

A Celebration of Life for

DEACON
JAMES ANDERSON, JR.

SUNRISE

April 30, 1942

SUNSET

April 18, 2024



TUESDAY,

APRIL 30, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. - Service: 11:00 a.m.



Mount Airy Baptist Church

1100 North Capitol Street, N.W. | Washington, D.C. 20002

Officiating: Reverend Dr. Larry B. West, Pastor

OBITUARY

James Anderson, Jr. was born on April 30, 1942, to the late James and Margaret Anderson in Washington, D.C. He peacefully transitioned from this life on Thursday, April 18, 2024, knowing that he was loved and adored by his family, friends, and most importantly, by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. James fought the good fight with his Parkinson's Disease for 16 years.

James attended Washington, D.C. public schools and graduated from Eastern High School in 1960. He also attended the University of Maryland located in College Park, Maryland for one year. After attending one year, he decided that college was not for him. He ended up working at Hecht's Warehouse on New York Avenue for one year (1961). In 1962, he worked at Thomas Somerville, Inc. for one year. While working, he made sure he continued to go to church. James met the love of his life at Mount Airy Baptist Church. He married Delores G. Anderson on June 15, 1963. From this union, they had four children (Debra, Cynthia, James III, and Monica).

James joined Mount Airy Baptist Church when he was five years old. He was baptized on May 30, 1958. He was actively involved with the following ministries: Sunday School, Boy Scouts Troop 508, Choral Singing Group, Deacon Board, and the Sound Ministry. James was ordained as a Deacon on December 23, 1984. He received a Century Member Boys Scout of America Award in 1987. He was Father of the Year in June 2003. Deacon James Anderson was honored as Deacon Emeritus on December 3, 2017.

James retired as a supervisor web offset pressman from the United States Government Printing Office (GPO) on December 31, 1993. He was dedicated to GPO; he would drive his station wagon to work in two feet of snow. He was affiliated with the following Masonic Organizations: Free and Accepted Mason, Corinthian Lodge No. 18, Washington, DC (June 21, 1975); The United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Sublime Prince of Royal Secret 32nd Degree (April 9, 1976); and The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Mecca Temple No. 10 (July 31, 1976).

James was affectionately given the nicknames "Andy", "Junior", and "Pistol Pete". He used to bowl in a bowling league for years. His three favorite shows to watch on TV were bowling, baseball, and the Family Feud. He was on the battlefield for a long time, and he served the Lord until he transitioned. His favorite Scripture was Psalm 23. On Saturday, March 16, 2024, along with his family, he visited with Sister Ruth Matthews. While the Holy Communion was being administered to Sister Matthews, James started reciting the scripture by saying, "He took the cup and said this is my blood that has been shed for you. As oft as you drink of this wine, do it in remembrance of me." Deacon Anderson certainly served the Lord until he peacefully passed away. His wife, Deaconess Delores was right by his side.

James gave his children some words of wisdom when they started driving. Dad would say, "If you have a job and get a paycheck, you should never run out of gas." He told his children, "I don't ever want to get a phone call from you crying that you are stranded on the side of the road because you ran out of gas. Keep gas in your tank!" Even though the gas in dad's tank ran out, his tank will remain full in our lives....full with premium top grade because that's what he represented.

James leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 60 years, Delores; his children: Debra, Cynthia (Gary), James III (Angie), and Monica (Marvin); his siblings: Nancy, Colonious (Deborah), Gregory (Phillis), Bernice, and John; grandchildren: Janay, James-Kendall, MacKenzie, Morgan, MacKaiya, and Marvin II; great-grandchildren: Ishmael, Luna, and Braylin; oldest nieces, Sandra (Erick) and Lynn (Dan); goddaughters, Dana (Albert) and Mattie; godson, Don-Don; brother-in-law, Lent; sister-in-law, Yvonne; aunts-in-law, Dallas Barnes and Ruth Matthews (103 years old). James leaves behind a long-lasting legacy with a host of relatives, family, neighbors, and friends.

