



James Edward Thornton Sr.

December 19, 1924 - November 11, 2018

James Edward Thornton, Sr., was born in Henrico County on December 19, 1924 to the late Isaiah and Ida Thornton. He was called home to be with his heavenly father on November 11, 2018.

James worked for the State as a Corrections Officer for 29 years and 3 months. He also loved farming, bowling, fishing and playing cards.

He joined Oak Grove Baptist Church at an early age. He was married to the late Ruth Thornton; to this union they had one son, James Thornton, Jr. and two daughters, Bernice Davis, deceased and Gracie Lee Davis.

After he retired from the State, James had a passion for selling vegetables with the help of two of his faithful friends, Oscar and Slim. They stuck with him until his health failed. James moved to Richmond, Virginia and stayed with Jean Mason and her family where he lived until he passed.

James lived a good life and has planted seeds of love and selflessness, which will continue to reap a harvest that will carry on forever in the lives of everyone he touched. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

James leaves to cherish his memories, one son, James Thornton, Jr. (Geri); daughter, Gracie Lee Davis; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; sister

Shirley Spurlock; devoted sister, Ophelia Thornton; brother, John D. Thornton; devoted friend, Jean Mason, other family members and friends too numerous to mention.

It broke our heart to lose you but
you did not go alone.
For a part of us went with you the day
God called you home.
Just think of him as resting from sorrow
and the tears as
a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

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Cemetery Details

Lewis Family Cemetery

46 Townique Farm Road
Hanover, VA 23069

Previous Events

viewing

NOV 16. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

NOV 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Thornton Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Wow! I just found out about this and researching I found out this is Uncle Cheetah. What beautiful memories I have of him .Buying good veggies and fruit from his stand on Laburnum. He always had lemons for Jonisha and he named her Peewee. So many fond memories. Truly a man of great distinction. Rest In Peace Uncle Cheetah*

veronica Pollard - November 19, 2018 at 11:52 PM



“ *Sheryl Corley purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James Edward Thornton Sr..*



Sheryl Corley - November 15, 2018 at 10:53 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.*

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