



## James Edward Stokes

May 17, 1927 - November 14, 2012

JAMES EDWARD “BUCK” STOKES, beloved son of the late Edward and Marguerite Smith Stokes, was born on May 17, 1927 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on November 14, 2012, after a full and beautiful life.

Buck, as he was fondly called by family and friends, was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, graduating from Frederick Douglass Senior High School in 1945. Upon graduation, Buck joined the United States Air Force in 1945 where he served in World War II and became one of the Air Force’s first African-American dental technicians. During his time in the Air Force, he received the Good Conduct, American Theater Service, and World War II Victory Medals.

After being discharged in 1946, James returned to Baltimore where he worked as a dental technician at Gordon’s Dental Lab on Mulberry Street. In 1965, he began his career with the Veterans Administration at the VA Hospital in Washington DC as the Supervisor of the Dental Lab until his retirement in 1992. James developed a reputation as an exceptional dental technician and was solicited by many Howard University dental students to assist them with passing the portion of the dental exam regarding false teeth formation. He was so devoted to providing for his family that, for many years, while working as a dental technician, he also served as a cab driver for Baltimore city to provide supplemental income for his family.

In 1951 he met the love of his life, Evelyn Cynthia Lassiter, whom he and others affectionately called "Baby Girl". On February 21, 1953, they settled into the Rosemont Neighborhood of West Baltimore where they lived for fifty-eight years. God blessed this union to survive just three months short of sixty years. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Chris and Maria. In March 2011, James and Cynthia moved to the Charlestown Retirement Community where he was happy relaxed and enjoyed the fruit of his labor!

Having been raised in a Christian home, James was a devout Christian who, along with his loving wife, instilled those values in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. For thirty years he was a dedicated member of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, serving first as an usher, a member of the Senior Choir and Men's Chorus, a member of the Willing Workers, chairman of the Trustee Board, and then as an ordained Deacon. James loved to sing, often singing solos at Brown's Memorial: "If I can help Somebody", "What A Blessing In Jesus I've Found", "It's My Desire", "I Asked The Lord", "He Touched Me", "I'll Walk With God" and "He". Later, he joined Whitestone Baptist Church, where he also served as a Deacon and a member of the Men's Choir. In 1998, he and Cynthia joined Douglas Memorial Community Church, his final church home. Although age and health limited his participation in church activities, he enjoyed regularly attending noon Bible Study, and being a member of the Samaritans and the J.O.Y. Seniors. You could always count on seeing him sitting at the end of the pew, halfway up the center aisle for Sunday service!

James was a true gentleman who deeply loved God, family, and Church. James was an extremely proud grandfather and great-grandfather. He especially enjoyed the time spent with family throughout the week, on holidays and at special family gatherings. James was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Stokes and Arthur Stokes; and two sisters, Henrietta

Bradford and Dorothy Lunn.

James leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Evelyn Cynthia Stokes; two caring daughters, Chris Cephas and Maria Stokes; one son-in-law, Charles Cephas, Jr.; four grandsons, Brandon, Christopher (Tygerian), Jonathan and Charles Wesley; two great-grandchildren, Skyler and Mason; one sister, Helen Augins; one brother, Walter "Ronnie" Stokes; five sisters-in-law, Dorothy Stokes, Shirley Stokes, Mary Jane Stokes, Verlean Watford, and Shirley Gordon; two brothers-in-law, George Augins and Edward "Heavy" Taylor; a devoted friend, Walter Bedford; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# 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 **23**. 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 **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

NOV **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Douglas Memorial  
1325 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

NOV **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Douglas Memorial  
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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Stokes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

**Ms Springer** - November 25, 2012 at 08:05 PM



“ *Uncle Buck always "Touched Me", especially when he sang that hymn.  
I love you Aunt Cynthia, I love you Christ & Charles, I love you Maria and I love you little cousins, Jonathan, Branden, Christopher, Charles Jr., Tygerian, Skyler and Mason.*

*Love Eternal,  
Cheryl*

**C.T. Lunn** - November 24, 2012 at 06:23 PM

MA

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”, To Aunt Cynthia, Chrisy and Maria, our prayers and sympathy go out to you in the lose of your Husband and Father(UNCLE BUCK). We had great times together while growing up. Chrisy and Maria you might not remember. Aunt Kitty children(Daryl, Faith, Melanie, June and Dee-Dee).

Just know that we love you and pray that God will bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Love Kitty and Family

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Melanie Burns Allen - November 23, 2012 at 08:00 PM

BB

“ To all members of the Stokes Family, with our deepest sympathy. No one else can feel your sorrow, but knowing others care and share in your loss and grief may help bring you some comfort during this difficult time. May the Lord Bless and Keep you during this time of loss. Love Uncle Alfred and Aunt Bernadette Bedford.

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Bernadette Bedford - November 23, 2012 at 03:35 PM

LL

“ I am praying for thr peace ofGod to abound my dear sister Maria and her family at yhis time. Continue to trust God and know that his love is healing. Love, Latease

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latease lashley - November 23, 2012 at 01:41 PM

KF

“ To the Stokes family, may God bless and keep you during your time of bereavement. Bro. Stokes was a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed at Douglas Memorial Community Church.

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Kevin D. Felton - November 23, 2012 at 08:49 AM

CM

“ To the family of James Edward Stokes, our most profound sympathy in this very difficult time. We know that the loss of a loved one is so very hard. May your wonderful memories of shared experiences over the years continue to sustain you in the days ahead, the Mills Family.

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**Catherine L. Mills** - November 22, 2012 at 10:03 AM

LS

“ I have known Mr. Stokes since I was about 11 years old. He was always such a kind, gentle, loving man of GOD. He was a faithful member of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, under the pastorship of the late, Rev. Paul J. Harris. My fondest memories of him will always be hearing him sing, "If I can help somebody, then my living will not be in vain." He helped many, many people and his living was surely not in vain. Rest in Peace!

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**Linda L. Shields** - November 21, 2012 at 03:56 PM



“ *...Then leaf subsides to leaf,  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day  
Nothing gold can stay. (Robert Frost)*

*Dear Neighborfamily,  
Everything changes. It seemed like only a moment ago that he was  
greeting us from across the porches. He was appreciated. He will  
be missed.*

*Know that we love you and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*From Candice (Moses) Abd'al-Rahim  
Sadie Moses  
Kids  
Grandkids*

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**Candice Abd'al-Rahim** - November 21, 2012 at 12:12 AM

KL

*My prayers and love are with you Mrs. Stokes, Christian, Maria,  
Brandon and Christopher, and the rest of your family. Mr. Stokes was  
my mentor/work-father and dear friend. He was so proud of his family. I  
will miss exchanging our birthday wishes each year, but I have so  
many fond memories of our days at the VA.*

*Rest in Peacr Stokes. I loved you and will miss you.*

*Kim C. Lopes Silver Spring, maryland*

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**Kim C. Lopes** - November 23, 2012 at 05:36 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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**March Funeral Homes** - November 20, 2012 at 01:25 PM

JC

*The Stokes Family : Our deepest sympathy to you. Our prayers are with you. God bless you! Sorry for the lateness; we just found out about your loss. - 13 January 2013.*

*Yours in Christ, Joseph & Marguerite Costello*

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**Joseph Costello** - January 13, 2013 at 11:06 AM

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*Joecostello972@yahoo.com (this is the correct email)*

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**Joseph Costello** - January 13, 2013 at 11:12 AM