



Mr. James "Sonny" Graham Jr.

May 15, 1944 - September 5, 2022

James (Sonny) Graham Jr. was born on May 15, 1944 in Cleveland, Mississippi to the late James B. Graham and Ether Lee Graham. He was the first born to this union of four siblings.

Sonny as he was lovingly called, was educated in St. Louis Public Schools. After high school, he joined the army and proudly served his country. Sonny was honorably discharged when his term was completed.

James (Sonny) moved to Chicago in 1979 and worked many jobs. However, his most memorable jobs were working for Greyhound and Jewel's in the bakery department.

After moving to Chicago he met Lonnie Mae Anthony, the apple of his eye. They fell in love and married on October 7, 1978. To this union God blessed them with one beautiful daughter (Benita). James (Sonny) and Lonnie Mae (Sis) resided in St. Louis for a brief time and moved back to Chicago in 1979 until his passing.

In 1988 James joined Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Alvin Lloyd. He was a devout member and sang in the male choir, he was also a greeter, a ministry that truly fitted his personality (the gift to gab). He loved to talk and make any stranger feel welcomed with that big beautiful smile.

Those left with loving memories include his former wife Lonnie Mae Graham, Elgin, IL; daughters, Benita of Chicago, IL; Lynn Walker (Jeffrey) Huntsville, Alaska; son James Brown (Deonne) Centerville, IL; two step-

daughters Juice Jackson (Don) and Shawn Jones-Smith (Johnnie); three sisters, Minnie Helen Merriweather, Lorraine Graham and Beatrice Johnson, St. Louis MO; three brothers Anthony L. Graham (Linda) St. Louis,MO; Donald Hill (Vivian) St. Louis,MO; Melvin Hill, St. Louis,MO; A very special cousin Gloria Jean Tucker, 15 grand children, 3 great grand children, 1 aunt, Tommie L. Norman (Jim) Chicago,IL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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