

IN LOVING  
*Memory* OF



**Nathan Benjamin  
JAMES, JR.**

Sunrise: October 10, 1933    Sunset: June 5, 2022


**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

Family Hour 10:30am

Funeral: 11:00am

Second Baptist Church of Detroit  
441 Monroe Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

*Rev. Dr. Louise Beamon, Officiating Pastor*  
*Rev. Lawrence W. Rodgers, Pastor*



# *A Life Well Lived*



Nathan Benjamin James Jr was the oldest of five children born to the late Nathan Sr. and Addie B James on October 10, 1933, in Detroit, Michigan. He was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system and graduated from Northwestern High School. In 1951, he went to serve our country in the United States Air Force. Due to a military injury, his Air Force career was cut short in 1953 and he was Honorably Discharged.



Nathan loved the Lord. He dedicated his life to Christ at an early age at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, later joined Greater Southern Missionary Baptist Church and his final church home Second Baptist Church of Detroit all in Detroit, Michigan.

Nathan was suave, cool, and sophisticated and a very stylish dresser. He insisted his attire be of the best quality and could always be found in his favorite color blue.

Despite his physical condition of being in a wheelchair he was always out and about, he frequented the Detroit Riverwalk, Detroit Eastern Market, and Detroit Tigers games. He never met a person he could not befriend. With a gregarious and loving personality, he had many friends throughout the city.

Nathan took photography courses at Wayne County Community College District which helped him document his love of travel. He traveled from coast to coast, from the White House to California and it gave him joy. He never let his disability keep him from enjoying life.

Nathan was an avid piano player better than most who had the use of two hands. He loved all music whether it was gospel, R&B, or jazz. He spent countless days in the summer at Bert's Marketplace on Thursday night listening to the jazz artists as well as attending the yearly Detroit Jazz Festival.

In 1982, Nathan married the love of his life the late Marva L James. They had 25 years of wedded bliss before her death in 2007. He also gained a bonus daughter — Asia in this marriage. Asia and her "Daddy" shared a loving and special bond throughout the years.

Nathan departed this life peacefully on Sunday June 5, 2022, while watching TV. He leaves to cherish his memory daughters Kelly (Frank) McGhee and Asia Browner. grandson Douglass Tindle Sr., granddaughter Mariana McGhee, great grandsons Douglass Tindle Jr. and Kyle Tindle, sisters Dorothy Dye of Valdosta, Georgia, and Marilyn (Arnold) Humphrey of Decatur, Georgia. His faithful and wonderful caregiver Cedric Scott, who was with him for over 10 years. Nathan was preceded in death by his parents Nathan Sr and Addie Mae James, his son Douglass Dupree and siblings Richard T. James Sr. and Barbara Ann Hendricks.





# Homegoing Service for NATHAN BENJAMIN JAMES, JR.

*Organ Prelude*

*Processional*

*Musical Selection*  
Mr. Sean Goss

*Prayer*  
*Scripture Reading: Psalm 23*  
Ministerial Staff Second Baptist Church Detroit

*Musical Selection*  
Mr. Sean Goss

*Acknowledgment of Cards Telegrams and Condolences*  
Mrs. Cynthia Morrell

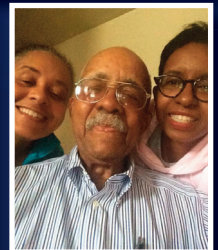
*Remarks*  
Mrs. Joanne Hardy ✦ Mrs. Roberta Graves ✦ Rev. Brian Ellison

*Obituary*  
Mrs. Lisa Norris

*Eulogy*  
Rev. Lawrence W. Rodgers

*Recessional*  
Organ Postlude

(Drive in the Funeral Procession, please turn on headlights for safety)



Dear Dad,

Thank you for the childhood moments that we shared, you trying to teach me to bowl at Lucky Strike, taking me to the YMCA, and even better, presenting me with the much-coveted bike with the floral banana seat and matching basket. You knew just how much I enjoyed that bike. Those are the times that I enjoyed the most and will fondly remember. Thank you for the memories.



Your daughter, Kelly

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Dad, I'm not sure where to start other than to say you were a father who stepped up and by treating and loving me like your own. We had some great times together. You taught me so many things, two of the most important were empathy and perseverance. I became more empathetic after assisting you manage all your health challenges. You never once complained about your problems you dealt with them as they came and kept on going. I admired the fact that you followed doctors' orders to the T because you knew your life depended on it. To think you were told that you would not live past the age of 30 is unimaginable, but you made it 88 glorious years. I'm going to miss our trips together, even though in planning you never wanted to go but once we got there you never wanted to come home. Let's not forget that you were a shopaholic, so we loved going to the mall together looking for whatever they had that was blue for you. Mr. Foody himself who loved a good meal that always included desert. Your love of sports especially baseball had me making sure you had tickets to the games. I knew on a Thursday evening when you weren't home to head over to Bert's to find you listening to local jazz artists. You were always on the go even up almost to your death you were out on the Riverwalk a couple days prior. I know you appreciated everything I did for you because you often told me. I will truly miss you!!! I LOVE YOU!!  
Thank you for loving me, Asia.

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Mr. James,

*It was a pleasure and honor to care for you for all these years. I am enamored at your strength and tenacity for life. I will miss you. Your faithful caregiver, Cedric Scott*





# Pallbearers

Douglass Tindle Sr.  
Kyle Tindle  
Toure` James

Richard T. James, Jr.  
Desmond Smith  
Elijah Joseph Johnson

# Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

# Final Arrangements Entrusted to

James H Cole Home for Funerals, Inc  
16100 Schaefer Highway  
Detroit, MI 48235

# Interment

Historic Elmwood Cemetery  
1200 Elmwood St  
Detroit, MI 48207

# Repass

Second Baptist Church of Detroit  
Catering provided by LMG Catering  
Dessert provided by Holiday Market



# Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The family of Nathan Benjamin James, Jr. would like to thank the team of medical professionals who cared for him throughout the years. To his Veteran Administration Medical team at the John Dingell Medical Center led by Dr. Praveena Mungara, Nurse Asea Ali, Social Worker Rob Dillion, and the countless home health care aids. His cardiology team from Detroit Medical Center led by Dr. Oswald Bostic. We are grateful and appreciate everything that was done for him.



The family of Nathan Benjamin James Jr wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith - II Timothy 4:7*