



## James Earl Thomas

January 23, 1941 - April 30, 2008

James Earl(Smiley)Thomas departed this life at the age of 67 on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at Henrico Doctors' Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. James was born on January 23, 1941 to David and Teresa Thomas in Sumter, South Carolina. He was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sumter, SC, where he was a star drum major of the marching band and won many awards for his talents. He received a liberal arts degree from Tennessee A&I University. James also served 2 years in the United States Army based at Fort Eustis in Virginia from 1963 to 1965. James Earl worked with young adults in the New York area and then proceeded to the New Jersey and Virginia area to work in the field of sales. James was a doting father and a loving husband. He was a big fan of the New York Yankees and often enjoyed football. He enjoyed everyone and everything. He always made time and stayed connected to the family. He loved traveling and often times one would find him grooving to the old school sounds. We all knew James as dapper, always stylish and a well-groomed fellow. James was often known as a perfectionist. He leaves behind a loving wife, Dianne Thomas; a daughter, Katilyn (who he often called Candy Kate or little lady); and two older sons, Cedric and Cory from a former wife, Shirley; and two sweet grandsons, CJ and TJ; and his eldest sister Hattie Mae Walters and youngest sister Christenia Thomas; and two brothers, David and Douglas Thomas. We all will miss him, we love him, may he rest in God's peace.



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“ *James Earl Thomas*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mr. Thomas. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares: "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength every time you think about this wonderful resurrection hope found in the Bible.##imported-begin##Mrs. Hill##imported-end##*

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