



Mr. James Edward Donald

July 3, 1934 - October 21, 2025

James Edward was born on July 3, 1934, in Aberdeen, Mississippi, to the late George Moton Donald and the late Emma Whitfield. They had 5 children; James Edward Donald; Mary Alice Donald; Corine Bell Donald; Perry Lee Donald

Once James graduated from high school, he joined the Army 2 years later. He always wanted to leave Mississippi. He stayed in the Army for 2 years then returned home for 14 days. After being home for those 14 days he made the decision to move to Milwaukee in 1957 with his friend Douglas Crump.

James met Emma Jean Mason in 1961, and they were married in holy children from their union Tammy Charmaine Donald (Williams) and Leslie Anita

James worked at American Motors and Rexnord Packing when he first moved to join A.O. Smith in 1964 where he worked as a welder for 33 years until he retired. He worked at Roosevelt Middle School for a while as a teacher aide and then driving a school bus after he retired. He would often share stories about the children on his bus. He eventually stopped driving the school bus in 2017. During his tenure with A.O. Smith he also had several other jobs such as selling encyclopedias, selling insurance and TRIED working as a bartender.

He loved bowling and fishing, although he wasn't that great with fishing LOL. He also enjoyed watching old western movies.

James joined Greater Galilee Church however after a few years he decided to join St. Mark A.M.E. in 1970. He was a faithful servant. James also was a member of the Unique Social Club for about 30 years, The Son's of Allen, Masonics and American Legion.

In addition to his life of being a hard worker, James was a good husband and loving father. James loved his family and believed in working hard to earn a living. He was a respectful son, loving big brother and an exceptional uncle.

One of his most fascinating things in his life was joining the military and training to defend his country.

He was happiest about finding his beautiful lifelong wife and having his children.

James passed away peacefully on October 21, 2025, in Milwaukee Wisconsin. His parents and his siblings all preceded him in death.

James is survived by his wife of 61 years Emma Jean Donald, his two children Tammy Donald (Williams), Leslie Donald, Godchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends to affectionately hold him in memories.

Cemetery Details

VA Union Grove Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark AME Church
1616 W. Atkinson Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mark AME Church
1616 W Atkinson Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53206-2438
(414) 562-8030

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Donald.* ”



Vickie Hendree - November 12, 2025 at 02:48 PM

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“ *Princella and Nolten purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Edward Donald.* ”



Princella and Nolten - November 12, 2025 at 06:26 AM