



Mr. James Arthur Crawford

December 21, 1944 - February 9, 2022

In Loving Memory Of

James Arthur Crawford was born December 21, 1944 in Saco, Alabama to the amazing union of Ida Berneice McGowan and Paul Crawford. He was the elder of two children born to this union.

James and his parents relocated to Detroit, Michigan in the early 1950s and James received his education from the Detroit School System and graduated from Central High School in 1962. James began his career at an early age working at American Axle Manufacturing. James was drafted into the U.S. Army and served the country and was honorably discharged. He was able to continue his career at American Axle Manufacturing which he worked 40+ years until his retirement.

James loved to dress and he also loved his cars. James enjoyed watching basketball and boxing. James loved his family, especially his favorite great-niece Sa'Niyrah who brought so much joy and happiness to his life. He enjoyed picking her up from school every day, he really looked forward to that and everything else going on had to be worked around him picking her up. Not only did he pick her up but he also made sure she had something to eat and drink when she got in the car lol! James made sure his family was well taken care of and he will truly be missed.

James was called home on February 9, 2022 in the comfort of his home. He was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Ida Berneice Crawford.

James leaves to cherish his memories: A Devoted and Loving (Sister) Melody Crawford; two devoted and loving (Nieces) Jasmyne Harvey and Makayla Hill; two (Great-Nieces) Sa'Niyrah and Skylar O'Larry; A Very Special Loving Friend: Rose Ethridge; Special Loving Cousins: Annie Love Harris, Geneva Crawford, Joan C. Price and Alfred Crawford, a lifetime long best friend Sylvester Marshall and several loving family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Grandlawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Live Stream

Tuesday, Feb. **22**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtiS16ETKLnG1Cdtl088o8Q>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Arthur Crawford*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Brother-in-law my heart is heavy 💔 It's difficult to think that you're not here 😞 thank you for believing in me and what God has called me to do... you will forever be in my heart and pleasant memories we shared will never fade away ❤️ Rest easy J I love and miss you dearly 💔 see you on the other side ❤️*

Bobbie Williams - February 21, 2022 at 08:12 PM

SM

“ James Arthur Crawford, my best friend!

It seems like only yesterday that you and I were running up and down Detroit streets. We met in grade school and we both were "safety crossing guards". Nobody knew we found that to be a fantastic way to meet girls. You were an excellent driver and drove the best of cars. You made a big splash and was popular, known to be dapper, smooth, and cool.

Mr. Crawford had no problem picking me up and taking us to parties and dances. As always when we got back to your house, Mrs. Crawford made sure we ate the best of food, after a big evening. I had the greatest respect and love for both.

I knew Melody grew up to be your rock and loved you. She was our link for many years. She would always let me know how, and where to get hold of you. I learned to love Melody as a special friend over the years.

James, "Tight", I am not forgetting, when we arrive at the dances and parties, many of the ladies would seem to get in line to dance with you. You glided across the floor like a smooth operator. I learned a lot from you, and we always talked about how we never argued or had harsh words to each other.

It was good that I was able to locate, and talk to you, when we both were in the Vietnam War. A lot of the guys we hung together, respected your down to earth and relaxing style.

Over the years you spent more than 40 years at General Motors, and I spent over 30 years in the Army. Our friendship has lasted over 63 years!

James, you have always been like a brother to me, and I will love and miss you. May GOD continue to bless and keep you in his

arms.

Syl "Jelly" Marshall

Sylvester Marshall - February 21, 2022 at 02:24 PM

LC

“ Love, Jackie, Steven and David Crawford purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. James Arthur Crawford.



Love, Jackie, Steven and David Crawford - February 20, 2022 at 09:15 PM

CD

“ We Love you uncle J Rest up



China Drinkard - February 20, 2022 at 07:59 PM

CD

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China Drinkard - February 20, 2022 at 07:57 PM

MH

“ With love and heartfelt condolences, we write this special tribute in loving memory of our cousin James or James Arthur as many of us affectionally called him. Our cousin was just that kind of special and unique man whom we loved and respected dearly. James loved his family, and his family loved him too. He had a genuineness about him and always knew when and what to do or what to say to make you feel better or special. We loved to see him laugh! We shall always remember James in our own unique way! And Mel, Jasmyne, baby Skylar, and Sa’Niyrah (that Lil Girl) as James often called her, and Makayla, know that James loved you dearly. And we know you will miss him; we will miss him too! We shall keep our most cherished and fondest memories of our James Arthur forever present in our hearts, and remember him in our own special, loving, and happy way! And now, our beloved James Arthur, our brother, uncle, cousin, friend and whomever he was to you, shall rest in peace forever! Love,
COUSINS & CHILDREN of the late Fred & Lizzie Crawford.



Maxine C Hicks - February 19, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. James Arthur Crawford.



February 19, 2022 at 08:21 AM

YE

“ We will miss you cuz.
The Ester Family. ❤️🙏



Yolanda Ester - February 18, 2022 at 09:36 PM

SY

“ Syl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James
Arthur Crawford



Syl - February 18, 2022 at 08:15 PM

SY

“ Syl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James
Arthur Crawford



Syl - February 18, 2022 at 08:14 PM

SA

“ I'll always remember the good times we had
together the laughing the dancing enjoying life
I'll always remember you cuz Sarah



Sara - February 18, 2022 at 05:28 AM

SM

“ *Sylvester, Mickey & Mother Marshall purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. James Arthur Crawford.*



Sylvester, Mickey & Mother Marshall - February 17, 2022 at 10:08 PM

AK

“ *Annie L Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Arthur Crawford*



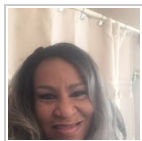
Annie L Kelly - February 16, 2022 at 09:43 PM

BD

“ *Billy & Dell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Arthur Crawford*



Billy & Dell - February 16, 2022 at 03:39 AM



“ *I want to thank you melody for sharing your brother with me. Not a time your love we're selfish . He was just as loved. When a person been in your life for 52 years we're family. He will be missed but we will never let him go we will always have happy times when we think and talk of him. Thank you big brother love you always.*

Valeria Henderson - February 14, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Arthur Crawford* ”



Diane Williams - February 14, 2022 at 07:00 PM