



David "Dave" "Big D" James

April 24, 1937 - May 21, 2026

JAMES, Mr. David "Dave" "Big D" - age 89, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2026 in Pontiac, Michigan. Funeral service 11:00AM Friday, June 5, 2026 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street. Pastor Terrance J. Gowdy, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 North Perry Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble 11:00AM at the funeral home Friday. Mr. James will lie instate in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed between the hours of 12:00PM-6:00PM with family present from 4:00PM - 6:00PM Thursday.

Mr. James leaves to cherish his memory: his daughters, Mildred (Darryl) Simon and Marshall (Avery) James-Scott; grandchildren, Psalms Scott and Avery Scott, II; four great-grandchildren; nephew, James Harris; cousin, Freddy Moore; sisters-in-law, Margaret James, Hattie James, Mary Sullivan, Doris (David) Griggs and Nellie Stokes; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. James was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Lucille James; great-grandchild, Skye Beeler; parents, Norde and Louessie James; siblings; Ann Forehand, Houston James, Walter James, Norde James, Jr., Frank James, Eloise Pace, Robert James and Maudie Brizzell; nephews, Norde James, III and Jeff James; and niece, Cynthia Forehand.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - June 05 at 10:49 AM

DS



Delores Stephens - June 05 at 02:34 PM

JS

“ *James & Dianne Smothers lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James*



James & Dianne Smothers - June 04 at 11:44 PM

TF

“ *Temous Frank lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James*



Temous Frank - June 04 at 02:08 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James*



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - June 04 at 10:55 AM

AJ

“ *Alicia, Brian and Sam, Jr. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David "Dave" "Big D" James.*



Alicia, Brian and Sam, Jr. - June 02 at 11:20 PM

AJ

“ *Alicia, Brian and Sam, Jr. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David "Dave" "Big D" James.*

Alicia, Brian and Sam, Jr. - June 02 at 11:20 PM

GM

“ 🙏🙏🙏 GOD COMFORT YOU AND THE FAMILY..❤️🙏❤️

Gary McKnight - June 02 at 08:00 PM

RJ

“ *Condolences to the James Family*



Rose Jackson - June 02 at 05:46 PM

JH

“ *James and Diane Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David "Dave" "Big D" James.*

James and Diane Harris - June 02 at 03:10 PM

JH

“ *James and Diane Harris purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David "Dave" "Big D" James.*



James and Diane Harris - June 02 at 03:10 PM



“ It's hard to believe that Mr. James is gone. My family and I are so grateful and thankful for our years with Mr. and Mrs. James as our families were joined together when my brother Avery and Marshall married almost 45 years ago. So many great times our late parents, late grandparents and us kids had together through the years and so many memories that will last a lifetime. Brian, Sam and I are sending our love, hugs, prayers and sincerest condolences to Marshall, Mildred, Avery, Psalms, Avery II, Solai, my great nephews and the entire James Family. Mr. James may be gone, but never will he be forgotten. Thank you, Mr. James, for being the strong, kind and caring man who was always there to help our family with your amazing carpentry skills, opening your home to us over the years and the many wonderful stories that you would share with us. Rest in Heaven. You will truly be missed.

Alicia Woodfork-Wilkerson - May 28 at 05:49 PM

AJ

“ Alesia James purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of David "Dave" "Big D" James.



Alesia James - May 28 at 04:53 PM

MS

“ Mildred James Simon lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James



Mildred James Simon - May 28 at 10:51 AM

TD

“ *The Mahone's Howard C, Sha Ron & Diane lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James*



The Mahone's Howard C, Sha Ron & Diane - May 28 at 10:06 AM

DG

“ *Diane Guy lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James*



Diane Guy - May 28 at 10:02 AM

MS

“ *"Big D" was more of a father figure to me he and my sister they cared for me as I was one of their children love always ❤️💕❤️💕 RIP Dave !!!!*

Mary Sullivan - May 28 at 08:09 AM

DT

“ *Denise Tillman lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James*



Denise Tillman - May 27 at 08:22 PM

AJ

“ My condolences to the family during this time of mourning. You are in my prayers.



Alesia James - May 27 at 05:32 PM

SF

“ Smith Family lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James



smith family - May 27 at 02:28 PM

MC

“ Margaret James & Clarice purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David "Dave" "Big D" James.



Margaret James & Clarice - May 27 at 11:33 AM

RJ

“ Rosie Jordan lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" "Big D" James



Rosie Jordan - May 26 at 08:12 PM