



A heart of gold has now stopped beating
Hard working hands now rest
But they do say, God only takes the best

A life of kindness and laughter
Your love for all the family so true
You did your best for all of us
And we will always remember you

You leave behind a legacy
So great, its beyond measure
Our hearts full of beautiful memories
So precious that we will treasure forever

You have been life's greatest blessing
A great friend to all that knew you
We take comfort in knowing a man like you
We are proud to have been apart of you

Until the time comes when we meet again
On behalf of your daughters. We say God Bless you
Dad and We love you!
Words cannot describe the loss I feel
Saying farewell to you
But heaven chose to give you wings
And now its time to fly

Wife

***And whosoever
liveth and
believeth in me
shall never die.
Believest thou
this?
John 11:26***

*"The Lord is my
Shepherd, I shall
not lack. He
makes me lie
down in green
pastures; He
leads me beside
the still and
restful waters.
He refreshes and
restores my life."*

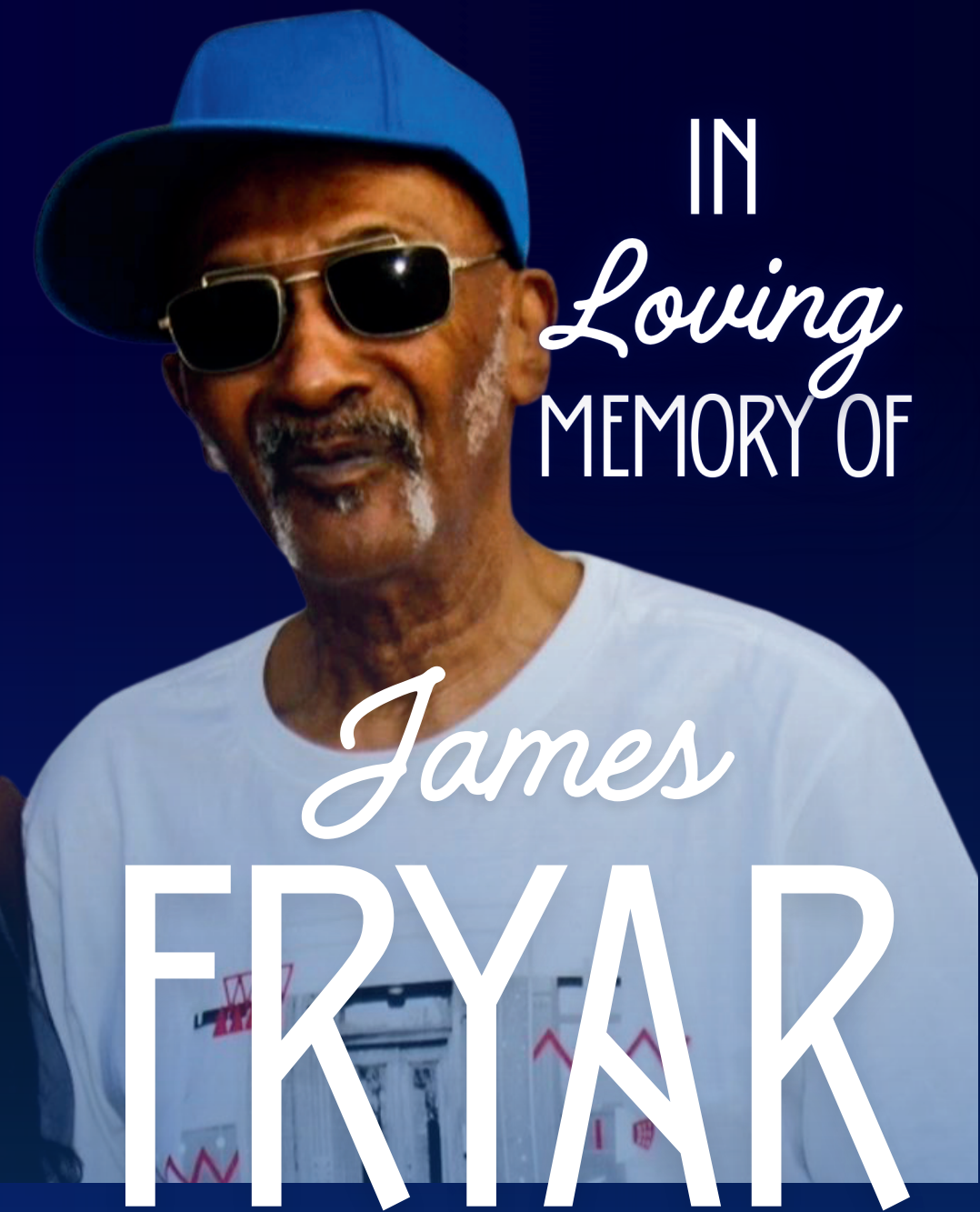
Psalm 23

Acknowledgement

The family of the late James C Fryar wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and sympathy during this difficult time. Your comforting words, kind gestures, and presence have been a great source of strength for us.



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IN
Loving
MEMORY OF

James
FRYAR

FEBRUARY 24, 1939 — MARCH 31, 2026

Memorial Service
Saturday April 11, 2026

4:00 PM

3525 I Street
Philadelphia, PA 19134

His Story

James was born on February 24, 1939, to his loving mother and father, who preceded him in death. James also had two sisters who preceded him in death. In 1969, James migrated to Philadelphia, where he later built a life centered around family, love, and dedication.

In 1969, James met Margaret Rose Davis, the love of his life. Together they built a beautiful family and raised two daughters, Loretta and Denise Davis. Ten years later, Margaret gained her wings and went home to be with the Lord.

James later married Sharon Lee, and from this union they welcomed a daughter, Sicoya Fryer. James also lovingly raised two stepchildren, Desire and Jerome Jones, as his own.

James received his education through the public school system and went on to become a dedicated and hardworking man. He worked for Coin Index Company for 50 years, never missing a single day of work. His commitment and strong work ethic led him to retire at the age of 70. James was known as a hardworking provider who took great care of his family — truly “a real man.”

