



James W. Lurry, Sr.

April 16, 1930 - January 18, 2022

Legacy of Life

James William Lurry, Sr. affectionately called “Top Cat” departed this life on January 18, 2022 at Memorial Regional Medical Center. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his death. James was born in Aylett, Virginia on April 16, 1930. He was the 3rd oldest child of the union of the late Clarence William Lurry, Sr. and Mary Foster Lurry. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen E. Lurry; daughter, Vanessa Upshaw and grandson, Darryle Lurry.

At an early age James was baptized at Mount Sinai Baptist Church in King William. He sang with the adult choir. He attended Hamilton Holmes High School and later enlisted in the United States Army, June 25, 1951 and was honorable discharged July 1959. He retired from Heilig-Meyers. In his leisure, he enjoyed watching westerns, especially “Gun Smoke”.

James leaves to cherish precious memories to two devoted daughters, Vera Harris (Robert) and Elisa L. Lurry; a devoted son, James W. Lurry, Jr. (MeKeba); eight grandchildren; five granddaughters, Adria Savannah, Anitra Julien, devoted NaKita Lurry, Courtney Lurry, and devoted Brittany Harris; three grandsons, James H. Upshaw, Jr., James W. Lurry, III and Zachary C. Lurry; one sister, Margaret L. Aaron (Paul); two brothers, Clarence R. Lurry and John L. Lurry, Sr. (Queen); six nieces, devoted Brenda L. Page, Esq.

(Edward); Carolyn L. Mapp, Esq. (David), Alma J. Pierce (Lonnie), devoted Sarah E. Roberts, Mary M. Johnson (Thomas), and Lisa Roberts; four nephews, Richardo W. Frye (Lavenia), John L. Lurry, Jr. (Jennel), Lonnie A. Lurry, Jr., and Michael Lurry; fifteen great grandchildren; ten great great grandchildren; two loving cousins, Alma Roberts and Larry Smith; caring friends, Lynn and Becky Acre; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

God saw the load was getting heavy
and the hills were hard to climb
So, He closed his weary eyelids
and whispered, James "Peace Be Thine"
With our love!
The Family

Cemetery Details

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Cemetery

2217 Commins Road
Aylett, VA 23009

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 28. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JAN 28. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life with live streaming

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for James W. Lurry, Sr., Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - January 29, 2022 at 02:12 AM

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James Lurry Sr uglyahh - August 05, 2025 at 01:44 AM

MO

“ Damn it yarn

Mook - August 05, 2025 at 12:49 AM

FM

“ Even on this day I remain lost for words I remember coming to see my dear Friend Toots, Mrs. Venessa, and Mr. George Welford St., Colonial, and both houses in Hanover always greeted with Jimbo as Toots would call him he was the life of the party when she told me today you past I was floored Toots loved you like no other and I am sorry to that you are no longer here. Just know your granddaughter loves you to the moon 2 hours on the phone and we laughed like 1985 Rest up Mr. Jim. Sorry for your lost (Toots) Anitra Julien (Tulloch) and Family

Felecia Mines - May 28, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ James W. Lurry, Sr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

EB

“ Thank you for always shining your light on me & mines you always made feel for welcome not to mention sharing stories about you & my uncle made me feel like family. You will be greatly missed 😭. I think the thing I cherished the most is our time watching westerns together till we meet again. Love you TopCat

Ebony Bell - January 29, 2022 at 02:32 PM

GT

“ Sending condolences to James and the rest of the Lurry family. Your father was a very sweet "dapper" man. Always greeted me a smile and a little pep in his step as well as in his spirit. He is at rest now. We thank God for him. My family and I will keep you guys in prayer.

~ Grenay A. Talbott

Grenay A. Talbott - January 29, 2022 at 12:56 PM

GB

“ Vera and Family, I want to again express my condolences for the loss of you father, brother, cousin, etc. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and I hope that all of you are able to find peace and comfort during this difficult time. May God's peace, comfort, and His loving kindness be with you at this very moment in your lives. I pray that Jim's spirit remains with each of you and that his presence will forever be in your hearts.

Greg Baldwin - January 29, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ Sending My Heart Felt Sympathy ,To The Lurry Family So Very Sorry For Your Loss, Bettie Threatts and Family !!!!

Bettie Threatts - January 29, 2022 at 12:51 PM

DH

“ Vera and Family, please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your father, Jim. In a time like this, all we are left with is the sober reflection on the aftermath of life here on earth. As for me, your father lived an enviable life that will bring him peace in paradise.

Jim's transition is a painful reminder that each one of us has an appointed day of departure from this earthly realm. As we mourn his exit, may we reflect on the quality of life that we lead.

May God's love and mercy comfort you and your family.

*Darlton Haskins & Family
Laurelton, NY*

Darlton Haskins - January 28, 2022 at 03:01 PM

MS

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Margaret Lurry-Aaron , Sister - January 28, 2022 at 12:15 PM

VU

“ The Lurry Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you deal with the loss of your father. Cherish all the wonderful memories you have of him. I can't recall ever seeing him when he didn't have a smile on his face. His smile lit up any room and his jokes kept you laughing for hours. Do not hesitate to call or text if you need anything. I'm here for you.



Love Always,
Valerie Underwood

Valerie Underwood - January 26, 2022 at 09:53 AM

DG

To my loving family Vera, Elisa and James I can't express how my 2ND cousin Jim will be missed!! We had Good times laughing & dancing I would say "HUSH YOUR MOUTH" & we just Clown up God knows Best I LOVE U & WILL MISS YOU... Hope to see you in the Resurrection Peace & Blessings💔💔💔💔

Deborah E Glover - January 28, 2022 at 11:15 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 - January 25, 2022 at 12:38 PM