



James O. Pittman

May 18, 1942 - October 19, 2011

JAMES OTIS PITTMAN, son of Emanuel Hannan and the late Eva Viola Pittman, was born on May 18, 1942 in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. After a brief illness, he departed this life on October 19, 2011.

He received his education at Brawley High School in Scotland Neck-Halifax County, North Carolina

For a short period of time James attended North Carolina State University and Coppin State University in 1962, he came to Baltimore where he was employed by Head Ski Company, Spring Grove Hospital and the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center as a Security Attendant until his retirement in 1997. Most recently, he was employed by Ares Corporation as a Security Officer at the Baltimore FBI until his death. James had a tremendous passion for work. He believed a person should always be time on for work and never miss a day. If he needed to work in your stead, then he would graciously do so. He was a licensed diesel mechanic from the Diesel Institute of America.

He accepted the Lord as his Savior at a early age and was baptized at Chestnut Grove Baptist church in Tillery, North Carolina. In his later years, he joined Southern Baptist Church where enjoyed Friday night prayer meeting, Sunday School and bible study. He was faithful member of Southern Baptist Church and the Senior Usher Board where he was First Vice President of the male ushers. Each year James was excited about attending class at the

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education for a week of study. One of his greatest moments was at the 103rd Annual Session of Congress in Louisville, Kentucky where he graduated and received the National Recognition Award. He was also honored at the Layman's League, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

After arranging a surprised wedding at Whitestone Baptist on December 17, 1982 he married Betty (Alston) Johnson from Baltimore, Maryland. From this union came one child Kellie Toraine Pittman. He has one stepdaughter, Kimberly Yvette Gruber and one son James Otis Pittman, Jr.

James was a “people” person and made friends whenever he went. Family affectionately called him “Jimbo or Jim”, coworkers called him “Pitt or JP”. His best friend and buddy was his brother-in-law, Ben Alston. If you saw one, the other was always close by. He was a true friend, a devoted family man and would go out his way to help you. He was a diehard sports fan, especially flag football and basketball. He participated in League flag football for many years.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a wife, Betty Pittman; one daughter, Kellie Toraine Pittman; one son-in-law, Charles Gruber; future son-in-law, Michael Wallace; three grandchildren, James Ricardo, Kendall Katherine Wallace and James Otis Pittman, 3rd one daughter-in-law, Halima Pittman one brother-in-law, Ben Alston, Jr.; three sisters-in-law, Diane Alston, Kristine Alston and Barbara Alston; two aunts, Sarah Pittman and Jessie Johnson; three uncles, Hulin Johnson, Major Alston and John Jenkins; several special godchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousin, other relatives, and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **24**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

OCT **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

OCT **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Southern Baptist Church
1701 Chester Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *James O. Pittman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jim, as we called him at home in Tillery, NC was a school bus driver his senior year of high school. I rode his bus and he protected me from the bullies. He was a great guy!*

Wilhelmena Rae Herritage Mitchell - October 25, 2011 at 07:21 AM



“ *Lisa D. Brown lit a candle in memory of James O. Pittman*



Lisa D. Brown - October 24, 2011 at 10:02 AM



My prayers go out to Sis. Betty Pittman and family in your time of need. May God continue to keep and bless you.

Lisa D. Brown - October 24, 2011 at 10:05 AM



“ *Rae Herritage Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James O. Pittman*



Rae Herritage Mitchell - October 24, 2011 at 07:05 AM

CJ

“ Charlotte Johnson lit a candle in memory of James O. Pittman



charlotte johnson - October 24, 2011 at 04:32 AM

G.

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

G.Ford - October 21, 2011 at 11:27 AM

RG

“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time, I am sorry for your loss. Please find comfort in the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4.

r gray - October 20, 2011 at 02:11 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.

March Funeral Homes - October 19, 2011 at 06:08 PM



Our prayers are with you in the lost of your loved one. Archie and Pat Alston

Patricia Williams-Alston - October 21, 2011 at 06:05 PM