



Mr. James Oscar Mills

October 28, 1948 - March 6, 2025

James O. Mills was the youngest of eleven children born to Will and Rommer Lee Mills on October 28, 1948, in Odenville, Alabama. James left Alabama when he was around eight years of age to reside with family in Robbins, Illinois.

About a year later, he moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana to stay with his sister, Gracie and family. He attended school in Indiana and was employed during his junior and senior years of high school at BF Goodrich, where he made tires. James graduated Central High School in 1965. After he graduated, he enlisted into the Air Force, to avoid being drafted into the Army. He was honorably discharged. After leaving the Air Force, he moved to Detroit, Michigan. James started working at General Motors, UAW Local #163 on April 1, 1973. He was skilled as a Millwright and retired after 47 years of service on March 31, 2020.

James was a man of few words and loved his family. He was a quiet man, but when he had something to say, he did just that. He was blunt in nature but kind and helpful. He was a hard-working man with great integrity and loved to ride on his motorcycle. James was a loving son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, companion, father figure, and friend.

James was preceded in death by his parents, eight of his siblings, Ludie,

Mary, Lula Mae, Gracie, Lonnie "Robert", Nellie, Rosealee, and Lawrence. James leaves to cherish his memory; his sister, Clistrene "Cookie"; his sister-in-law, Wanda: his longtime companion of 40+ years, Lula: his children-in-love, Sonya, Quanteena, Dominique, Promese, and Paris, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

"Blessed that man who makes the Lord his trust." Psalms 40:4

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Mar. **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

Saturday, Mar. **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of James Mills



Jeffrey Davis - March 12, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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My uncle was a man of few words. Though as a child whenever I was around him, I hung as much as he could stomach an annoying child. To me he was larger than life. The few times he took me around were memorable. He was my Mothers youngest brother. She took him in, and in so many ways I tried to live up to some of his standards. One thing we had in common was working for General Mothers. That was a big deal for me as I grew into adulthood and could share and relate better. I'll miss our conversations as of late, Basketball, History, Politics. He will be missed. Love you Nephew, Charles Trice. Aka Chuckie.

Charles Trice - March 15, 2025 at 09:12 PM