



James D. Franks

June 11, 1942 - March 26, 2019

James D. Franks, Sr. beloved son, husband, father, and grandfather, was born on June 11, 1942, and he entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, March 26th after a brief illness.

James was born in Baltimore, Maryland and was the sixth out of ten children born to the late John and Mary Franks. James was reared and nurtured in a loving and Christian home along with his siblings Lillian, Calvin, Shirley, Preston, Jerome, James, Paul, Samuel, Mary, and Joseph. James had a great love for his family, especially his mother, a relationship that he cherished and held dear to his heart. James never missed a family event!

James was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools. After completing his education, James enlisted in the Marines. Thereafter, being honorably discharged from the Marines, he returned to Baltimore, Maryland, met and married Veralyn Collins, and they relocated to Richmond, Virginia with their three sons Kevin, Keith, and Kenneth While living there, James was employed as a bus driver for the Greater Richmond Transit Company. Subsequently, their marriage ended in divorce.

James was a chemical operator with Spencer Kellogg Paint Company and later became employed at Sherwin Williams Paint Corporation where he retired in 2006.

James met and married the love of his life Janet Hammond on April 25, 1988, and from this union James D. Franks, Jr was born. James and Janet built a wonderful life together, with a relationship that was built on a solid foundation that honored God based on fidelity, trust, and "true" friendship. James loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren endlessly! James and Janet affectionately called each other "Boo-Boo". He was also known as Pop-Pop, Dad, and to a special niece "Jive Turkey". God blessed James and Janet with thirty-one years as husband and wife. James and Janet loved to vacation and spent their retirement traveling, taking care of the great-grandchildren, and spending time with family and friends.

James gave his life to the Lord at an early age and became a committed disciple at the Christian Community Church of God later in life under the leadership of his nephew, Dr. Melvin C. Green.

James loved the Lord his God, his church and his Pastor. James was serious about his walk with Christ, and the ministries that he served on. On most Sundays you could see him in his rightful place sitting on the 2nd row to the left, or holding the basket during the offering. James was elevated to the office of a Deacon and loved serving the people of God. James was an active member of the Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study, Kingdom Men's Ministry, and the Visitation Ministry. James was also one of Pastor's Armor Bearers and loved driving him to various church engagements.

James loved family, assumed the role of the patriarch, and was very instrumental in organizing family events and the Baltimore Franks Family Reunion. James attended the Franks Family Reunion each year and encouraged the family to continue the tradition in love.

Dad was funny and witty! Dad got along with everyone he met, when you

came into the house you automatically owed him money. Dad was always willing to share kind words. Dad was very knowledgeable especially when it came to saving money. Dad's grandkids meant the world to him!

He was also an avid Ravens Fan! He loved sitting in his favorite chair watching westerns and feeding his sweet tooth. Dad desired, prayed and asked God to allow him to see the apple of his eye his great-granddaughter Nyelle walk and God answered James' prayer. God allowed him to see her take her first steps!

James was preceded in death by his parents John and Mary Franks; his brothers, Paul, Samuel, Calvin, and Joseph; niece Patricia (Boo), and nephew Wayne.

James leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Janet; his children, Towanda (Hubert), Kevin, Derrick, Keith (Joyce), Kenneth, Angela, Jamie, James Jr.,(Veronica), Janel, George (Kaylyn), and Devon (Artishia); twenty-five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; mother-in-love, Essie Hammond; sisters, Lillian (Jesse), Shirley (Franklin), Mary (Carl, Sr.); and brothers, Preston (Marian), and Jerome (Mary); brothers-in-love, Kenneth (Denize) and Kevin (Susan); sisters-in-love, Lois Franks, Rosemarie (Anthony), and Marilyn (Williams); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

viewing

APR 3. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

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

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

APR 4. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Community Church Of God
2701 W. Baltimore St.
Baltimore, MD

Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Community Church Of God
2701 W. Baltimore St.
Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *James D. Franks*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Angela Cooley lit a candle in memory of James D. Franks*



Angela Cooley - April 27, 2019 at 12:12 PM



Missing you Uncle James ❤️

Angela Cooley - April 27, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James D. Franks.*



April 03, 2019 at 10:58 AM

KF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Keith Franks - April 02, 2019 at 10:33 PM

AB

“ Art and Sharon Burton purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James D. Franks.



Art and Sharon Burton - April 02, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Franks.



April 02, 2019 at 09:08 PM

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“ Delores Franks lit a candle in memory of James D. Franks



Delores Franks - April 01, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of James D. Franks.*



March 31, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ *To The Wife Of James, and our Three Sons my prayers are with you and your family. God will strengthen you at this most difficult tie. God will carry you all. Pastor Veralyn Collins.*

Pastor Veralyn Collins?? - March 31, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ *Pastor Veralyn Collins?? lit a candle in memory of James D. Franks*



Pastor Veralyn Collins?? - March 31, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. Franks.*



March 30, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James D. Franks.*



March 30, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Keith Franks lit a candle in memory of James D. Franks*



Keith Franks - March 30, 2019 at 03:58 AM



So Sorry Keith For The Lost Of Beloved Father. Your Mom.

Pastor Veralyn Collins?? - March 31, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James D. Franks.*



March 29, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ 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 - March 29, 2019 at 07:57 AM