



Mr. Joe Lee James Sr.

August 10, 1933 - July 26, 2024

Deacon Joe Lee James Sr. was born on August 10, 1933, to Deacon AC James and Etherlene James in Carlton, Alabama, where he was raised and attended grade school.

Deacon Joe confessed Christ at an early age and was very active in the church.

He left home at an early age and moved to Mobile, AL, where he started his adult life. He was a very hard worker and always talked about coming back to Carlton to help take care of his mother, father, and younger siblings. He loved his family and always had a big smile on his face when he went to visit them.

While he was in Mobile, he met and married his wife, Alberta James, and they eventually moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he stayed until he went home to be with the Lord. He worked at Falk Corporation for many years. He also worked at Rank and Son.

After he retired, he still wanted to have something to do so he got a job at Andrew Chevrolet washing cars, which he really loved. His favorite food was chicken, which he called "Barnyard Pimp".

Deacon Joe departed this life on July 26, 2024. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sister Bettye R. Jones, affectionately known as "Brown Eyes".

He leaves his legacy of loving kindness to his: wife, Sister Alberta James of Milwaukee, WI; son, Joe Lee James Jr. of Cleveland, OH; daughter, Linda Joeann Tart-Bell of Birmingham, AL; 3 sisters, Emma (Jesse) Rucker, Inez Beverly of Mobile, AL, and Secerine J. Tinch of Cleveland, OH; 2 brothers, Jesse James of Mobile, AL and TC (Unell) James of Cleveland, OH; brother-in-law, John Cannon (Rosetta) Bay of Minette, AL; sister-in-law, Annetta Cannon of Milwaukee, WI; 8 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, numerous great- great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

He had a very special person in his life whom he called his son, Pastor DeMoin McCovery. Deacon Joe will be missed by everyone he encountered, family and friends, and I'm sure they will always remember his encouraging words.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church
2030 W. North Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Lee James Sr..*



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“ *To my beautiful grandfather!! Boy we had sometimes...we both stubborn but I learned so much and even you thought I didn't hear the message I was listening to understand to apply!! We were gifted time with you last year that was not taken for granted... we created lasting memories stamped and frozen in time... I take solace in knowing you are at peace... we love you and will carry you within our souls..
love always
The granddaughter that doesn't call...hahahah 😊*



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“ *Hey Uncle Joe Lee you will miss. The last time I seen you when we all was in Cleveland, OH in 1996. You will be truly missed. Now you and my grandmother who is Bettye Jones (my grandmother) is gone*

Erin Jones - July 27, 2024 at 11:35 PM