



James C. Stokes

January 7, 1968 - October 25, 2014

JAMES C. STOKES JR., the beloved son of Geraldine Powell Scott and the late James C. Stokes Sr., was born on January 7, 1968 in Washington, D.C. He was always a very quiet child and loved to play sports, football being his favorite. On November 9, 2002, he married the love of his life, Gail Hopkins-Stokes.

On October 25, 2014, James, aka "Stokey" or "Big Daddy", was called home to be with the Lord and Savior, surrounded by his loving family. James gave his life to Christ when he joined Bethel AME Church, 1993. His love for God and his wife, James then joined New Christian Memorial Church on her birthday May 2, 2012, where his wife was already a member.

After graduating from High Point High School in 1986, James knew how important education was. With determination and motivation, he sent out 100 letters to colleges asking them to accept him on a football scholarship. Morgan State University accepted him and he graduated in 1997, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Still eager to soar higher, he continued his education at Coppin State University in 2005 receiving his first Master's Degree- in Criminal Justice; as well as the second Master of Education degree from Howard University in 2010. He was currently pursuing his Ph.D in Social Work at Morgan State University.

He was a man of integrity, courage, great character, and ambition. He was an astounding family man; he devoted his life to providing for his family. James would always extend his hand to guide or help anyone no matter if it was

mentoring or monetary. James had a giving heart; he would help his extended family as well as opening his home to his nieces and nephews. Buying clothing and food, giving his own money to the troubled adolescents he mentored, as well as the homeless. He supported and encouraged many children, as well as family and friends to set goals and strive to achieve them. His favorite quotes with his family, as well the young adolescents he counseled, "It doesn't matter where you are, and you are nowhere compared to where you can go." He often ended a conversation with his famous word "Champ". His favorite scripture was Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it".

James wrote a children's book called "The First Day of School", and was in the process of getting it published. He also wrote another book, dedicated to his wife called "Mommy Got Hurt". At the time of his death, he was employed at Medstar Health-Franklin Square Hospital, in Baltimore, MD as a Therapist for numerous years. He also worked at Reflective Treatment Center as a Counselor. He devoted a great deal of his time, showing passion and commitment while striving to make a difference.

James owned several businesses, Building Communities Today For Tomorrow, Inc. (BCTT) with his friend Cedric Tucker. Their motto is "Real Issues Deserve Real Work"; as well as his private business JC Behavior, LCPC. James saw the need for mental, emotional, and physical support throughout the Baltimore community. His many highlights in the community spoke volumes of his commitment and passion to help troubled teens navigate through society with positive goals. His enthusiasm for Social Work was infectious of a hundred mile radius. He was a mentee under Frederick S Berlin, M.D. - Johns Hopkins University.

Surviving with awesome memories are: his devoted wife, Gail, two loving children, Marquis and [azrnin; a dedicated and caring mother, Geraldine; and a precious grand-daughter, Payton, whom he affectionately called "Pay-Pay" was the joy of his heart; one step-Sister, Laura Scott; mothers-in-law, Barbara Hopkins and Delores Smith-Dennis; three sisters-in-law, Robin Hopkins,

Karen (Norman) Johnson, Cathy (Tim) Bowen; three brothers-in-law, Wayne and Gary Hopkins, Robert Smith, [r.; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceded him in death were his father James Sr., paternal grandparents Victor and Esver Stokes; maternal grandparents Jefferson L. Powell (Jane) and Roberta (John) Garrett; father-in-law, Robert Hopkins, and several aunts and uncles. Loved deeply by his Step-Father Robert Scott, who preceded him in death in May of this year.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 5. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

NOV 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Christian Memorial Church
3525 West Caton Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Stokes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I was the captain of the football team at Morgan State University when Stokey joined the squad. I remember him as hard working and fun loving. He was a good dude that was very generous and always had a smile on his face. The brother was a wonderful teammate. He will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to his family and friends. May God bless you all.*

Donald Hart (Morgan St. Univ. Class of 1988) 3-3-15

Donald Hart - March 03, 2015 at 07:04 AM

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“ My nephew, James Stokes or more affectionately known to me and a select few as "Stokey" is so very greatly missed. When he was small, Stokey used to spend his summers in Pennsylvania with his great-grandmother Alberta and grandmother Roberta, who was my mother. Subsequently, I would get stuck with a lot of unofficial and unwanted baby-sitting. I remember him as being a terror. He was cute as a button, hard to keep up with, and asked about a thousand questions every five minutes. It was always, "Nita this & Nita that" all day long; especially in church. Although he got on my nerves, me being a cool and sophisticated teenager at the time, I became his protector and number one go-to person when it came time for getting disciplined. In later years, I truly realized how big of a heart my nephew possessed. We had recently brought my mother (his grandmother) to live from Pennsylvania and she had to go for extensive chemo treatments. Stokey would drive from Baltimore and help his mother Jerri by taking our mother Roberta for some of these treatments and for her numerous doctor appointments. Those two grew very close during that time and enjoyed each other's company tremendously. My heart goes out to my nephew's mother and my sister Jerri, his wife Gale, his children and of course, his grand-daughter "Pay-Pay". I am so proud of what this little boy that grew into such a "big" man accomplished in his short time here on earth. Stokey, you will always be loved and remembered by your aunt Nita and I will do all I can to take care of those you loved and left behind. God Bless you always, my beloved nephew.

Juanita Garrett - November 25, 2014 at 10:38 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of James C. Stokes.



November 04, 2014 at 11:35 AM

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“ I met James at the Montgomery Co. office, he was my supervisor and had enough faith in me to promote me to Administrative Coordinator. With his push I have been able to harness my abilities... while working with him hour would mimic my accent and make fun of my personality because of my back ground and drive. Underneath it all he was a great person, my last conversation with him was a few months ago in reference to practicum and working at his practice... his words call me when you are ready Champ! He will be missed for the person he was. Rest Peacefully James.



To his Family, may God grant you the peace in your hearts as you cope with your lose and remember the fond memories.

Sherry Alexander - November 03, 2014 at 01:06 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 31, 2014 at 02:06 PM