



## Mr. James Anthony Franklin Finlayson

January 20, 1958 - July 10, 2023

No obituary found for this tribute.

# Cemetery Details

## Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

Lynden Sculpture Garden  
2145 W. Brown Deer Rd  
River Hills, WI 53217

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ He was so truly loved. He was open, giving, confident, and lots of fun. Rest In Heaven Brother Jamhes :)

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**Barbara** - January 06, 2025 at 03:07 PM

ML

“ I knew Jahm'es as Tony from Yale. He was a kind and gentle soul even then. I remember him as a musician and drummer and a friend. After graduating I was living in Nicaragua during the early and promising years of the Sandinista revolution. On a rare visit to the black sand beach of Pochomil, I ran into Tony! He had just purchased a large beautiful marimba! As I recall, it had straps so it could be worn (I could be wrong about that). I asked him if he played the marimba. He didn't, but was inspired by the beauty of the instrument and its sound, to learn! It was a serendipitous and magical moment to encounter a dear friend on a beach in a foreign country plus the delight and “rightness” that he would have just bought this gorgeous wooden instrument just then! It was then when he told me he had changed his name. I dedicated many years to working to prevent and interrupt gun violence and its tragic consequences. I'm heartbroken to learn about Jahmés's passing. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family. Rest in peace and power.

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**Mariko Lockhart** - September 15, 2023 at 01:26 PM

DK

“ I performed with Jahmes in the Express Yourself arts therapy group. He constantly provided compassion and encouraged creativity within our students--these are they who had experienced trauma during the course of their young lives. He gave me this rubber band ball and told me to keep adding to it and pass it on to others. I am passing it on to you. He always believed that each person has something to give. Dr. Patricia Kemp



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**Dr. Patricia Kemp** - August 09, 2023 at 10:46 AM

JL

“ Mr. Jahmes as my kids called him was their drum teacher at hillel academy a Jewish school in Milwaukee. They loved him and my daughter even bought a drum djimbe like he played. He was obviously a sweet soul who only lived to make people happy and give back. He will be sorely missed. A good person has been killed by senseless tragic violence.

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**Jay Lakritz** - July 27, 2023 at 05:31 PM

PS

“ You will be missed my friend, but never forgotten.

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**Peter Stanford** - July 21, 2023 at 02:37 PM

DG

“ *Jahm`es made a huge impact on me in one meeting with his kindness. I was sitting outside my wife's hospital room where we had just found out that she needed surgery for cancer. Jahm`es was walking by and stopped and started to talk to me because he said I looked distressed. He explained that he could help by giving me a reiki massage. He proceeded to play a rhythm on my back, shoulders and neck like a drum. It brought calm to my nerves and relaxed my mind. Later my wife was with me and he approached and said this must be queen Elizabeth. I asked him to lay his hands on her with the same reiki message and of course he did, brining her some of the last peaceful moments of her life. He said he was coming back to visit the next day and would stop and see us I told him she was being transferred to another hospital for surgery. Later he called to see how Liz was doing and again offering to help in any way. My wife died 5 weeks later in her brief time back home we talked about this wonderful stranger that had brought her to an island of peace. What a tragic waste of true good human spirit to be struck down by a gun. I'm so sorry for your loss, and will offer prayers for him, he is seeing my wife again I'm sure*



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**Dale Gabrys** - July 21, 2023 at 12:11 PM

JH

*This is 1000% Jahmes. I'm so glad you touched one anothers' lives - all three of you. Such a healer and bringer of peace. I'm so sorry for your loss, Dale.*

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**Jess H** - July 22, 2023 at 05:13 PM

AH

“ *Condolences to the family*

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**Antoinette Denise Herron** - July 21, 2023 at 11:42 AM

AM

“ *Ann McKinnie is sending sincere prayers and condolences to the Finlayson family. May God continue to provide comfort and peace for the entire family.*

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**Angelous McKinnie** - July 21, 2023 at 09:57 AM

GJ

“ *So sorry for the family and the community and heartsick that he should have died too soon and too violently, being so peaceful and kind himself. I only heard him from a distance in various bands, but up close at Stretch Dance classes with Deanna Anderson at the Coffee Trader...he was young and so talented, and humble.*

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**grace jessen** - July 20, 2023 at 11:11 PM

AN

“ *Reggie and Family-I am so sorry for the tragic loss of your brother. What a talented man who contributed so much to the Milwaukee community and beyond. May treasured memories sustain and comfort you. My parents always mentioned how kind your parents were to them at School. All my best, Andrea Topetzes Mann*

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**Andrea** - July 19, 2023 at 06:24 PM

DI

“ *During this time of sorrow and pain we offer you sympathy and know that God is with you.*

*Dr. George P. King, II  
Dr. Pamela Thomas-King  
Chelsea Y. King  
George P. King, III*

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**Dr. George P. King, II** - July 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM

AB

“ Annie B planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Anthony Franklin Finlayson.

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Annie B - July 15, 2023 at 10:47 PM

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“ Annie B purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Anthony Franklin Finlayson.



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