

A Celebration of the life

**JAMES MAXIELL
(BABE RUTH)**



**SUNRISE
JANUARY 24, 1932**

**SUNSET
JULY 26, 2025**

SERVICES HELD

TUESDAY AUGUST 5TH, 2025 10:00 A.M.

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

1723 WEST 44TH ST

NLR, AR 72118

REV. DR. LUTHER GREEN, OFFICIATING

HIS LIFE

JAMES (BABE RUTH) MAXIELL, SON OF THE LATE ELBERT MAXIELL SR. AND FLORA MAXIELL, WAS BORN ON JANUARY 24, 1932, IN SCOTT ARKANSAS. HE WAS THE OLDEST CHILD OF THE TWO CHILDREN.

“ELDEST” BROTHER, ELBERT MAXIELL JR. PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

HE MARRIED THE LATE BERNICE LAIRRY JULY 20, 1953, TO THAT UNION ONE DAUGHTER WAS BORN. HE WAS A LOYAL AND DUTIFUL POWER TRUCKER FOR 30 YEARS AT THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION AFTER SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A GUNNER IN THE KOREAN WAR FROM 1950-1953. HE WAS ALSO A SPECIAL FORCES POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO. UPON RETIREMENT HE AND HIS WIFE RETURNED TO ARKANSAS WHERE THEY UNITED WITH GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE REV. EDWARD D. LAIRRY.

JAMES WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SCIPIO A. JONES HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLASS OF 1950. HE WAS ALSO A DIXIE ADDITION DIAMOND.

JAMES HAD ONE SON, DEL LAMONICA RICE SR., OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, WHO PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

HE MARRIED SHIRLEY MARIE BOWN BELMONT IN 2005. WHO PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH.

ON JUL 26, 2025, AT 9:55 A.M. GOD SAID JOB WELL DONE AND CALLED HIM HOME. HE LEAVES TO CARRY ON HIS NAME AND LEGACY: ONE DAUGHTER PATRICIA MAXIELL OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS , TWO GRANDSONS: JASON (BRANDI) MAXIELL OF SOUTHLAKE TEXAS, DEL (YASMINE) RICE JR. OF DENHAM SPRINGS LA.; ONE GRANDDAUGHTER: EBONY HILL OF HATTIESBURG, MS. TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN JASON MAXIELL II OF SOUTHLAKE TEXAS, KYNDEL RICE OF DENHAM SPRINGS LA. ONE NIECE VERA MAXIELL-JOHNSON OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR.; SISTER IN LAW FRENCHIA ELLINGTON OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR; BROTHER IN LAW JESSE (JOSEPHINE) LAIRRY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR: STEP CHILDREN CABERTA (LC) BATES, SHAWNTA (TIM) BROWN, WILLIAM BELMONT III ALL OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR. AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, AS WELL AS OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT

REV. MOSES CREDIT

ASSOCIATE MINISTER; PLUM CHAPEL

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

PRAYER

BRO. BILLY PARKER

SELECTION

THE CRUTCHER FAMILY

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

REV. STEVEN MAXWELL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONDOLENCES

JINNA ELLINGTON

“REFLECTIONS OF MEMORIES VIDEO”

OR

READING OF OBITUARY

EULOGY

PASTOR REV. DR. LUTHER GREEN JR.

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS



DEAR DAD,

**IT BROKE MY HEART FOR YOU TO LEAVE ME, BUT IT
GIVES ME COMFORT TO KNOW YOU ARE NOT SUFFERING.**

**I LOVE YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN EVER EXPRESS.
THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A GREAT LIFE AND BEING A
WONDERFUL FATHER.**

LOVE ALWAYS AND FOREVER

PAT

DEAR BUBOW,

**AS A GROWN MAN I SEE WHAT YOU HAVE SACRIFICED
AND BUILT. I AM HUMBLE AND THANKFUL FOR THE LIFE
YOU HAVE SET IN STONE FOR THE MAXIELL MEN.**

I LOVE YOU.

THANK YOU

JASON

A LETTER TO OUR GRANDDAD

DEAR GRANDDAD,

**WE WISH WE HAD MORE TIME ---- MORE MEMORIES TO
HOLD ONTO, MORE STORIES TO SHARE, MORE CHANCES
TO LAUGH AND LEARN FROM YOU. STILL, THE MOMENTS
WE DID SHARE WILL FOREVER STAY IN OUR HEARTS. WE
LOVE YOU DEEPLY, AND WE CHERISH EVERY BIT OF TIME
WE HAD TOGETHER. THERE'S PEACE IN KNOWING YOU
ARE REUNITED WITH OUR DAD ----TWO STRONG SOULS,
SMILING DOWN ON US NOW. THAT THOUGHT BRINGS
COMFORT THROUGH THE SADNESS.**

**REST EASY, GRANDDAD. YOU'LL ALWAYS BE LOVED AND
NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

WITH LOVE,

EBONY AND DEL JR.



INTERMENT

ARKANSAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERY
1501 W. MARYLAND AVE.
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72120

REPAST

CARY'S GRILL AND RESTAURANT
2619 PIKE AVE.
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72120

SERVICE ENTRUSTED TO:

SMITH NORTH LITTLE ROCK FUNERAL HOME
1921 MAIN STREET
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72114



SMITH

FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES

CELEBRATING LIFE

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

**BERNARD JONES. MARCUS ROBINSON
JAYVIAN ELLINGTON. JEROME JOHNSON
BRANDON JONES. DARRELL MAXIELL**

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

**JASON MAXIELL. DEL RICE JR.
JUNIOR VESSAR JOHNNY WRIGHT
GEORGE MURDOCK. JESSS EARL MAXIELL
WILLIE FOX JAMES BUTLER
GEORGE BOWERS. JESSE LAIRRY
JAMES SANDERS. R D BOWERS**

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**THE FAMILY OF JAMES MAXIELL EXPRESSES SINCERE
GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR PRAYERS,
SUPPORT, CARDS, TELEPHONE CALLS, VISITATION, AND
ANY OTHER ACTS OF KINDNESS SHOWN DURING OUR
TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR
STRENGTH IN THE LORD AND OUR PRAYER IT THAT
GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**