James loved his family deeply — they were his entire world. He enjoyed watching wrestling, westerns, and football. He also loved listening to The Whispers, The Isley Brothers, and The Temptations. Each morning began with his favorite ritual — a hot cup of coffee. James’ favorite meal was fish and grits, and he made every birthday and holiday special, never missing important moments in the lives of his children and grandchildren.

James shared a special generational tradition of watching wrestling with his family — from the oldest to the youngest. This became a bond that connected generations and created countless cherished memories.

All of the children looked forward to “Grandpa’s deposit.” Every holiday, birthday, or special occasion, everyone knew they would receive a “deposit” from Grandpa — a tradition that brought smiles, laughter, and love to the entire family.



James loved sharing unforgettable memories with his grandchildren. Whether it was taking rides to play his lottery, grabbing breakfast or lunch after doctor’s appointments, or renewing his ID with his granddaughter, those simple moments meant everything to him and created lasting memories for those he loved.

James also created special memories by walking to pick up his granddaughter Natasha from the bus stop every day from 5th through 8th grade, never missing a day. This became one of the most cherished memories shared between them.

James was in great health and lived a full and blessed life with few restrictions. It was truly a blessing to have an elder who lived life with strength, independence, and joy. James was known for always being in great spirits and maintaining a positive outlook.

He always found a way to “take up” for his children and grandchildren. When situations arose, he would often say, “Hey, hey... just be cool.” James had a gentle way about him and always found the good in everything.

James was lovingly cared for by his daughter, Loretta, for over 30 years. She dedicated her time and love to ensuring his well-being.

James leaves to cherish his memory: His wife, Sharon Lee; His daughters, Loretta and Denise Davis, and Sicoya Fryar; His stepchildren, Desire and Jerome Jones; His grandchildren, Natasha Davis, Samuel Davis, Lacoia, and Danae; His great-grandchildren, Shahira, Kendra, and Kendall; His great-great-grandchildren, Naieem, Naelyn, and Nyair.

James also leaves behind his “son,” Carl Gaines, special friends who became family, Gwendolyn and William Sutton, along with a host of loving family, friends, and his beloved 16th Street family.

James was welcomed into heaven by the love of his life, Rose — whom he always described as “the most beautiful girl at Episcopal.”

*Submitted with Love,
The Family*