

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The family wishes to express our deepest gratitude to everyone for the kind words, thoughtful gestures, and support you have extended to us during this difficult time.



#### MEMORIAL EVENT

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An informal celebration will be held in Jay's honor on August 26, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.:  
Princeton Country Club Picnic Grounds  
1 Wheeler Way  
Princeton, NJ 08540

"We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love... and then we return home."

~Australian Aboriginal Proverb



CELEBRATING A WONDERFUL LIFE

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*James S. Glass Sr.*

August 24, 1959 - May 30, 2022

Ledford Funeral Home  
929 S. Clinton Ave. Trenton, NJ  
June 18, 2022 | 12:00 PM |

# Obituary

On May 30, James Glass, Jr. made his transition, leaving behind a legacy of scholarship, community service, self-empowerment, and mentorship.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey to James and Dolores Glass, James – also known as Jay or Heru – was the second of four children. During his childhood in Bordentown, NJ, he loved playing baseball and basketball. In his youth, he mastered several brass instruments and not only played in the high school band, but also with a touring jazz ensemble that allowed him to perform in adult venues.

After college, Jay worked at the New Jersey Department of Corrections. During his tenure, he acted as a state delegate for the local union while also managing his own enterprises as an entrepreneur. Jay and best friend Curtis Singleton launched C & J Way, a car detailing business that provided services throughout the region.

Additionally, he and his younger brother Tim opened the Communiversity in Trenton. As a hub for learning and activism, it often became the spot where Jay and his family hosted lecturers such as Ashra Kwesi, Dr. Laila Afrika, Bobby Hemmitt, Anthony Browder, Tyrone Powers, and Jacob Carruthers.

In addition to the Communiversity, Jay also co-founded the Djehuty Archive Project and the African-American Institute for Culture Development. On his own merit, he lectured and authored multiple projects, including books and articles on spiritual subjects and Black history. His work led to being appointed the title of Sacred Guardian of African Culture. Jay was also a member of numerous organizations, including the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. and Order of Eastern Star.

Upon retirement, Jay worked alongside his brother-in-law in the construction and home repair field, and he jumpstarted a business doing property maintenance. But as a son, brother, uncle, and friend, Jay stood tall. Always willing to lend a hand, tell a story, crack a joke, or give it to you straight, he was a giver — with his time and love.

Jay is preceded in death by his parents James Sr. and Dolores, and brother Timothy. He is survived by his sisters Krystal Jackson (Nathan) and Sherri Glass (Equal Rights), a host of nieces and nephews, and beloved, close friends.



# Order of Service

WELCOME

Kyle Ledford

SELECTED READINGS

Nephews and niece Ras Lion, Ras Makonnen, Natalie Jackson

TRIBUTES & MEMORIES

Family, friends, colleagues

FINAL BLESSINGS

Clifford Alford Lodge #165

