



With Heartfelt Gratitude

The family of the late James May wishes to express our sincere appreciation for every prayer, phone call, visit, floral arrangement, card, message, meal, and act of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

Your love and support have provided comfort and strength. May God richly bless each of you.

With Love and Gratitude
The Family of James May

PALL BEARERS

Phillip Smith	Jourdan May
Ramondo Smith	Hal Heard III
James Parks, Jr.	Marlon Finley

FLOWER BEARERS
Friends of the Family

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

James H. Cole Funeral Home
16100 Schaefer Hwy.
Detroit, MI 48235

INTERMENT

Sunset Hills Cemetery
9470 Ford Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

REPAST

Second Baptist Church
301 S Hamilton St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197



IN LOVING
Memory
JAMES MAY



A LIFE
Beautifully
LIVED

FOREVER IN OUR
Hearts

FAMILY HOUR:
September 12, 2026
10:30am

FUNERAL SERVICE:
September 12, 2026
11:00am

DATE OF BIRTH
September 23, 1946

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
301 S. Hamilton St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
PASTOR WADDLES
DATE OF DEATH
August 29, 2026

Order of Service

A service honoring a beautiful life

Processional
Opening Prayer.....Pastor George Waddles
Musical Selection Choir
Old Testament Scripture (Jeremiah 17:7).....Dr. Chelsea Harris-Hugan
New Testament Scripture (John 3:16) Dr. Chelsea Harris-Hugan
Acknowledgment of Cards.....Angel Lett-Green
Obituary.....Hal Heard III
Reflections.....
Musical Selection.....Choir
Eulogy Pastor George Waddles
Recessional



A Husband, A Father, A Grandfather, A Brother, A Friend



Forever IN OUR Hearts



Notes of Love



*I Loved you your whole life -
I will miss you the rest of mine*



A Life Well Lived The story of James



James May was born on September 23, 1946, in Boligee, Alabama, to Rosie May and Albert Green.

James accepted Christ at an early age at Taylor Chapel AME Church in Prichard, Alabama. He attended the Mobile County Public School System. After high school, James relocated to Detroit, Michigan, where he attended trade school and studied graphic design.

On October 29, 1966, James was joined in holy matrimony to his childhood sweetheart and best friend, Camilla. Following their honeymoon, the newlyweds celebrated their marriage by taking Camilla's younger sisters trick-or-treating throughout the neighborhood. This marked the beginning of James' lifelong love and devotion to his in-laws, whom he embraced as his own family.

To the union of James and Camilla, one daughter, Kimberly, was born. Together, they built a beautiful life filled with love, family, laughter, and treasured memories. This October, James and Camilla would have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

James was employed by Burroughs Corporation, later known as Unisys, as well as WTVS Channel 56. Upon retiring from Burroughs, he continued working at Lason Systems until his full retirement.

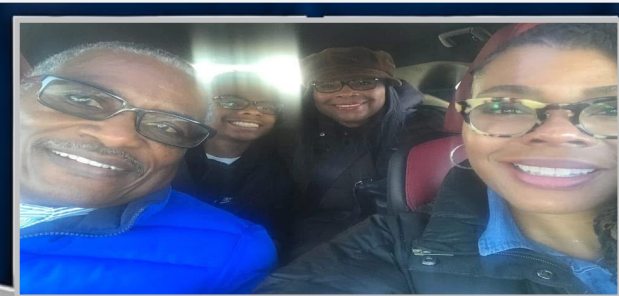
James was a kind, thoughtful, and compassionate man. He was truly a jack of all trades and a master of them all—he could, and would, fix just about anything! James loved a good project, and Camilla was always happy to provide him with one. Even while vacationing in Alabama, James somehow managed to find projects to complete and ways to help his mother-in-law.

As a father, James never hesitated to let Kimberly know just how proud he was of her. He wholeheartedly supported each of her endeavors and was always there to encourage her. Recently, Camilla discovered a card James had purchased in advance to celebrate their upcoming 60th wedding anniversary—a beautiful reminder of his thoughtfulness and enduring love for his wife.

James absolutely doted on his one and only grandson, Jourdan. He would watch Spider-Man movies with him over and over again, reacting as though it were his first time seeing them each time. His love extended far beyond his immediate family. James welcomed everyone with warmth and was always willing to lend a helping hand.



