



## Joseph Leonard James, Sr.

May 1, 1947 - September 10, 2019

Joseph Leonard James, Sr. was born May 1, 1947 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Ollie James and Bettie Atkins. He was called home on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at his home. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Oliver M. James and Louis James; father-in-law, James Mitchell; mother-in-law, Carrie Mitchel and a brother-in-law, James Mitchell.

Joseph attended Virginia Randolph High School. He enlisted into the United States Navy in 1968. After serving his country proudly . . . his journey begun at Henrico County Public Utilities Department. He worked for 41 years of dedicated service and happily retired in September 2013. He was a Labor Foreman Supervisor and was well known as “Cool Joe” or “Joe James” by his friends. Joseph was a hard worker that loved his job and coworkers.

In 1989, Joseph was baptized at the Hampton Coliseum as a Jehovah Witness to honor God of the Bible and the Creator of all things.

Joseph was a people person that displayed a huge personality and was very kind and genuine throughout. Joseph had a heart of gold. Joseph loved watching his favorite football team play the 49'ers. He was a member of a Softball team and played softball with the fellas all his life. Joseph was known to live life to the fullest. He had a huge heart and enjoyed spending time and making memories with his family that brought him the most joy.

He was such a caring, responsible and loving person. His love for family and friends was endless and unconditional. It was a special, rare and strong kind of love which completely demonstrated the amazing person he was.

Joseph loved being around his family and truly adored his grandchildren. He loved going out to parties and dancing at clubs and events. He loved listening to smooth R&B and Jazz music. He enjoyed wearing nice clothes (clean), jewelry (lol). He was so cool, he even worked in his jewelry.

He leaves to cherish his memory beloved three loving and devoted children, Joseph James, Jr. (Tanita), Yolanda James and Timothy James; five grandchildren, Ny'Deja James, Jayla James, Malan Johnson, Timothy James Jr. and Jeremiah Blue; former devoted wife, Rosalind James Venable; five sisters, Barbara Street (Raymond), Bertha James, Alice Lyons, Bernice Bentley (John) and Frances Arrington (Larry); three brothers, Oneal James (Hazel), Pernell James and Richard James (Mary); two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Valiare and Loretta Mitchell; brother-in-law, Joseph Mitchell; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; devoted friends, Benita Lee, Chelsey Morton Ezyhara, Carla Jones, Elmo, Mike and Vernon Tee, who will miss him dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road  
Amelia, VA 23002

# Previous Events

## viewing

SEP **19**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Celebration of Life

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Leonard James, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Remember that those we love don't go away, they are in our hearts and walk beside us everyday.*  
*Tressa Brooks & family*

**Tressa Brooks** - September 20, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *Rest In Peace My Friend!*



**Benita Lee** - September 19, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *Helen Maudlin lit a candle in memory of Joseph Leonard James, Sr.*



**Helen maudlin** - September 18, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ *Love you daddy you will forever be in my heart no more pain and no more suffering* ❤️❤️💙💙💙

**Yolanda James** - September 18, 2019 at 08:13 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy and much love to the James Family.  
Sandra Mason*

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**Sandra Mason** - September 12, 2019 at 10:31 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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**March Funeral Homes** - September 11, 2019 at 12:43 PM