

Acknowledgements

YOUR OVERWHELMING KINDNESS, WHETHER A LISTENING EAR, A SHOULDER TO CRY ON, OR A HELPING HAND, A PHONE CALL OR VISIT, GENEROUSLY EXPRESSED DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW, HAS BEEN A BEACON OF WARMTH IN THE MIDST OF THIS DARKNESS.

WE PRAY THAT GOD CONTINUES TO SHOWER YOU WITH HIS GRACE AND LOVE, AS YOU HAVE SHOWERED US WITH YOUR COMPASSION AND SUPPORT. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FAIRVIEW PARK HOSPITAL, DUBLIN, GEORGIA; EMORY HOSPITAL OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA; ENHABIT HOME HEALTH OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA AND ALL-PRO HOME CARE OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA.

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS,
THE ASKINS FAMILY



A Message to my Family and Friends

FRIENDS

"IF YOU HAVE BEEN TRUTHFUL TO YOURSELF AND OTHER PEOPLE, DON'T WORRY- TRUST GOD."

JAMES ASKINS

Arrangements

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HONORING THE LIFE

OF

JAMES

★★ ASKINS ★★

NOVEMBER 5, 1940 – AUGUST 15, 2025

HIS SPIRIT FOREVER
SHINES, A LEGACY OF STRENGTH,
WISDOM, AND LOVE.

EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY CHAPEL
1011 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DRIVE
FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025 AT 3:00 PM

BURIAL

ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY

A HERO REMEMBERED, A LEGACY HONORED
EULOGIST, BISHOP DEVION WILLIAMS





ORDER OF
Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Pastor, Pallbearers and Family

SOLO

Minister Dexter Davis

PRAYER

Pastor Andrew Griffin

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament....Brother Marvin Lee Griffin

New Testament..Rev. Chester Leon Askins

REFLECTIONS

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Minister Dexter Davis

WORDS OF COMFORT

Bishop Devion Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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RECESSIONAL

Pallbearers

Chelsey Bouyer

Jamarian Bouyer

Terry Girdner

Reginald Griffin

Shawn Griffin

Lance Sigman

**Flower
Attendants**

Family & Friends

Finally, brethren, Farewell
Be perfect, Be of good comfort,
Be of one mind, Live in peace,
And God of Love and Peace shall be with you.
II Corinthians 13:11



GOD'S GARDEN



GOD LOOKED AROUND HIS GARDEN
AND FOUND AN EMPTY PLACE.
HE THEN LOOKED DOWN UPON THE EARTH
AND SAW YOUR TIRED FACE.
HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND YOU
AND LIFTED YOU TO REST.
GOD'S GARDEN MUST BE BEAUTIFUL;
HE ALWAYS TAKES THE BEST.
HE KNEW THAT YOU WERE SUFFERING;
HE KNEW THAT YOU WERE IN PAIN.
HE KNEW THAT YOU WOULD NEVER
GET WELL ON EARTH AGAIN.
GOD SAW THE ROAD WAS GETTING ROUGH
AND THE HILLS WERE HARD TO CLIMB.
SO HE CLOSED YOUR WEARY EYELIDS
AND WHISPERED "PEACE BE THINE."
IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU,
BUT YOU DID NOT GO ALONE,
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU
THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME.
— IN LOVING MEMORY

