



Charles E. James Sr

August 28, 1935 - November 25, 2020

Charles Edward James, Sr., affectionately known as “Tump” was born on August 28, 1936. He was the tenth of eleven children born to Ed and Alberta James in Tensaw, Alabama. He was educated in the Mobile, Alabama, School District and graduated from Central High School. He frequently boasted about being quite a dancer in his day.

He moved to St. Louis, MO, where he met and married Lemyrt Bailey and together they raised seven children. Charles, much like his dad was a tall, quiet-spoken man, but he was a strong manly man, a pillar of strength and stability. He had a strong work ethic which he instilled in all of his children. He worked long hours at Granite Steel in Illinois for a number of years before he secured a position with General Motors in St. Louis, MO. When the Corvette plant relocated to Bowling Green, KY, Charles followed with his wife and four youngest children and he continued to work for General Motors until he retired in 1999 after 31 years of service. He had a zest for life, and he loved to dress.

Tump was always clean and he took that St. Louis swag with him to Bowling Green. The St. Louis crew was easily distinguished in Kentucky by their stylish attire from head to toe. After retiring, Charles enjoyed the company of his children and grandchildren, family and friends, traveling, the blues and he still enjoyed dancing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lemyrt; parents, Ed and Alberta; two brothers, Sam and Willie; and five sisters, Georgia Mae, Geneva, Catherine, Anna Belle, and Jurushia. He leaves to cherish his memories seven children; Anthony (Sabine); Theda (Glenn); Vanessa; Beverly; Charles, Jr.; Jeffrey (Angela); and Timothy; 12 grandchildren, Brian, Nastashia, Brianna, Andreae, Carissa, Vinson, Tremaine, Charles, Keven, Brittney, Courtland and Ashley; one brother, Percy (Renate); and two sisters, Velma and Mary; special niece, Mildred; and a host of other family members and friends.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, Charles joined all of his children, his brother, Percy; sister, Mary; nieces, Mildred and Belinda; nephews, and great-niece, Nicole on his last ZOOM meeting. He looked good, he was coherent and he seemed to have gotten a surge of energy. On Wednesday, November 25, he slipped into eternity as he slept. God blessed us to have Charles Edward "Tump" James, Sr., for 84 wonderful years.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1209 Fairview Ave
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Previous Events

Private Visitation

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 843-2336
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

Services To Be Live-Streamed via Burnam & Son Facebook Page

DEC 3. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Private Funeral Service

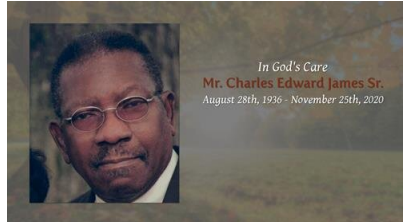
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Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - December 03, 2020 at 12:34 PM

TC

*To the family and children of “Tump” Charles Sr. We send our deepest condolences to you all.
Mr. James was always a joy to be around. He always welcomed us when we came around, his humor, his smile, his jokes and laughter was affectionately contagious and he always made sure we felt welcomed and just like family anytime we were around him. My prayers go out to you Charles Jr ❤️ I know what your dad meant to you and you were truly blessed to have such a wonderful man to call dad, the love between you two was evident and I pray God will give you the strength and comfort you need during this difficult time. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning. We love you all and we are thinking of you and praying for the entire family. We are here if you need us
Tonya, Marino Cole & family.*

Tonya Cole - December 04, 2020 at 08:17 PM

MF

“ *Prayers for the family!*



Marqueta Franklin - December 26, 2020 at 10:24 PM

KC

“ Kenny And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



Kenny and Crisandra Coleman - December 03, 2020 at 08:00 PM

DI

“ Sorry bout your lost we be praying for the family from Alma Dickerson and Diane Lewis family



Diane - December 03, 2020 at 04:25 PM

LB

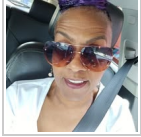
SIS Beverly .
Sorry for your loss. You have my condolences and prayers
Bro BILLS

Less BILLS - December 03, 2020 at 07:04 PM

Shelia Powell

“ My condolences and prayers are with you and family. May you Rest in Peace. I will forever remember the joy and fun we had at the family reunion in Florida last year (2019). Your smile and smooth moves on the dance floor will stay in my heart and memory. Love always your niece Shelia Powell-Faulkner (daughter of Velma James)

Shelia Powell - December 03, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Charles James family. May your fond and loving memories of your Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend comfort you. From Linda, Cynthia and Craig Stevens.



