



## James E. Woods

September 3, 1922 - May 23, 2016

James E. Woods began his life Journey on September 3, 1922 as the only son of four children born to Cletus and Lizzy Woods in Salisbury, North Carolina. At an early age; James realized the education. He attended Monroe Elementary and on there he would often walk across the campus of Living College and see student sons on the way to class. This made him strive to complete his formal studies so that he too could attend college one day and improve his life. He attended J. C. Price High School where he excelled in basketball, playing center and football, playing tight end in 1941, J. C. Price Football team went undefeated and underscored upon winning ten games and the state championship, an accomplishment he bragged about for the rest of his life.

Upon graduating from high school James left Salisbury and relocated to Washington, D.C. Where he found a job in the cafeteria at the Department of Justice. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted into the U.S. Army spending three and a half years in Liberia, West Africa where he obtained the rank of sergeant. After his honorable discharge in 1945, James enrolled at the then Morgan State College. While attending Morgan, he was fortunate to meet and marry Gertrude Marie Faidley. He graduated from Morgan with a Bachelor of Science degree. James and Gertrude were married for forty two years; and out of this union two children were born, Yvonne Diane and Charles Edward. While raising his family, he worked at the Bethlehem Steel and the U.S. Post

Office. James began his teaching career in the early 50's at Lexington Terrace Elementary School #19. While maintaining a full – time job and raising a family, he pursued a graduate degree in Psychology (Guidance and Counseling at the Towson State College. Upon receiving his Master's degree, he was assigned to Lyndhurst Elementary as a guidance counselor. He continued on this path at Walbrook and Forest Park High Schools for thirty five . Because of his love for children, he continued to work five additional years at Cherry Hill Elementary School as a retired educator.

The Woods family worshipped at the Ebenezer Baptist Church where James served as the Chairman of trustee Board and was later selected by the church to serve as q Deacon, Additionally, he taught Sunday school, served as a bible study teacher for the Super Sixties Plus Ministry, and was instrumental in training Ebenezer's young deacons. The Ebenezer Disciples became his extended family where he formed long and lasting relationships that he cherished to the end.

James extended his religious outreach by joining the leadership of J. Martin Capehart. He served in the positions of Corresponding and Financial Secretary. At one time, he was the president of the Gideon's Northwest Baltimore Camp. Each year James looked forward to participating in local as well as national conferences where he was able to interact with his faith family.

In retirement, he has various interests such as the Association for the study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the Retired Teacher's Association, and was an avid sports fan of his beloved Baltimore Orioles and Ravens.

James' favorite passage of scripture that he found comforting in times of need was Proverbs 3:5-6 which reads, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and

lean not unto thine own understanding . In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy Path”.

James leaves a devoted, Yvonne Diane; son Charles Edward, son-in-law, Joseph C. Howard Jr.” loving sister Dorothy Gray of Salisbury, North Carolina; four sisters, Martha A. Parker, Alma R. Turner, Grace P. Wills, and Mae L. Cumberbatch of Baltimore; caring nieces, Doris Browne, Yvonne Felton, Deborah Gibson and Christina Gray; nephew, James and Edward Gibson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## MD Nat Memorial Park

Laurel, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

**MAY 30.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

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MAY 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
2301 Guilford Ave.  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Woods*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Yvonne sent a virtual gift in memory of James E. Woods*



Yvonne - February 22, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *Today we join the everlasting Deacon Woods team making a difference in others' lives please join*

*Coles Family*



Kenneth and Sandra Coles - June 07, 2016 at 11:15 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.*

March Funeral Homes - May 25, 2016 at 12:24 PM

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*We are sending our condolence to the Wood family he will be truly miss*

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**lorretta parker** - June 02, 2016 at 10:28 AM

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*I send my sympathy. I have fond memories of conversations with your Dad at Patapsco. I know on in you.  
Patricia Short (Latin)*

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**Patricia Short** - June 09, 2016 at 08:44 AM