. Dupree

November 7, 1933 - January 31, 2017

JAMES CLARK DUPREE, SR., the son of the late Preston and Hester Flynn Dupree and the youngest of eleven children, was born on November 7, 1933 in Florence, South Carolina. He was called Home to Glory on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 after a life of service, dedication and inspiration to his family and community.

JAMES and his family moved to Baltimore, Maryland shortly after his birth. He was raised in a Christian home and baptized at an early age. He attended Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Carver Vocational-Technical High School in 1952. James attended First Apostolic Faith Church, under the leadership of the late Bishop Cornelius Showell; later joining the House of Prayer Church, pastored by his sister, the late Pastor Marie L. McCoy.

On October 16, 1954, one day after Hurricane Hazel swept through Maryland, James married his sweetheart, LYLA L. HUNTER. They were married for 62 years and from this union nine children were born. One son, David Dupree and one grandson, David Dupree, Jr., preceded him in death.

JAMES began his working career as a Driver/Short-Order Cook at Jim's Lunch Wagons. He helped build our nation's Interstate Highway System, and he worked as a Supervisor at the Crown Cork & Seal Company. He broke the color-barrier in 1967 when the Schaefer Brewing Company hired him as one of their first African-American Salesmen, and he broke it again when hired as a Salesman by the Milton S. Kronheim Company; where he worked until his retirement.

JAMES spent his life providing and caring for his family, but he also extended this commitment beyond the borders of his home. He was a mentor, friend and counselor to many. He always had a positive, encouraging word for everyone, loved to talk and was well-known for his generosity, unbelievably quick wit and mercurial smile. During the 1960's he originated the phrase, "It's 11 pm, Do You Know Where Your Children Are?" and he successfully campaigned to have several local TV stations ask this question nightly on the air. It caught on, and today many stations nationwide still ask. He would later use this phrase to develop and implement an innovative after-school program, which gained national attention, and has positively influenced the lives of many.

JAMES leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Lyla L. Dupree, four sons, James C. Dupree, Jr. (Denise), Wade Dupree, Neil Dupree and Jason Dupree (Samantha); four daughters, Sharon Dupree (Dorothy), Diane Dupree, Princess Dupree and Rachel Melton-Welch; one loving sister, Eloise Rose; a

devoted niece (more like a sister) Melvine Turlington, and faithful nephew Oscar Wingfield; thirty-three loving grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
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Family Hour

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

FEB 14. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ We love and miss you Grandad. I pray we're making you proud☐☐☐
-Dionna

Dionna Williams - April 25, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ I love you grandad

Angel Dupree - October 25, 2022 at 04:58 AM



“ James C. Dupree

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Jim,
It's coming up on 4 years since you passed. I miss you friend. You were not only a friend , but a confidant and a mentor to me. I pray that Jim you and I meet in Heaven one day and I can again hear you call me "son"

Steve Pavlosky - November 02, 2020 at 11:16 AM



Hello Mr. Steve, I was here today looking for my former manager Frank Merritt who passed away last week and came across your post. James Dupree was my father and I can tell you Dad thought the world of you ❤️. He would get goosebumps when he talked about you introducing him as your father at dinner. He truly loved you and did indeed consider you his son. This time of year can be tough without him. Thank you for unlocking those wonderful memories. Peace and blessings to you and your family.

Rachel Raitt - December 29, 2022 at 06:21 PM

JD

“ I will love forever and always grand pop. Years later and I m still grieving and missing you deeply. Please continue to watch over us all, we need you down here, the protector you always been. I love you

Jazmine K. Dupree

JAZMINE DUPREE - October 18, 2020 at 12:44 PM

RT

“ Rachel,
Please accept my deepest condolences for your family's loss.

Ronetta



Ronetta Thomas - February 13, 2017 at 04:07 PM

MF

“ MD District AAU Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James C. Dupree.



MD District AAU Family - February 11, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James C. Dupree.



February 11, 2017 at 07:26 PM

ND

“ My sincere condolences to the Dupree family. Thank you Rachel for sharing your dad with me, that made me feel like knew this wonder, honorable man. God's Blessings, Protection and Comfort during this difficult time. Rest In Peace Mr. Dupree and thank you for reminding us all at 11:00 PM, "Do you know where your children are"

Nancy C. Davis

Nancy Davis - February 10, 2017 at 08:57 PM

AM

“ "Never let them tell you no no matter what you do ar where you go" This statement has changed my life. Mr. James Dupree aka DAD I will miss you immensely. Thank you for your words of encouragement, thank u for your Love and most of all Thank you for sharing many life lessons that are still with me that I hold dear to my heart. Love Adrian.

To the Dupree family, know that he is still with you and will always be.

Adrian Miller - February 10, 2017 at 06:04 PM

JC

“ I am sorry to hear the passing of your Father,Neil,and you have my deepest Condolences.I will pray for your strength through this sorrowful time.Jacqueline Capel.

Jacqueline Capel - February 10, 2017 at 05:39 PM

NS

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to Jim and family

Norma Salmon - February 10, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ Hello I want to give the family my deepest condolences and to also let you know that the last enemy death will be no more as found in God's word the Bible in Rev 21:4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”
I hope that this gives you comfort

Takiea Lake - February 08, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept our condolences, Uncle James will not be forgotten.

Wanda Lee Mills-Moss - February 06, 2017 at 07:27 AM



“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one . May the fond memories shared and resurrection hope at Acts 24 : 15 be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain .

D Allen - February 06, 2017 at 05:34 AM



“ May the love of family and friends carry you through your grief as "the hearer of prayer" embraces your hearts. Lean on those close to you for strength and encouragement to stay strong. Share your memories,they are a source of joy that will give your family comfort. We hope that the many cards,hugs,kind words, and loving prayers sustains your family during this most difficult time.

Roderick&Desiree Sigler - February 05, 2017 at 05:59 AM

DA

“ My family and I are sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort and father of Tender Mercies comfort you during your trial. And please look forward to the promise found in the Book of John chapter 5 verses 28 and 29 that speak over Resurrection hope. Our deepest condolences are with your family.

Daniella - February 04, 2017 at 12:53 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 03, 2017 at 02:52 PM