Precious MEMORIES

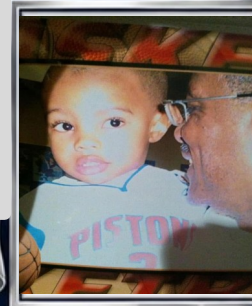


A
LIFETIME
OF LOVE

FAMILY ♥ LOVE ♥ LAUGHTER ♥ LEGACY



Cherished



Loved



*Special
Moments*



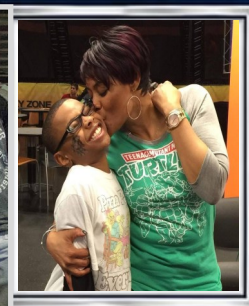
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Memories



A Beautiful Life

THE STORY CONTINUES

A LIFE
WELL LIVED



Notes of Love

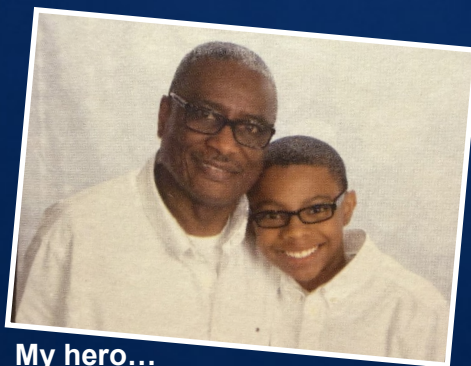


Dear Daddy,

These are not my final words to you because I know you have transitioned to become my guardian angel, and you will continue to be by my side. Also, these are words you have heard before, but I say again to you, **THANK YOU**. **THANK YOU** for showering me with unconditional love, unwavering encouragement, and protection.

THANK YOU for constantly pouring into me and making sure I knew you were proud of me since I was a little girl.
THANK YOU for also letting me know when you were disappointed and ensuring your expectations were high.
THANK YOU for showing me how unconditional, unwavering true love should look and feel through your love for Mommy.
THANK YOU for ALWAYS having my back, especially in helping me raise Jourdan, and for modeling what integrity, honesty, and responsibility look like.
THANK YOU for being phenomenal ALWAYS.

I love you better, Daddy!



My hero...

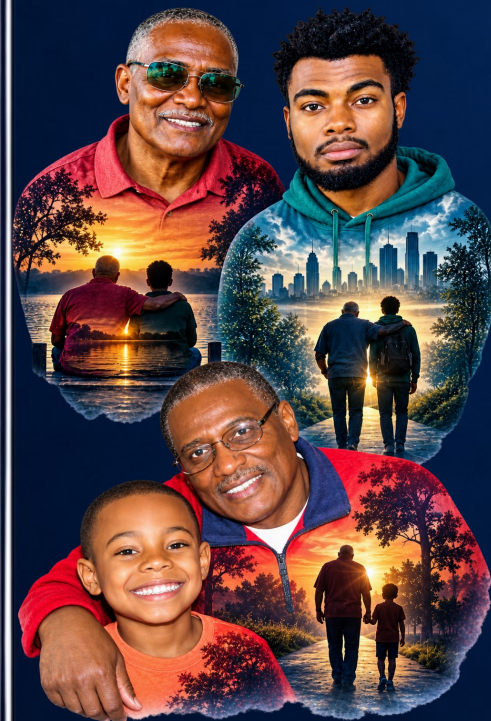


When I was a little kid, I always loved superheroes. Even to this day, I still talk about them often, and when I do, I can't help but mention the person who introduced them to me.

My papa. My papa was always kind of a quiet and reserved type of man. He stayed home, did his work, and kept his head down. But when it came to helping people, nothing would stop him. It didn't matter how far, how long, or what the conditions were — nothing stopped my papa. If you called him, he would be there, ready to help no matter what.

He didn't just introduce me to superheroes, he showed me what one actually looks like.

James May is my favorite superhero.



Mr. May,

For 39 years, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to know you and your family. I will always remember your gentle spirit, impeccable sense of style, and quick-witted sense of humor. These are qualities that made you uniquely you and that I will carry with me. While we may not always understand God's plan, I trust that your work here on Earth was complete. May you continue to watch over, guide and protect your family and all those you loved.

With love and sympathy,

Hawanya



Precious Memories

