



James Albert Plater, Sr.

June 26, 1942 - August 29, 2020

Brother James Albert Plater Sr., a native Baltimorean, was born to the late Samuel and Ethel Plater. This beloved man of God was affectionately known by several names: James or Brother Plater (by family, friends, and members of the Jehovah's Witness

faith); his children endeared a host of other names: Daddy, Dad, Pop, Poppa Doc, Daddio, Grand pop, and even...Fred G. Sanford due to his unscripted humor and ability to make us laugh. He was revered by countless because of his often quiet demeanor and calm spirit; and

in his presence, your spirit felt the love he exhibited not just by words, but more importantly through his actions. He was a man of honor, principles, a loving man who demonstrated his love through selflessly giving of his time, sharing his wisdom...knowledge and wisdom no secular textbook could ever teach.

Bro. Plater was a phenomenal father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to a number beyond measure. His work ethic was unquestionable! The foundation and core of the man we ALL loved and adored was shaped while a member of the Baltimore City Police Boys' Club. It was through this fraternity where his core values of hard work, team work, honor, sportsmanship, selflessness, perseverance, and toughness were molded. He spent long arduous hours at the gym improving and honing his skills as a boxer. Although he was an extremely talented and successful boxer within the inner city, he knew this wasn't his true calling. Even at a young age, Bro. Plater knew his

spirit and perhaps, the “Holy Spirit” was calling him to something far greater! In the bible, we learn in the book of Matthew 6:33 – (NWT) “that we are to keep on, then, seeking first the Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you.” This scripture was the cornerstone that truly resonated with James which propelled

him to find a permanent home as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. As a baptized member, his involvement within local communities was unwavering and, by all accounts, uncanny!

Whether in rain, snow, or sleet (in the mountainous and remote areas of Alaska), Bro. Plater wasn’t going to be deterred but rather fulfill his God-given responsibility of preaching & teaching others the word of God. For this was his “TRUE CALLING”!

Where many work decades to retire from one profession, James was instrumental in doing so, twice. For 2 decades, he worked as a supervisor for the City of Baltimore’s Sanitation Department and for another 3 decades, as a foreman for the Plymouth Wallpaper Company also in Baltimore. It was during his time at the wallpaper company, where Bro. Plater ultimately retired from secular employment to devote his remaining days on earth in full-time service to Jehovah God as a ministerial servant. While this celebration of life narrative only captures a small fraction of Bro. Plater’s immeasurable characteristics, his legacy lives on in the hearts and souls of the children he raised and many more he touched so profoundly. Though our hearts are deeply saddened by his untimely passing, tears of pain and sorrow are quickly transformed into tears of joy & happiness knowing an amazing man of God and exceptional father has ascended to a better place; a place where he’s no longer in pain, but enjoys ALL the promises bestowed upon him by our heavenly father, Jehovah God!!!

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