



Mr. James Christopher Mason

November 20, 1981 - April 18, 2016

Celebrating The Life Of James Christopher Mason:

James Christopher Mason's life began when God "loaned" him to his parents, Charles A. Mason and Pearline Mason, in Detroit, Michigan on November 20, 1981. He was the youngest of their three children. As the baby of the family, James' brother and sister always looked after, protected and took him along with them (even when he outgrew them). Their relationship was phenomenal! He was a child that was loved by all. To know him was to love him.

James along with his great-grandmother (the late Mrs. Annie P. Fry), mother and siblings all attended Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and he was baptized at the age of six under the leadership of the late Reverend Roy A. Allen Sr. As a child he joined the Children's Choir, attended Sunday School, Vacation Bible School; and as an adult became a member of the Voices of Praise Choir and Eva Allen Scholarship Ministry.

James excelled in school. He attended both Catholic and Detroit Public School systems graduating from Henry Ford High School in 1999 as Class Salutatorian, President of Student Council, Senior Class Vice President, Vice President of National Honor Society, and to no one's surprise...voted Class Opinionated. In 2005, he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Wayne State University. Even though his passion originally was teaching

History, James found himself quickly advancing in the hospitality industry with various Marriott Hotels in Michigan, Virginia, Pennsylvania, back to Michigan, and finally to Minnesota in 2014. He was a dedicated, hard working employee that advanced to the position of Senior Rooms Operations Manager for the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. He managed over 200 plus employees throughout his career. Because of James' understanding, support and thoughtfulness for his employees, he was loved, respected and admired as a manager and co-worker; but most importantly as a friend.

James always took pride in himself to be well groomed from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. He believed in being dressed to impress. He had a style of his own, and a sense of humor that always kept everyone laughing.

James was not blessed with any children of his own, but he loved his nephews that affectionately called him "Unc-Unc" until they were older and could call him "Uncle James" a title he wore proudly. He purchased and gave them any and everything he thought they wanted for birthdays, report cards, soccer games, Christmas or just because he thought they may have wanted it.

Being surrounded with family was very important to James, and he treasured every opportunity to unite with them. He always attended the various events (birthdays, reunions, vacations, holidays, picnics, and more). He never hesitated to make his famous macaroni and cheese because everyone always expected it to be on the menu.

Unfortunately in July of 2015 James went on disability, but that did not discourage him. Even though he was battling his illness, he worried about others instead of himself (that was just our James). His love and concern for all won the hearts of many at the Hennepin County Cancer Center and

Hospital. He could not have asked for a better team of doctors and staff. James' charming smile, bright eyes, wonderful personality and his hugs of love were always a delight.

On Monday, April 18, 2016, at 9:18 AM in Minneapolis, MN God saw that James was tired, and opened his arms to welcome him into His kingdom.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Apr. **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church
5000 Joy Road
Detroit, MI 48204

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Christopher Mason*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



Gwanda Daniels

“ *James was truly one of a kind. He was the most giving kindest understanding man, manager that I've ever known. Rest in heaven James. You truly are an angel*

Gwanda Daniels - November 20, 2016 at 08:13 AM



“ *James, I will miss you so much. You were a great son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend! I'll always cherish the memories. You fought a hard battle and I'm proud of you for never giving up.*



Cecelia Walker - May 05, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ *James was the funniest guy I ever knew. He knew exactly how to tell the right joke at the right time. He will be missed.*



Ray Natushko - May 03, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *I will miss your smile and your big hugs my cousin.....love you forever*

Jessica - May 03, 2016 at 08:12 AM



To the family of James, I wish Gods peace in your time of lost. God is now holdind his leadind him to his mansion on high. No more earthly suffering. Please be assured our loved are a part of my daily and nightly prayers. You still here walking our earthly journey are also in these. Prayers I miss given the glory. Reach out to now, doing lifes transactions you have Gods ear. God continue to carry you.

Calvin Mack - May 06, 2016 at 01:37 AM

MH

“ *My James (that's what I called him....he's my cousin) was so full of life. He always had a big smile on his face. He was always jolly and made you laugh about something. I never saw or heard him have a bad day.*

He never answered the phone with a hello when I called...He would ALWAYS say, "Heeeey cuz what's going oooooon?" That always made me smile.

