



James Herman Houston,

December 10, 1955 - December 10, 2007

James Herman Houston, Sr., a devoted husband, loving father, and committed friend, James was an exceptional man. His kindheartedness and benevolence were not reserved for family and colleagues. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to a neighbor, church member or anyone in need. His warm smile and acts of love inspired everyone he came in contact with. He had a great business acumen that placed him at the top of the field in every task that he endeavored. A leader in business and a caring member of the community, James touched too many lives to number.

Excellent, tenacious, extraordinary and, accomplished are a few words that describe him. James set a standard in the Richmond Metropolitan area and beyond that will not be forgotten. He was truly a gifted communicator who distinguished himself through determination and perseverance. His bright smile and powerful voice will forever remain etched in our memories. James was born December 10, 1955 to Selma and the late James Ray Houston in Richmond, Virginia. James was baptized at an early age and became a member of New Covenant Apostolic Church. He graduated from John Marshall High School and attended Virginia Commonwealth University. He later entered the United States Marine Corp, where he was honorably discharged. James was a very accomplished car salesman in the Richmond area for over 20 years. In 1999, he became a Mortgage Loan Officer with Aggressive Mortgage, where he served as Branch Manager until his health failed. Throughout both careers, he received countless recognitions and

awards for “Top Salesman” and “Top Loan Officer”. On September 19, 1999, he was joined in Holy matrimony to Linette P. Jones. He was the proud father of four children: Makeda Entrice, Rashida Shamel, James Herman and Matthew James. James leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife, Linette of Chesterfield, VA; two daughters, Makeda Battle (James) of Chesterfield, VA, Rashida Houston of Atlanta, GA; two sons, James Jr. and Matthew of Chesterfield, VA; loving and devoted mother, Missionary Selma Nails of Richmond; one brother, Tyrone Houston (Lealer) of Elm City, NC; one step-brother, Solomon Owens of Richmond, VA; one step-sister, Rev. Linda G. Owens of Richmond, VA; one granddaughter, Ayana Battle; mother-in-law, Barbara Finley both of Chesterfield, VA; father-in-law, James Bacon (Priscilla) of Chester, VA; three sister-in-laws, Angela and Ameia Bacon, and Autumn Finley of Chesterfield, VA; three brother-in-laws, Derrick and Terry Jones of Boydton, VA and Demond Bacon of Chester, VA; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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“ James Herman Houston,

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“ May I send condolences to all. Losing a dear one breaks the circle of life for all. Mr. James was 52 years old. Imagine the happiness to be our when the dead are resurrected, John 5:28, to life on a paradise earth in the near future coming. There will be no more tears of sadness, pain, sickness, crime, old age etc. The bible say that our heavenly father promises to make ALL THINGS NEW ,Rev.21:3-5.I hope these few words will proved to be uplifting and encouraging. May all the cherished memories of Mr. James support you all.##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##imported-end##

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“ James will truly be missed,my prayers go out to the family in this time of sorrow.For I thank God for James' financial advice for it truly blessed me and made me realize that owning my own home was not just a dream but reality.##imported-begin##Ralphaella Scott-Thompson##imported-end##

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“ Linette, we are so sorry for your loss. You have our deepest and heartfelt sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Michael and Bessie Brown##imported-end##

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“ miss you always your oldest, Tracie##imported-begin##Tracie##imported-end##

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“ TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF JAMES HOUSTON MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOU AT THIS TIME OF GREAT SORROW. HOUSTON WAS A GOOD MAN AND THE GREATEST SALESMAN I EVER MET. HE COULD SELL ICE TO AN ESKIMO (SMILE) HE WILL BE MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.##imported-begin##GWEN WELCH##imported-end##

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“ Linette and entire Family. I just want you to know that I will truly miss James and his smile. He was one of kind!!! A wonderful person to know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. If you ever need anything please ask, and you shall receive. Friends forever Anne/Rusty Gaines##imported-begin##Anne/Rusty Gaines##imported-end##

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“ Expressing my heartfelt sympathies to the family during this difficult time. Cherish the memories. My prayers are with each of you.##imported-begin##Kenjada Jones##imported-end##

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“ I just want to first thank God that through Aunt Selma and Uncle James, a special gift came; James Houston, my favorite Cousin. To Linette, a loving wife, to his daughters and sons, and even his devoted Mother, I know that my Big Brother(cousin)- Poochie will always live in each of you. I am so proud to be connected to you all. I will see him again, I promise...Cousin Veda###imported-begin###Veda Suggs###imported-end###

