



Mr. James Harry Dubose

June 25, 1931 - August 1, 2025

James Harry DuBose was born June 25th, 1931, in Choctaw County, Butler, Alabama to Willie DuBose and Laura Williams. He was the fifth of ten children. During his youth, James regularly attended church with his family, and maintained a heart for serving God and helping people into adulthood. James' early school years were spent in Alabama, until his family relocated to Carmichael, Clarke County, Mississippi in the late 1930s. In the 1940s, James worked many jobs, including at Becton's General Store in Carmichael, where he sorted mail for the U.S. Post office, and prepared breakfast sandwiches for railroad workers at a cafe his mother owned.

James was the valedictorian of his 8th grade graduate class. In 1951, he graduated from Shirley Owens Vocational High School in Quitman, Mississippi. Shortly thereafter, after a brief stint in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1953 James was invited by a former classmate to fill out a job application at the General Motors plant in Detroit; he was hired on the spot. At age 23, James traveled to Pachuta, Mississippi, where he and longtime sweetheart Marcella (née Jones) were joined in holy matrimony on September 18, 1954, a marriage that lasted 55 years. They returned to Detroit, where this union bore four children: Alford, Jeffrey, Michael, and Moniek.

One of James' most beloved hobbies was baking, a skill he learned from his mother and passed down to future generations. James also played the piano, a skill he insisted his children learn as well. James was also the type of person who stayed informed on the wellbeing of his friends and others in his

neighborhood. Most of all, over the course of his life, James adored spending quality time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

God called His servant James Harry DuBose home on August 1st, 2025. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella Dubose; his parents, Willie and Laura DuBose; siblings and their wives, Belovet (Edna), Ledell Sr.

(Verna/Annie), Isaac (Ella), Geneva (Fred), Andralean (Woodrow), Eugene (Gloria), Fred, and Edward (Gloria); son-in-law, Keith Jenkins; grandsons Keith Jenkins, Jr. and Keith Marquis Jenkins.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his brother, Willie "Knot" (Classie) DuBose. His legacy and memories will continue on through his children: Alford (Shelia) DuBose, Jeffrey (Pamela) DuBose, Michael (Demetria) DuBose, and Moniek DuBose Jenkins, his 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, Goddaughters Diana Tucker and Tonya Johnson, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and beloved friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Aug. **17**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, Aug. **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Oasis of Hope Christian Church
933 W. 7 Mile Road
Detroit, MI 48201

Celebration of Life

Monday, Aug. **18**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Heartfelt Condolences To James Harry Dubose Family: Harry will be in your Hearts Forever. He will be Remembered and Truly Missed by all family and friends who knew and loved him. May the God of all Comfort be with your family at this Difficult time: 2Cor 1:3,4 and Rev 21:4*

Maria A - August 11, 2025 at 12:15 PM

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“*To Elder Michael & Demetria Dubose & the entire family. Our prayers and encouragement go out to you during this time of reflection. Be encouraged in the Lord & trust in Him who is our provider and comforter. Howard & Shirley White and family*

howard White - August 08, 2025 at 12:13 AM

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“*Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of James Dubose*



Jeffrey Davis - August 07, 2025 at 09:56 AM