



Mr. Loyal James

October 27, 1933 - April 12, 2019

Loyal James was born on October 27, 1933 to Ester and Mabel James in Hugo, Oklahoma. He was the fifth child of eleven children born to this union. He graduated from Hugo high school in 1953 and joined the Army after graduation. He served in the Korean War until 1957.

On December 13, 1963, he married the love of his life, Norma Jean Harmon. To this union, they were blessed with a baby girl and they lived in Oklahoma City. The family moved to Forest Park, Oklahoma, in 1979.

Loyal began his career at Tinker AFB in the early 1960's and retired in 1991. Over several decades, Loyal and Norma maintained horses and cattle in Luther, Oklahoma, on the Pollard estate they affectionately called "The Country".

Loyal gave his life to Christ at age 12 at Oak Grove CME church in Oak Grove, Oklahoma. He later joined St. Mary's CME Church in 1960 and remained a member of the church until his death. He enjoyed singing in the choir and singing with "The Spirit of St. Mary's" Men's choir.

Loyal was preceded in death by his parents, Ester and Mabel James, his brothers, Cleo (Gladys) and Richard James (Connie) and his sisters, Beatrice Moore (Donisha) and Fayette Arnwine (Kenneth).

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 55 years, Norma Jean James; daughter, Dr. Valerie Thompson; son-in-law, Warren Thompson; granddaughter, Maya Thompson; 4 sisters: Helen Nash (OKC), Katie Howard (OKC), Carol Baker (OKC), and Lila Shelton (Baltimore); and two brothers:

Carl James (Ruth) and David James (Opal); and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. He was a wonderful, cheerful, neighbor, was beloved by many, and will be missed by all that knew him.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

12813 NE 50th
Spencer, OK 73084

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Funeral Home
2936 N.E. 36th
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 424-4136
<https://rolfefuneralhome.com/>

Service

APR **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's C.M.E. Church
1201 N Martin Luther King Ave,
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

Tribute Wall



“ *Peace and extended blessings to Tameca Thomas & family.*

MB - April 20, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ *Ollivett Brothers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Loyal James*



Ollivett Brothers - April 19, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Uncle Loyal.
Love always and forever your niece*

*Alicia James-Johnson
Amherst, New York*

Alicia James-Johnson - April 19, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Loyal James.*



April 19, 2019 at 02:22 PM

LB

“ On behalf of myself and family, we offer our sincere and most heart felt condolences to you, Dr. Valarie Thompson and family.

Lydell R. Barton & Family

Lydell R. Barton - April 18, 2019 at 12:18 PM

CC

“ Cheryl, my dear friend, I will never forget the beautiful memory of your handsome dad walking you down the aisle 33 years ago. There's nothing like a father and daughter's love! I'm praying for you and your family members. I love you! 🙏💕

Carless Cox

Carless Cox - April 17, 2019 at 03:50 PM

AA

“ Tameca, I am sorry to hear about your Grandfather. My mom and I will be praying for you and Aunt Cheryl, Chris and Malkia. I love you!



Angel Appleberry - April 17, 2019 at 03:08 PM

CA

“ I want to send my sincere condolence to the entire family. May you all remember the happiest moments during this time. I want to send a special prayer to my dear friend Tameca R. Thomas. I'm sure your Grandfather is beyond proud of the woman you've become. Remain strong, respectful, polished and caring even against odds! Uplift your whole family including Cheryl Brown as she grieves the loss of her Father!



I love you and I will continue to pray for your entire family!

Christina Appleberry - April 17, 2019 at 03:08 PM

KD

“ Sending prayers to all of his children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren. May God be with you all in this time of sadness. To his daughter Cheryl I will especially be lifting you up in prayer along with your children Tameca, Chris & Malkia....Love you all!

Kiara Davis - April 17, 2019 at 03:04 PM

TF

“ My condolences and heart go out to his family including his children, especially his daughter Cheryl Brown, and grand-children Chris Brown, Malkia Brown, and Tameca Thomas ❤️.

Tasha Franklin - April 17, 2019 at 03:03 PM

KB

“ Praying for his entire family & especially my friend his granddaughter Tameka Thomas.

Kim Bell - April 17, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ Praying for the family of Mr. Loyal James, especially my college friend Cheryl. May God comfort and strengthen you all during this time. God bless you all.



Karen Vick - April 16, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family at this difficult time. I hope the words at Rev.21:4 bring you comfort. It says: "God will wipe out every tear from their eyes,and death will be no more,neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dawn - April 16, 2019 at 07:20 AM



“ Jo Harmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Loyal James



Jo Harmon - April 15, 2019 at 03:27 PM