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“ My heart is heavy & spirit sad for the loss of your husband & Dad. I have always loved, respected & supported my favorite cousin. He was truly my ACE! He was to me as he was to many, an eloquent man who loved & lived a full & successful life, while loving you & his children w/every ounce of his being. Linette, I will always love, respect & support you like I know he'd expect me to. You may ask what you will of me & I will do it. Me & the boys will always be here for you & the boys. With all my love, Louise (Weeza)###imported-begin###Louise Logan###imported-end###

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“ I met the Houston Family and they met me with open arms. Be blessed for God is always near.###imported-begin###Iris Gaines###imported-end###

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“ My prayers are with you and your family. Paula Banks & Sebring Family###imported-begin###Paula Banks###imported-end###

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“ Linette I know this is a sad time for you and the kids , being with your family for the past 3 years has been great. I will miss my (favorite son-in-law).Keep the faith and God will see you thru.I will be here for you and the kids.I love you all much. MOM###imported-begin###Barbara Finley###imported-end###

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“ My prayers are with you at this time. May God send his divine angels to be with you during your time of loss. Please know that your loved one is resting comfortably in the arms of God.###imported-begin###McCarthy Downs###imported-end###

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“ Sorry to hear about your loss. We will give you and your family in our prayers.###imported-begin###Bonnie & Jerry Harden###imported-end###

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“ At times like this, words cannot express the sorrow our hearts are feeling. James (Poochie) will never be forgotten. His bright smile & caring ways will forever be with us.###imported-begin###Elsie & Larry Sr.###imported-end###

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“ Dear Linette & Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. We were saddened to here of James' passing, but we know that he is in God's hands. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Remember that you are surrounded by people who wish you well in your time of need. With our most sincere condolences, Dorothy F. Jefferson and Family##imported-begin##Angela Ramey##imported-end##

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“ Dear Linette and family, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers out here in California. May God bless you all and give you the strength to carry on the way James would want you too. I am sure he was a proud husband, father and family man. Prayers and Blessings, Tommy and Teresa Wilburn Bluestone Class of 1984##imported-begin##Tommy & Teresa Wilburn##imported-end##

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“ I extend sincere sympathy to Linette and all of James' family at his passing. You all are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Margo##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear about the passing of James. He will truly be missed. May God Bless all of his family.##imported-begin##carolyn tabb##imported-end##

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“ *Mr. Houston was an amazing man. He will be truly missed and my arms go out to Linette, his daughters & sons. Please know his work family supports you and will carry you through this time.##imported-begin##Shannon Gregory##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family.##imported-begin##Raymond A. Joseph##imported-end##*

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“ *I was greatly sadden to hear of Houston's passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to all. I will continue to pray for us.##imported-begin##Asagai Wilson-Baptiste##imported-end##*

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“ *We are so sorry of the Houston family lost. We will miss James. We are faithfully in prayer for the Houston family##imported-begin##Christopher and Tangelia Washington##imported-end##*

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“ *I am sorry to hear of your husbands' passing from Barbara. May our Lord hold you in his arms and give you comfort in the days and weeks ahead. Please know that my prayers are with you during this sad time. In Christ name, Faye Myrick##imported-begin##Faye Myrick##imported-end##*

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“ We will truly miss James. We pray that God will order your steps and give you peace during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ron & Tawanda Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I am deeply sadden by the lost but not forgotten Mr. James Houston, Sr. I have known him for some years to a great guy. He was very instrumental in getting me started in my investment company. I will sincerely and deeply miss his present. May G'd bless, comfort and strengthen the family and all of us who will miss him and give James a greater blessing in the next life.##imported-begin##Nasir A. Abdur-Rahim##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. May you and your family always be in harmony with the beauty and wonders of God's world, and may his peace surround you and your love ones at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. In the love and peace of Christ, Anna, Nick & Johnathan##imported-begin##Anna, Johnathan & Nicolas Emiliani##imported-end##

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“ To the entire Houston family you all are in my prayers in your time of need. You have my deepest sympathy. God Bless.##imported-begin##Shareema Hill##imported-end##

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“ Our hearts are saddened at the loss of “Mr. Houston” as we came to know and love him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linette, the children and loved ones. We will remember James fondly and know that you all were instrumental in bringing happiness to the lives of those you encountered. Blessings and Peace!###imported-begin###Stephen and Patrice Wilson & Family###imported-end###

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“ I am so sorry to hear of James' passing. Please know that the Family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers that God will bring comfort to you all.###imported-begin###Theresa C. Anderson###imported-end###

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the immediate as well as extended family during this time of sorrow. Mr. Houston was a wonderful person and we will never ever forget his professionalism during our 1st home purchase as well as his great personality. He will be truly missed. With our deepest symphathy, Mr. & Mrs.Rudolph Warren Paige and Family###imported-begin###Rudolph & Sonji Paige###imported-end###

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