I'M A VETERAN



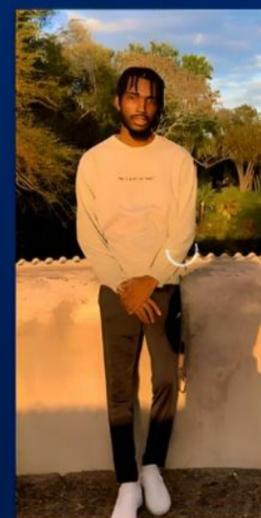
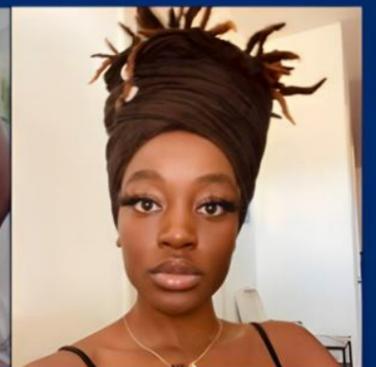
I'M A VETERAN
WHEN WE GO TO WAR
OR ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD,
YES, WE HAVE DOUBTS,
BUT WE HAD A JOB.
WE TRAVEL EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD—THAT'S A JOB
TO MAKE IT SAFE FOR EVERYONE.
EVEN IF IT'S A RIOT OR A MOB,
WE ARE SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
THINK ABOUT A G.I.
WHEN YOU GO TO BED AT NIGHT.
WE TRY TO MAKE THINGS ALL RIGHT. THINK ABOUT IT, WE ALL
HAVE A JOB.

JAMES ASKINS

THE STORM THAT WAS SENT TO BREAK YOU
IS THE STORM GOD IS GOING TO USE TO MAKE YOU!
GOD IS SAYING I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
YOU MADE IT, YOU MADE IT, YOU MADE IT!