Cynthia Boyd-Yette - December 03, 2020 at 02:21 PM

LB

You have my condolences and prayers. Bro ulesser BILLS

Less BILLS - December 03, 2020 at 04:12 PM

NM

“ Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



Nathaniel Bernadine Martin - December 03, 2020 at 12:50 PM

AB

“ Anthony And Sabine Bailey lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



Anthony and Sabine Bailey - December 03, 2020 at 11:04 AM

LH

“ *Leslie Hunter lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Leslie Hunter - December 03, 2020 at 08:35 AM

SH

“ *Shirley Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Shirley Hawkins - December 03, 2020 at 07:28 AM

MF

“ *Mr. James you always were kind to me and my family. Never a mean word spoken even when me and your Sons were up to mischief. R. I. H. Sir. You will be missed*



Milton & Robin Brown & Family - December 02, 2020 at 10:14 PM

KC

“ *Kenny And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Kenny and Crisandra Coleman - December 02, 2020 at 07:23 PM

AS

“ Aaron & Deborah Sanders purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles E. James Sr.



Aaron & Deborah Sanders - December 02, 2020 at 01:52 PM

MF

“ Mary M Barber And Family lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



Mary M Barber and Family - December 02, 2020 at 12:13 PM

TB

“ Teresa Beason lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



Teresa Beason - December 01, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles E. James Sr.



December 01, 2020 at 02:48 PM

AF

“ Alexandria Bratcher and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles E. James Sr.



Alexandria Bratcher and Family - December 01, 2020 at 12:46 PM

LI

“ LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



LIVELY-CLARK - December 01, 2020 at 12:37 PM

KC

“ Kenny And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



Kenny and Crisandra Coleman - November 30, 2020 at 07:07 PM

TL

“ Please accept my condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones right now. I hope you're able to find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Teresa Lee



Teresa Lee - November 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM

SG

“ *Sheila Jackson- G lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



sheila jackson- G - November 30, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles E. James Sr.*



November 30, 2020 at 02:06 PM

NM

“ *Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Nathaniel Bernadine Martin - November 30, 2020 at 01:11 PM

AA

“ *Praying that God will give you comfort, in your time of need.*



A. Allen - November 30, 2020 at 12:41 PM

AC

“ *AngeliaC Cozart lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



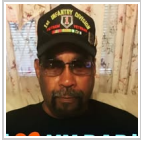
AngeliaC Cozart - November 30, 2020 at 10:11 AM

EB

“ *Edward And Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



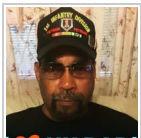
Edward and Deborah Bufford - November 30, 2020 at 08:03 AM



“ *Walter Lee lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Walter Lee - November 29, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ *With our deepest sympathy, may you find peace and strength during this difficult time.
Walter and Shalley Lee, The Lee family*



Walter Lee - November 29, 2020 at 08:00 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Wanda Anthony - November 29, 2020 at 05:41 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Wanda Anthony - November 29, 2020 at 05:41 PM

BR

“ *My condolences to the family I'm sorry for your loss.*

Beverly Ray - November 29, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BE

“ *Belinda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles E. James Sr.*



Belinda - November 28, 2020 at 06:06 PM

BE

“ *Uncle Charles was a kind-hearted and hard working man who was a great role model for his family - not only his children, but his extended family! He is my uncle- my father's brother and they favor each other so much with their looks and mannerisms! Uncle Charles will always be remembered for his smile and sincere conversations! And I will always love that he loved to shop! We love you Uncle Charles! The Percy James clan!*

Belinda - November 28, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *Darlene Collins lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Darlene Collins - November 28, 2020 at 01:07 PM

SF

“ *Shelley & The Entire Heater Family lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Shelley & The Entire Heater Family - November 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM

MB

“ *Uncle Charles was a easy going suave gentleman. He was a sharp dresser. He will be missed but not forgotten. From his nephew Maurice Black*

Maurice Black - November 27, 2020 at 11:48 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Wanda Anthony - November 27, 2020 at 08:06 PM

RG

“ *Ron&Carmen Green lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Ron&Carmen Green - November 27, 2020 at 06:15 PM

LW

“ *Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Loretha Withrow - November 27, 2020 at 04:00 PM

CC

“ *Curtis/Sharon Cosby lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Curtis/Sharon Cosby - November 27, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Darlene Collins lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Darlene Collins - November 27, 2020 at 12:08 PM

VS

“ *Vetta Sublett lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr*



Vetta Sublett - November 26, 2020 at 05:58 PM

KH

“ *Kim Huffman*



Kim Huffman - November 26, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MB

Farewell, my Uncle Charles. May you Rest In Peace and now you are with the Lord.

Maurice Black - November 27, 2020 at 11:44 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



cheryl hewitt - November 26, 2020 at 12:13 PM

BG

“ Barbara Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Charles E. James Sr



Barbara Gilbert - November 26, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Dear James Family,

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - November 26, 2020 at 03:21 AM