

*Celebration
of Life*



Dr. James Edward Perry, Jr.

DECEMBER 22, 1931 – MARCH 24, 2026



Dr. James Edward Perry, Jr., 94, of Glen Mills, PA, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at home. Born in Coatesville, PA, he was the son of the late Edward Perry, Sr. and Delia Alston Perry.

James was a bright and ambitious young man who excelled both academically and athletically. His early education began at the historical James Adams Elementary School. A 1950 graduate of S Horace Scott Senior High School, he was an avid sportsman, playing both football and basketball, and later continued his athletic pursuits in a West Chester basketball league. James's academic journey took him to Virginia Union University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics with the highest honors. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi and was a distinguished member of a scientific fraternity.

After graduating from Virginia Union, he served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1957 in the Military Police before being honorably discharged.

His dedication to education was unwavering, and he spent many years as a beloved professor at Virginia Union University, inspiring countless students with his passion for mathematics and science. He enrolled in Penn State University, where he obtained a Master of Science degree and furthered his academic contributions by earning a PhD in Computer Science. He used his knowledge to teach others at Penn State University and Cheyney University, where he left an indelible mark on the academic community.

A member of the National Teachers Association, James was a leader not only in academia but also in his community. He was actively involved in the Boy Scouts, guiding young people with his wisdom and kindness. His love for Penn State was rivaled only by his enthusiasm for the Philadelphia Eagles, and he delighted in cheering them on.

His love for shopping was well known, and he was fond of buying items in multiples, a testament to his generous spirit and thoughtful nature.

James was a proud veteran and devoted Penn State enthusiast whose life was a testament to the power of education, service, and community.

He is survived by one son, Stephen P. Perry of Los Angeles, California; brother, Archie Perry of Philadelphia; sisters, Adelia A. Perry Stanton of Coatesville, Juanita Perry of Philadelphia; sister-in-law, Anna Perry of Coatesville; brother-in-law, Earl Smith of Reading; ? grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, James is preceded in death by sisters, Alfretta V. Perry, Ruby L. Smith; brothers, Clyde L. Perry and Roderick M. "Rod" Perry.



Order of Service

- Processional *Clergy & Family*
- Military Tribute
- Final Viewing
- Opening Song
- Scripture Readings
- Old Testament* *Psalm 23*
- New Testament* *John 14:1-6*
- Prayer of Comfort
- Reading of the Obituary
- Music Selection
- Reflections *Family & Friends*
- Music Selection
- Eulogy *Judge Grover Koon*
- Remarks *Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director*
- Recessional *Clergy & Family*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Saturday, April 4, 2026

9 AM VIEWING | 10 AM SERVICE

Tabernacle Baptist Church

819 Coates Street

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Michael L. Watson, Pastor

PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

Rolling Green Memorial Park

1008 West Chester Pike

West Chester, Pennsylvania

NOTE OF THANKS

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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