After my grandmother passed away from cancer, I told myself that I never wanted treatment if I was diagnosed with it...just let me die.

My James changed my views on that. He stayed positive and fought it with all that he had!! He never gave up! Never! With my grandmother, she was diagnosed and then a few months later she was gone....no time to prepare or understand anything. With my James, he was able to fight it live for a long time afterwards.

Because of my James and his strength and will to fight...I will never give up and I will fight too if I was diagnosed.

My views of cancer have been forever changed because of you James. I love you and I miss you.



Marichen Hutton - May 02, 2016 at 07:09 AM

TE

“ James touched many staff members at hcmc cancer center. His huge smile and hugs will never be forgotten. . Teona



Teona - May 01, 2016 at 02:23 AM

CG

“ To the family of James C. Mason:
James will always be our Chapel Hill Missionary Church Nursery child. We watched him grow from a toddler to the fine young man he had become. We will surely miss the smiling face and the genuine hugs he would give each of us whenever he came back to town and visit as a young man.
Sincerely, Cora Gordon and the
staff of the CMBC Nursery Board.

Cora Gordon - April 29, 2016 at 03:46 PM

DM

“ Dr. Antoine And Theresa Malone sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Christopher Mason



Dr. Antoine and Theresa Malone - April 29, 2016 at 12:12 PM

DM

“ *Dr. Antoine And Theresa Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Christopher Mason*



Dr. Antoine and Theresa Malone - April 29, 2016 at 12:10 PM

DM

“ *To our family and friends Dr. ANTOINE and THERESA Malone would like to extend their heartfelt Sympathy for the loss of our Dear cousin James. Our Prayer " Lord, give us the faith to take the next step when we don't know what lies ahead. Give us the assurance that even if we stumble and fall, you'll pick us up and put us back on the right path" To our Dear cousin Pearlean "Even though we can't be there, "OUR PRAYERS will get there before we do" Hold on to your faith, WE LOVE YOU.*

Dr. Antoine and Theresa Malone - April 29, 2016 at 11:48 AM

AS

I love you friend. I will carry you in my heart always. You are my angel now. Look out for me. Mama Mason you already know i love you to the moon. I will always be here. You may not have birthed me, but you have another daughter. Thank you for sharing James with me and rearing him to be the awesome person he was. I can still hear his laugh. It gives me comfort. Let your memories comfort you.

Ashley Smith - May 01, 2016 at 09:19 PM

JG

James was one of the best grandsons a grandparent could have. He truly loved us and always showed us that love, respect, and appreciation..

I remember when Clarence and I got married James was so excited. He was about 9 years old. At the wedding we were going to cut the cake and James was standing there by us. People was telling him to move and his grandfather said "No, he didn't need to move." so we all took pictures together smiling.

James always had such a loving and caring heart, he never forgot GRANDPARENT DAY. WHEN WE WOULD GO OUT TO DINNER TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS, HE ALWAYS PAID THE BILL.

When James was in high school he was so intelligent and smart. He always attended that summer school in Bloomfield. Pearlina, his mother, kept him busy but that first year of summer school he was not a happy camper. After a couple of summers he learned to love that program and enjoyed the people.

When James got his job at the Marriott Hotels we would always go to tour the buildings, as long as he was in Michigan. When we went out of town, he always took care of our hotel reservations with the Friends & Family Rate. Being on Social Security that really made a difference financially.. The Marriott had a prize employee. He loved his job and the people. He was loyal, dedicated, respectable, hard working employee and an asset to the company.

We will miss our grandson. We just want the world to know that He is very SPECIAL to us. I know that God does not make mistakes and I know that James was just too sick to stay with us BUT, that does not stop the pain. REST IN PEACE MY CHILD, GOD BLESS YOU AND WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU. YOUR SPIRIT IS ALIVE & WELL.

Your Grandma & Grandfather: Jessie & Clarence Eldridge

Jessie Gibson-Eldridge - May 02, 2016 at 02:52 PM