



## James Matthews Fultz, Jr.

February 1, 1949 - November 4, 2015

James Matthews Fultz, Jr., 66, of Midlothian, was surrounded by loved ones November 4, 2015, when he walked home, arm-in-arm with God through the pearly gates of heaven. He was born February 1, 1949 in Richmond, Virginia to the late James Matthews Fultz, Sr. and Gertrude Gwendolyn Day Fultz. Devotion to his family and a firm belief in God supported him throughout his life, and ultimately gave him sweet peace.

James, “Jimmy” as he was affectionately known by his family, was reared in a loving household with a large extended family. Jimmy received his formal education in the Richmond Public Schools. He furthered his education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, earning an Associates Degree in Architectural Engineering.

He met his love, Lornel in 1990 at his uncle’s wedding. September 2, 1995 he kept his promise of marrying the dream of his life, a doctor with whom he would travel the world and see its many wonders. James was a wonderful family man and a great provider who dearly loved his wife.

A very kind and gentle spirit, James put others before himself. He was always ready to assist and was the one “willing to go along with the program”. James accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and united with St. Phillip’s Episcopal Church where he served as an usher at the 8 am service.

After 39 years of dedicated service to the Virginia Department of Transportation as an Engineering Design Draftsman, James retired in October 2010. At his leisure, he enjoyed traveling, reading history, watching National Geographic, Animal Planet, and officiating. He devoted 38 years of his life as a high school basketball official. He extended his referee avocation to include high school volleyball, which he officiated for 10 years. James served as the first male president of the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association. He also was a member of the Virginia local and state auxiliaries.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Graves. James leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife, Lornel G. Tompkins, MD; three caring sisters, Dr. Doris Fultz, Vernell Fultz and Jacquelin Henderson (Gregory); aunt, Mae R. Jones; adored mother-in-law, Laura Tompkins; two brothers-in-law, William Tompkins, Jr. (Dana) and Brett Tompkins (Gabriela), sister-in-law, Lisa Tompkins-Brown (Gabriel); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still  
A place is vacant in our hearts that never can be filled.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 10. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

NOV 10. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Service

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NOV 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
2900 Hanes Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Matthews Fultz, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I was pained deeply to hear of the passing of my dear friend James. Not only was he a special person, but he made you feel you were the most important in the room. Lornel, please accept my sincerest condolences, and to the family, my most heartfelt prayers of support. I will surely miss you my friend...and your generosity I will never forget. May God look after you Lornel and provide you spiritual comfort for healing your loss.*

*Lloyd B. Arnold*

**lloyd arnold** - November 16, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ *Dr. Tompkins,  
Offering our sincere sympathy to you and your family. May the thoughts and prayers of others help to ease the pain.*

*Albert & Carolyn Rice  
RCH Volunteers*

**Carolyn Rice** - November 11, 2015 at 11:46 AM

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“ Carolyn Rice lit a candle in memory of James Matthews Fultz, Jr.



Carolyn Rice - November 11, 2015 at 11:43 AM

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“ DR. L TOMPKINS So sorry to here about the passing of your Husband just wanted you to know that I'm thinging of you during this difficult time. keeping you and your family in my prayers. Susan Ellis

SUSAN ELLIS - November 10, 2015 at 05:01 PM

SW

“ To Dr. Lornel Tompkins,

*I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your dear husband. Please know that we (Shelia, LaRisha, Ella) and the entire “White Family” are thinking of you during this difficult time and keeping you and your family in our prayers. We are very appreciative and grateful to you for extending words of comfort, acts of kindness, and expression of condolences to our family during such a tragic and devastating loss of our love one (Kenny).*



*Please know that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to you at this time. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can assist you in any way. May God continue to bless you and provide you with the strength to live on while cherishing all of the wonderful memories that you shared over the years with your dear husband, William Fultz, Jr.*

Shelia M. White - November 09, 2015 at 08:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Matthews Fultz, Jr..*



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November 09, 2015 at 06:20 PM



“ *My wife (Penny) and I will truly miss you my friend! We had some great times together at VDOT and outside of VDOT when we both retired. Lornel may you find comfort in knowing that God will continue to strengthen you in the days to come . May you find peace in knowing that your friends are here for you as well.*

*We will hold on to our memories of James and all the great times we shared.*

*James we will never forget you my friend!*

*Your Friends,  
Walter and Penny Johnson*

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**Walter & Penny Johnson** - November 08, 2015 at 05:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Matthews Fultz, Jr..*



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November 07, 2015 at 08:38 AM

RB

“ You will be deeply missed My Brother, you were like a Mentor and Big Brother to me at VDOT for all those years we worked together. You showed me how a real man should carry themselves. It was an honor to have you as a friend. Love you man!!

*J. Roy Bradley*

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**Roy Bradley** - November 06, 2015 at 05:29 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** - November 06, 2015 at 01:00 PM