

Samuel James Jr.

July 22, 1941 - September 21, 2025



Memorial Talk

Marriott Cincinnati Northeast

2:00 PM

October 4, 2025

Bro. John Benz - Speaker



Our Sincere Thanks

The family would like to express our deep appreciation for all the support and love shown during this time.

We would also like to express our gratitude to UC Westchester Hospital for providing quality care.

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, meals, cards, flowers, and so much more.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Walker Funeral Home

Program:

Chairman and Opening Prayer.....Roger Smith
Reading of the Obituary.....Tracy Wilborn
Memorial Discourse.....John Benz
Closing Song #140..... Life Without End at Last
Closing Prayer.....Marcus Moses



See You on the Flip Side

The first man my eyes ever knew,
Strong, imperfect, yet steadfast and true.
Not flawless, no—yet my guiding star,
Teaching me love, showing me who we are.
You taught me what a husband should be,
And Dad, I can say—you'd be proud of me.
For the lessons you gave, both gentle and stern,
Became the foundation on which I've learned.
You walked beside me down that aisle,
Your steady hand, your tender smile.
A moment cherished, a gift so rare,
Proof of the love that was always there.
Our last words linger, soft, profound:
“Good night, I love you,” the sweetest sound.
“See you on the flip side,” you whispered near—
A promise of meeting when skies are clear.
Sleep well, dear Dad, in peace abide,
Until I see you on the other side.
Forever my father, forever my guide,
I love you, Dad... see you on the flip side.
Love,
Your Sweet Bippy

Samuel Leroy James, Jr., affectionately known as Sam, was born on July 22, 1941, the eldest child of Samuel and Thelma James. From an early age, Sam was surrounded by family and deeply influenced by his mother, who instilled in him the importance of caring for others. Sam grew up in Evanston and graduated from Withrow High School. Directly out of high school, he joined the Air Force from 1959 to 1963.

In 1963, he married the love of his life and raised 7 wonderful children. He was a devoted husband and dedicated family man.

He went on to establish a remarkable career as a Mechanical Engineer, dedicating 16 years at Lodge and Shipley, 15 years at General Electric, and 10 years at Hobart. Known for his strong work ethic, Sam never missed a day and earned respect as a reliable, diligent, and generous colleague.

Sam's life took a meaningful turn when he dedicated his life to Jehovah and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on December 26, 1970. His love for Jehovah shaped the rest of his life.

At the age of 31, Sam was appointed as an Elder. He also served as a Regular Pioneer for many years. He poured his time and resources into helping others, joyfully preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and sharing in every form of ministry. Even after suffering a major stroke in 2012, Sam's faith and dedication never wavered. He remained a faithful servant of Jehovah until he peacefully fell asleep in death on September 21, 2025, at the age of 84.

Sam will always be remembered for his impeccable sense of style—never without a sharp suit and tie, even at the dentist's office. He loved dancing, cooking, and being surrounded by people. Warm, hospitable, and full of life, Sam was truly the center of every gathering. He had a unique gift for seeing the good in everyone he met, and his kindness touched countless lives.

Sam leaves behind his beloved wife of 62 years, Mattie James (née Davis); six children: Mark (Melissa), Monique, Myles (Sherrill), Marla James-May (Anthony), Mica (Marche'), and Marcel (Luly); nine grandchildren: Tyler May, Peyton May, Mi'a, Malon, Maria, Mila, Jamie Morris (Kimberly), Jarrod Haley (Isabella), and Brooklynn Peace (William); and two great-grandchildren: Enzo Haley and Isabella Catlin. He is also survived by his siblings, Cynitha Wilson and Byron (Lorraine), along with a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Sr. and Thelma James; his son, Michael James; his brother, Leslie James; and his sister, Geraldine Cromwell. Sam's legacy of faith, generosity, and love for family and friends will continue to inspire all who knew him.