



## James Franklin Macon

September 17, 1919 - June 6, 2011

James Franklin Macon departed this life at McGuire Virginia Medical Center in Richmond, VA on June 6, 2011. He was born in New Kent, Virginia on September 17, 1919, the third child of the late Corbin H. and Julia Christian Macon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Arthenia Lorraine and four siblings, E. Hortense Hughes, Nellie Clayton, Henry C. Macon, and N. Whitfield Macon.

He grew up with his seven siblings on the family farm, where hard work and love of family and God were instilled in him. Franklin accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Lebanon Baptist Church in New Kent, Virginia. Until his health failed, he worshiped regularly with his family at Lebanon Baptist Church and Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

Franklin was educated in New Kent County Public Schools and received a technical certification in automobile mechanics from Hampton Institute. During World War II, he was drafted into the United States Army and served our country in Europe and Africa. He was honorably discharged and returned to Virginia to work as a machinist for Newport News Shipyard and Dry Dock Company. In 1950, he married Arthenia Lorraine Johnson; together they raised five children until her death in 1976. In 1980, he retired after 36 years and spent his remaining years being a supportive father, grandfather and enjoying gardening and fishing.

Franklin will be remembered and missed dearly by all who knew and loved him. He was a loving father to Gwendolyn (Norman) Keeton, Janet Macon, James Macon Bey, Wanda Macon and Donald (Cassandra)Johnson; grandfather to Lamaas Bey, Marcus Bey, Delicia Keeton, Jesse Bey, Bryan Keeton, Naomi Bey, Danika Johnson, Kelsey Jones-Johnson, Xavier Johnson, and Kylene Johnson; great-grandfather to Sabrina Bey and Briella Garcia. He also leaves to cherish his memory his siblings, T. Melvin Macon, Rev. Hartwell (Dorothy) Macon, and Elsie Tolliver; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

5500 Adkins Road  
Providence Forge, VA

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 12. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lebanon Baptist Church  
5300 Hopewell Road  
New Kent, VA 23124



# Tribute Wall



“ *James Franklin Macon*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My greatest memory of Uncle Franklin will always be his strength. As a child, even today, when I picture him in my mind I see him standing strong, speaking with authority, and having a heart of gold. When Uncle Franklin spoke to me, I knew without question that he was a man in charge but also the one who provided my family with safety, support, and love.*



*I pray his legacy of love & strength continues within my family, as my thoughts and prayers are with you today.*

*God Bless,*

*Kim Thomas*

Kim Thomas - June 13, 2011 at 08:48 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 - June 07, 2011 at 12:33 PM