



James Richard Parker

August 14, 1939 - June 12, 2015

James Edward Parker was born in Southampton County on August 14, 1939. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oswell Parker and Beulah Parker Holloman; and brothers, Oswell “Peter” Parker and Johnny Holloman.

James began his early education in Southampton County. After moving to Richmond, he lived with his aunt, Mary Palmer, and continued his education and Richmond Public Schools.

Philip Morris USA allowed James the opportunity to enjoy many years of employment. It was from there that he retired after 29 years of service. James also was a proud veteran of the United States Army.

James had a very likeable personality. This helped him to have many friends. He had hunting friends, fishing buddies, and singing partners. One very special all-around friend was Walter Lourey.

As a dedicated member of Pilgrim Baptist Church, James was among those honored for fifty years or more years of membership and service. At the church James wore many hats – often as the same time. He also served as sexton and as an all-around handyman. This gave him pleasure because he loved repairing things at Pilgrim. He wanted things in God’s house to work properly. Additionally, he worked as a member of the audit committee and was

instrumental in organizing the tape and audio department which where he worked until his death.

Music brought joy to James' heart. Therefore, he loved singing. He was one of the original members of the B. F. Snipers choir, a member of the Men's Choir and the Senior Choir. James often stirred the emotions of the entire church with his spirit-filled rendition of well-loved hymns and gospel songs. His melodious voice has sometimes always allowed him to be called the Sam Cooke of the Pilgrim Baptist. Not only did James enjoy singing, he also liked playing the guitar and the piano.

James leaves to cherish his memory is loving wife of 53 years, Geraldine; goddaughter, Cathy Cheatham; three sisters, Dorothy Squire, Thelma Knight and Audrey Grant (James); two aunts, Elizabeth Boykins and Catherine Everett; sisters-in-law, Jacqueline Archie and Lillian Parker; and a host of nieces nephews cousins and friends. Very devoted amongst them are Terry Cousins and James McDougald.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 19. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JUN 19. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pilgrim Baptist Church
1900 Whitcomb Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *James Richard Parker*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Audrey Frazier Gillison lit a candle in memory of James Richard Parker*



Audrey Frazier gillison - June 18, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *I remember James on Sunday morning when I used to play for Pilgrim Baptist Church back in the day. He would sing Peace be Still and love to Jesus is the Best thing that ever happened to me and bring a tear to every eye in the congregation. His spirit and smile was truly wonderful and it was a pleasure to know him and his wife Geraldine. They were the first to show up at rehearsals and the last to leave. He would bring his guitar to my dads house and play along as my dad played the organ and they would have church right there. Be strong Geraldine and know he is with his father in heaven*

Audrey Frazier Gillison

Audrey Frazier Gillison - June 18, 2015 at 08:24 PM



“ *Psalms 34 18 tell us that Jehovah is near to those who are broken at heart and those crushed in spirit he saves. Praying that the God of comfort and mercy fill your hearts at this dark hour.*

S Hill - June 16, 2015 at 10:39 AM

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S Hill - June 16, 2015 at 10:38 AM

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“ *I will certainly miss my cousin James. I have many fond memories from our family reunions where James would bring his electric guitar and we would all sing Gospel songs and have a good time. I learned to play guitar and also my daughter. There was a family reunion where we all had the opportunity to play together and it was awesome. This was a first for cousin James because in the past; he was the only one to bring a guitar and play. This time we had a full band and he really really enjoyed it and we did too. Well, my cousin has moved on to a better place and I know he is full of joy being in the presence of the Lord. I pray strength and peace to his wife Geraldine and Jame's sisters, nieces, and nephews. Be encouraged because God will take care of you. Just call on the name of (Yeshua)Jesus, the son of the living God. He is able to do exceedingly above all that we can ask think or imagine according to the power that is within us. Eph 3:20.*



- Elder Frank Cheatham Jr.

Frank Cheatham Jr. - June 16, 2015 at 08:28 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 15, 2015 at 04:14 PM

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Great Man of God indeed we will missed him

JW - August 01, 2015 at 08:24 PM