



James David Massenburg

February 17, 1947 - June 11, 2025

The Life and Legacy of Chico

James David Massenburg, affectionately known as Chico, by close friends and family, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2025 at 8:37 am. James was one of six children to the late Bryant and Ethel B. Johnson Massenburg.

James is preceded in death by his one and only loving sister, Josephine Freeman-Harris and brother Durwood Massenburg.

Early in life, James attended Richmond Public Schools and later in life he worked and retired from Richmond Public Schools. Prior to working there he was employed for Richmond Glass Shop in downtown Richmond for many years.

James had a passion for music, which led him to start a band called "Chico and The Band" which brought entertainment to many local spots in the late 60's and 70's. At one of these infamous gigs, he met his daughter's mom, the late Denise Louise Carter-UI'Salaam.

James was a loving, caring, giving, and respectful gentleman to so many people in our community. One of the many acts of kindness from James, he paid for several graduates to receive their cap and gowns for their graduation to show why it is important to be a part of a loving village. James also loved to hang out at McDonald's, where the staff and customers loved his generous offerings, whether it was buying the kids meals and even helping staff members in need throughout the establishment.

James will be lovingly remembered by his daughter LaTania V. Fountain and the late Katina Best. Step-son Marcellus Carter, six grand-children; JaTon, Antoine Jr., Tion (Lanecha), Miracle, Kayla, Kyshawn, twelve great grand-children Nylah, Leilani, Karma, Nasir, Aasir, Antoine III, Aubre, Aamer, Aa'Siyah, Amaya, Aazari, and Khyzer. Three brothers Bryant, Percell, and Herman Massenburg, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Extended appreciation and thanks to Curtis Johnson and for helping take James to doctor appointments, fun errand trips, and for those late night talks. May his memory be a blessing and his soul find eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of James David Massenburg*



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KJ

I remember James ss grandad to all of his grandkids. He was soft spoken and loved to talk about God. He always had goodies when they were around. He had a gentle spirit and was loved by all. Rest easy grand dad, dance, smile, and be happy with no pain. My condolences to the family and especially his daughter Latonya.

Kim and Michael Jackson - June 24, 2025 at 07:11 PM

MM

Chico the Glass Man!!!! Chico was a great person to those of us on Marshall St. and the surrounding area. He would help any in need of glass or other services he could assist us with. We thank you for all you have done. You would stay late after work to cut glass for broken window pains a neighbor had. You were always quickly moving from one place to the next. This short guy with his hat slanted to the side with a smile. We send healing regards to the family, we thank you for his contribution to all! The Mealy's (Rheba)

M Mealy - June 20 at 04:06 PM

JJ

“ Prayers to the family..



Jennifer Johnson-Faison - June 16, 2025 at 09:20 PM

NJ

Sending My Deepest Condolences and Sympathy To the Massenburg Family! I'm Do Sorry For Your Great Loss! May God Bring you Comfort, Peace and Blessings In Your Time of Sorrow..... Peace Be Still! Love Always.... Nanette Johnson 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Nanette Johnson - June 16, 2025 at 10:28 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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