CHERISHED MEMORIES

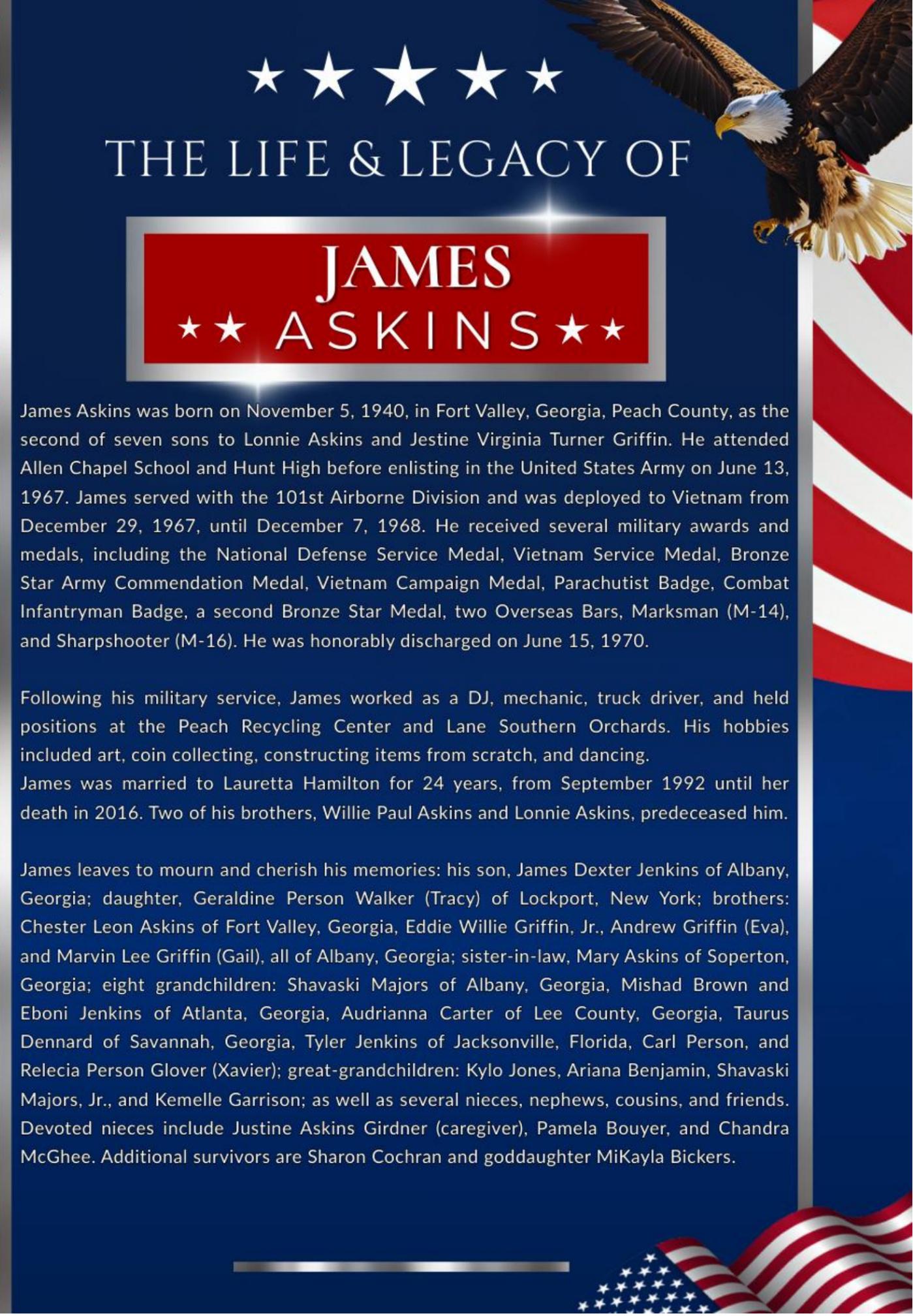




HEARTPRINTS

WHATEVER OUR HAND TOUCH,
WE LEAVE FINGERPRINTS:
ON WALLS, ON FURNITURE
ON DOORKNOBS, DISHES, BOOKS
THERE'S NO ESCAPE.
AS WE TOUCH WE LEAVE OUR IDENTITY.
O GOD, WHEREVER I GO TODAY
HELP ME TO LEAVE HEART PRINTS!
HEART PRINTS OF COMPASSION
OF UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE,
HEART PRINTS OF KINDNESS
AND GENUINE CONCERN,
MAY MY HEART TOUCH A LONELY NEIGHBOR
OR A RUNAWAY DAUGHTER
OR AN ANXIOUS MOTHER
OR PERHAPS AN AGED GRANDFATHER.
LORD, SEND ME OUT TODAY
TO LEAVE HEART PRINTS
AND IF SOMEONE SHOULD SAY
"I FELT YOUR TOUCH,"
MAY THAT ONE SENSE YOUR LOVE
TOUCHING THROUGH ME.

REV. CHESTER ASKINS



THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

JAMES
★ ★ ASKINS ★ ★

James Askins was born on November 5, 1940, in Fort Valley, Georgia, Peach County, as the second of seven sons to Lonnie Askins and Jestine Virginia Turner Griffin. He attended Allen Chapel School and Hunt High before enlisting in the United States Army on June 13, 1967. James served with the 101st Airborne Division and was deployed to Vietnam from December 29, 1967, until December 7, 1968. He received several military awards and medals, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, a second Bronze Star Medal, two Overseas Bars, Marksman (M-14), and Sharpshooter (M-16). He was honorably discharged on June 15, 1970.

Following his military service, James worked as a DJ, mechanic, truck driver, and held positions at the Peach Recycling Center and Lane Southern Orchards. His hobbies included art, coin collecting, constructing items from scratch, and dancing.

James was married to Lauretta Hamilton for 24 years, from September 1992 until her death in 2016. Two of his brothers, Willie Paul Askins and Lonnie Askins, predeceased him.

James leaves to mourn and cherish his memories: his son, James Dexter Jenkins of Albany, Georgia; daughter, Geraldine Person Walker (Tracy) of Lockport, New York; brothers: Chester Leon Askins of Fort Valley, Georgia, Eddie Willie Griffin, Jr., Andrew Griffin (Eva), and Marvin Lee Griffin (Gail), all of Albany, Georgia; sister-in-law, Mary Askins of Soperton, Georgia; eight grandchildren: Shavaski Majors of Albany, Georgia, Mishad Brown and Eboni Jenkins of Atlanta, Georgia, Audrianna Carter of Lee County, Georgia, Taurus Dennard of Savannah, Georgia, Tyler Jenkins of Jacksonville, Florida, Carl Person, and Relecia Person Glover (Xavier); great-grandchildren: Kylo Jones, Ariana Benjamin, Shavaski Majors, Jr., and Kemelle Garrison; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Devoted nieces include Justine Askins Girdner (caregiver), Pamela Bouyer, and Chandra McGhee. Additional survivors are Sharon Cochran and goddaughter MiKayla Bickers.