

*Celebrating
the Life of*



Jerry Monroe James

June 29, 1933 – May 2, 2025

SERVICE

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00 AM Viewing • 11:00 AM Service

Second Baptist Worship Center

857 Lumber Street

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Dr. James L. Smith, Pastor



His Story of James Monroe James

Jerry was born on June 29, 1933 in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. He was the youngest of four children of Henry and Fushar (Brockington) James.

Jerry attended the Hustonville School until he reached the 8th grade, then proceeded onto 9th grade at the Historical James Adams School, where all the teachers were African Americans. They stressed how important development and education were for their students. Jerry graduated with honors from Horace Scott Senior High School in 1951. He excelled in education as well as being a member of the Track & Team and Cross Country Team. Jerry continued his education at the Thaddeus Stevens Trade School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania,



completing his studies and receiving his diploma in Masonry Construction Technology. He was also a team member of the athletic department, where he played football and held a position on the track and field team. Jerry was inducted into Thaddeus Stevens Hall of Fame in 2006.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953, serving his country as a Military Police Officer for several years. After his military duties, he returned home and obtained employment at the former Lukens Steel Company in Coatesville. While working at Lukens Steel Company, he drove every day to Thaddeus Stevens Trade School, where his education assisted him in a promotion at Lukens Steel Company as a foreman in the Masonry Department. Jerry retired from Lukens Steel Company in 1994 after 38 years of service with honors.

Using his masonry experiences, skills, and knowledge, Jerry completely built his home from the foundation to the roof with the assistance of Rev. William Grier. Every Christmas, it was beautifully decorated, and once it was featured on the front page of the Coatesville Record. He took pride in his home.



Jerry had many hobbies; he loved watching sports on television and supporting the youth at Coatesville High School sports activities, as he attended and led the Red Raiders Cheer.

He had a regular seat at the Penn Relays yearly in Philadelphia, PA. He participated for five years in the Penn Relays from 1949 to 1954.

Another enjoyment of Jerry's was landscaping. He provided care for the James Adams School Monument faithfully as he shared his talent with family members and friends. Jerry enjoyed listening to all kinds of music and volunteering at the Coatesville Senior Center (BVAA).

Jerry was a devoted member of the Zion Baptist Church, being baptized at 15 years old. He served as a Trustee and on other organized departments within the church. He was known for his stylish clothing, which was always coordinated from head to toe. He would often say: "The clothes don't make the man, the man makes the clothes," and also that "he didn't dress like the rest, he dressed to impress."





In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Chester, Henry Jr., and Earl.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Lavender of Lancaster, Brian James, and his wife, Shalonda of Coatesville; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; devoted friend, Melvin Thompson; and he was blessed with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Written by: Jerry James



Order of Service

Officiant Elder Montez O. Jones
Judah Ministries Church of God in Christ
Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Processional	Clergy & Family
Music Prelude	Roberta Scott
Military Tribute	Local Veterans
Final Viewing	
Opening Song	
Scripture Readings	Elder Arthur Phillips, Jr.
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>2 Timothy 4:6-8</i>
Prayer of Comfort	
Music Selection	Destiné Fullwood
Reading of Cards, Condolences & the Obituary	Francesca
Reflections (2 Minutes)	Donna Pluck Earl Johnson
Words of Comfort (2 Minutes)	Selected Clergy
Music Selection	Pastor Montez Jones
Eulogy	Apostle Frank D. Fullwood Jubilee Evangelistic Ministries Coatesville, Pennsylvania
Remarks	Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director
Committal Service & Benediction	
Recessional	Clergy & Family

Pallbearers

Brian L. James, Jr.
Ervin "Sonny" Bryant
Maurice Bryant

Frankie Phillips
Deatrick Johnson
Demarius Johnson

Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Dixon

Francis Sellers

Juaire Rogers

Flower Bearers

Maurisha Johnson
Saige Barrett

Tara James
Joy James

Tanya James
Tracey Treadwell

Repast

*A repast will be held immediately after the service at
The Arches
600 East Chestnut Street
Coatesville, Pennsylvania*



INTERMENT

with full Military Honors
10 AM Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
60 Indiantown Gap Rd.
Annville, Pennsylvania 17003

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*Thank you with sincere gratitude
for your care and concern shown
during our time of bereavement.
Thank you all for your support and love.
May God bless you.
Sincerely, The Family*



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