



Mr. James Edward Reese

December 27, 1948 - December 12, 2013

Sunrise for James Edward Reese was December 27, 1948. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama. James Edward Reese was the firstborn child to the late George and Janie Mae Reese. James had only one sibling, which is his beloved sister, Olivia Reese. As a child he was raised in close proximity to first cousins, George Reese Jr. and Robert Reese Jr.

James accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church located in Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Wilkerson Elementary. He then matriculated at A.H. Parker High School in which he excelled in academics and graduated in May 1966. James had a love for academics and basketball. He was big sports fanatic.

In September of 1966, he then moved to Detroit, Michigan. In 1969, he was drafted for the U.S. Army. During his years of military service, he fought for his country during the Vietnam War. In 1973, James Edward Reese was honorably discharged.

After his stint in the military, he returned to Detroit, Michigan to live. He became employed at Northfield State Hospital as a Registered Certified Aide. It was here that he met his wife Virley Jean Hunter. They were united in holy matrimony on June 17, 1975 in Detroit, Michigan. Unto this union he gained two daughters, Virley Marie and Sonja Ann Dubose (deceased). While

married, he continued to work for Northfield State Hospital. He received a special award for saving a patient's life. This was one of the most paramount accolades of his career. He worked a total of 34 years at Northfield State Hospital until his retirement on October 31, 2002.

James was known for his witty personality. He was also known as "The World's Greatest Prankster," according to his only sister, Olivia Reese.

Sunset: James Edward departed this life on Thursday, December 12, 2013.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Dec. **19**. 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

Friday, Dec. **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Friday, Dec. **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Edward Reese*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *In your time of sorrow it is comforting to know "Our heavenly Father is near to everyone who sincerely calls on him for help." Our condolences to the family and friends The Collins Family*

The Collins Family - December 31, 2013 at 07:12 PM



“ *Annie Kynard-Hackworth Friend Of Shay lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Reese*



Annie Kynard-Hackworth friend of Shay - December 19, 2013 at 08:49 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of your loved ones Reese. I truly enjoyed working with you all those years ago. God has ushered in another Angel.*
Terri Bell-Sharp

Terri Sharp - December 19, 2013 at 01:12 PM



“ *James Reece was a person you could look forward to working with. You could always count on him to make you laugh and lift your day. You will be greatly missed!*

Ron Duncan - December 19, 2013 at 03:41 AM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Reese.*
Joanne Graves



Joanne Graves - December 18, 2013 at 07:48 AM

GH

“ *Reese was always someone you could depend on. Reese was someone who could always bring a smile or laughter no matter what the situation. It is an honor to have known him, and worked with him for so many years. Please know how deeply I share your loss.*
Henson

Gregory Henson - December 17, 2013 at 11:57 PM

LJ

“ *I AM TRUELY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. U KNOW HOW LONG I HAVE KNOW U REESE ANDYOUR BROTHER CHARLEY,WE ALL CAME UP TOGETHER. I WILL MISS THE TIMES WE ALL SPENT TOGETHER AT WORK. I WILL MISS ALL THE JOKES THAT REESE USED TO PLAY ON EVERYBODY.. HE WAS LOVED BY EVERYBODY THAT KNEW HIM, EVERYBODY HE TOUCHED AT NORTHVILLE WILL TRUELY MISS HIM. IF U NEED ME FOR ANYTHING JUST CALL. 313-739-6934!*

LONNIE YOUNG JR - December 17, 2013 at 01:15 PM

NS

“ Nikki, Cheryl, Steve purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Mr. James Edward Reese.



Nikki, Cheryl, Steve - December 16, 2013 at 11:21 AM

NI

“ Nikki lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Reese



Nikki - December 16, 2013 at 11:14 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Reese.



December 16, 2013 at 11:02 AM