James was preceded in death by his siblings, Ronald and Loretta.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation Pastor Larry B. West

Congregational Hymn Consoling Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Deacon Cynthia Broden

New Testament: II Timothy 4:6-8 Deacon Gary Broden

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Karen Taylor

Solo Selection..... Mrs. Linda Gray
From the Heart Church Ministries®

Reading of the Masonic Proclamation Mr. Leroy McDonald
Corinthian Lodge No. 18

Expressions of Sympathy, Acknowledgements, Condolences and Church Paper

Reading of Obituary (*Silent Reading*)

Solo Selection Mr. Alton Cheaves
From the Heart Church Ministries®

Message of Hope Pastor Larry B. West

Benediction

Closing Hymn Consoling Choir

Recessional

Interment:

National Harmony Memorial Park Cemetery
7101 Sheriff Road | Hyattsville, Maryland 20785

FAMILY SENTIMENTS

(Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father...) James 1:17(KJV)

My Dearest Andy, You have been and will always be the light of my life. Thank you for 60 BLESSED years of marriage!! We have shared so many memories over the years. You will ALWAYS hold a very special place in my heart. I am thankful for the time that GOD allowed us to spend together. You will truly be missed, and my heart will never be the same without you; but I am happy that you are resting in Heaven with Jesus. Take it easy Andy and know that all is well. May the sunshine be upon you daily and when I am sad, I will reflect on your warm smile to brighten my day.

~ Love you FOREVER, Delores

To our DAD/POPS, We cannot express how grateful we are to call you Dad!! You provided for us daily even when your health started to fail. Thank you for being a true example of what it means to be faithful and obedient to God!! It was such a privilege and honor to care for you during this time. We learned how to care for families by the way you cared for your siblings. The family gatherings will not be the same without you. Our hearts are broken and sad, but we rejoice knowing that you are with our Lord and Savior!! You reminded us often that you knew where you were going, so it is going to be alright. Those words are bringing us comfort during this time. You always thanked us for taking care of you, but we are THANKFUL to you for being our Dad! Thank you for being the best Dad on this side of Heaven. Your love and legacy will continue to show through each one of us. Be BLESSED Dad and enjoy your new home!!

~ Forever in our Hearts, Your Children (Debra, Cynthia, James III, Monica)

A Small Goodbye Until Next Time

Fingers curled, same hands.
A bouquet of lilies in the front seat of a grey van.
Raspy laugh echoes in the laughs of the little ones.
It's the wind blowing through the trees behind the shed we didn't play behind.
You're the sun in my eyes as I walked along the fence in the backyard.
You're the lightning bugs we caught and tried to let go.
You're the score of the game.
I hear you in the untuned piano in the sitting room.
I see you in the tattered sheet music hidden in the piano bench, filled to the brim with hymns.
You're in the high-pitched, "Hey Grandpa."
And the soft and rumbly, "Hello Granddaughter."
Your face is so full in my dreams, and I am small again,
standing on your feet.
This is just a small goodbye.
An, "I Love You." until next time.

~ Written by Janay (Granddaughter) on behalf of the grands/great-grands

FAMILY SENTIMENTS

BIG BROTHER



James Anderson, Jr. was a Good Son, Big Brother, Friend, Uncle, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Deacon, and most of all he was a Good Christian Man of God. To know him was to love him.

As the second oldest (Nancy) sibling, my big brother and I shared a special bond. When we were young my mother used to say we were as thick as thieves. He always showed how proud he was of his siblings, Jinks, aka “Colonious” for his service in the military, and “Duke”, aka Ronald (deceased) for his musical talents. When Greg was at Xavier University in Louisiana, he would send him money to

help him out. He and Delores didn’t hesitate to allow Loretta (deceased) to live with them. He showed up for Bernice when she was in the hospital. Then there was John the baby of the bunch; who held a special place in his heart.

