



Mr. James Morgan

December 6, 1924 - October 28, 2013

James Morgan was born on December 6, 1924 to the late Ruby Bray in LaGrange, Georgia. James was the eldest of seven children: Mattie Blackmon, Gladys Gilmer, Willie Ruth Stanton, Martha Jean Russell, Sanford Jackson, and Jerome Bray, all of whom preceded him in death. Martha White, an aunt whom he cherished as a mother, also preceded him in death.

James was an industrious man with a strong work ethic that led to a career in mechanics, carpentry, construction, and masonry. His curiosity regarding how things worked was evident even as a young man when he worked at a gas station in LaGrange. He started working on cars at that gas station and eventually learned to build his own cars. In 1943, James moved to Detroit seeking a better life than LaGrange could offer at the time. In Detroit, he secured work in the foundry and began to improve upon his God-given talents to fix, restore, and create things with his hands. Without any formal training, James was completely self-taught and became a “man of all trades.” When he retired, James had been a faithful member of the Carpenters’ Local 687 for forty-five years.

On October 5, 1964, James married his wife of forty-nine years, Bernice Coleman, who was the love and light of his life. James and Bernice joined Unity Baptist Church where he served faithfully until his death. Together they built a life focused on family. Early in their marriage, James and Bernice

provided a foundation for their sisters to move to Detroit to be with them. With their permission, Mary Jane Burton came first, then Julia Irvin, then Bertha L. Coleman Poe (Jabari), and finally Rubye Sanders (Johnny) to all of whom he was a father-figure, friend, and brother. Likewise, he was beloved by his mother-in-law, Bertha Coleman; sister-in-law, Johnnie Mae Parker; and brother-in-law, John Coleman III (Mattie). In the company of family, they fully enjoyed life together by going out to eat every Friday evening, having barbeques on weekends and holidays, frequently boating on the Detroit River, and most of all, taking camping trips to enjoy the outdoors.

Family and friends will remember James as an easy-going, dutiful, and strong patriarch who was ever-present for his family.

Cemetery Details

United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Nov. **8.** 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, Nov. **9.** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Unity Baptist Church
7500 Tireman
Detroit, MI 48204

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Morgan*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To my Uncle/Godfather, I will truly Miss You... I will never forget you..*

Rodney Johnson - November 08, 2013 at 03:37 AM



“ *To my dear beloved husband, I'm going to miss you.*

Crystal - November 08, 2013 at 02:54 AM