Our Big Brother will be truly missed by his siblings; he always led us in the right direction because as the eldest he believed it was his place to do so. Rest in Peace Big Brother, I pray we all will see you again. Happy Heavenly 82nd Birthday Big Brother, We Love You!

~ Written by Nancy (sister) on behalf of the siblings

Tribute to Uncle Junior from your Nieces and Nephews

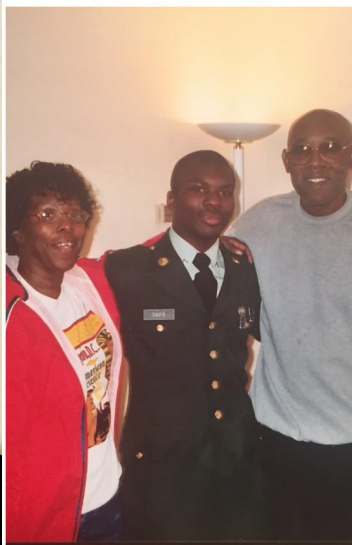
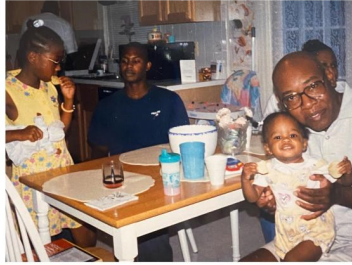
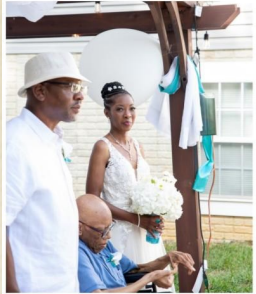
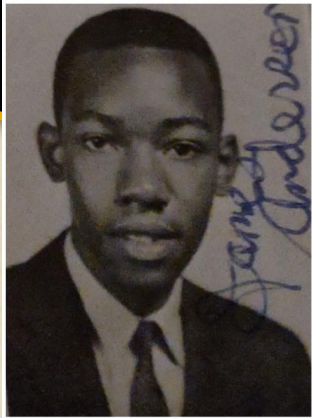


We thank you for always showing up for every memorable moment in our lives and our children's lives, even when you were battling with your sickness, you did drive-bys, sent cards, and phone calls, and we thank you! Named after our grandad, James Anderson, Sr., you were given a great example of what a man should be, what a husband should be, and what a father should be, and you represented well!

Uncle Junior had favor because of his faithfulness to God! He was rooted in who and what God called him to do and be! To know about his love for God and family look at his long history of service to his church. He took his relationship with God seriously, and his love for his wife and children. He was a proud husband to an amazing wife who always stood by his side, he was an awesome father, who loved to celebrate all of his kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, nieces, and nephews’ accomplishments.

Uncle Junior had an “As for me and my house we shall serve the Lord” motto and he did so well! So, I say to Uncle Junior, job well done, and to our family know that death is not his final destination for to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. There is no question about it, Uncle Junior is in the presence of the Lord! Happy Heavenly 82nd Birthday, loving you always, your Nieces & Nephews!

~ Written by Sandra (niece) on behalf of the nieces and nephews





ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of James Anderson, Jr. would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of you for your expressions of love, prayers, cards, and many acts of kindness shared during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to Pastor L. B. West & Mrs. West and the Mount Airy Baptist Church family for your love and support.

A special thanks to his caregiver Tammi Lindsay, the neighbors of Hobart Street, and his sister Nancy Anderson who supplied the family with medical supplies, snacks, and home cooked meals every week. Thank you to the Seed of Hope AME Church for the beautiful floral garden and thank you to the brothers of Corinthian Lodge No. 18 for your calls, letters, and visitations. Thank you to Bishop and Mrs. John A. Cherry, II, and From the Heart Church Ministries® for helping to preserve our memories. Thank you to the caterer, Mary J. Catering. Thank you for the sweets, "Sandy" the Baker.

May God bless and keep you all.

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

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