



Mr. James F. Bufford

January 5, 1943 - November 7, 2019

James Foster Bufford was born in Brazil, TN to the late Mr. Charlie Bufford and the late Mrs. Addie Bufford on Tuesday, January 5, 1943 in Gibson County. He was the third child of thirteen children.

Amidst adversity, he had to take a year off from attending public school to help his family in the fields. Determined to finish his education, he re-enrolled in school and proudly graduated from Rosenwald High School in 1962. Having a love for electronics and using his hands, he completed two years in a trade school for electrical engineering.

James, a Sergeant in the United States Army, fought incessantly for his country in the Vietnam War. While being in the military, he was afforded the opportunity to travel the world. During this time he learned to appreciate and enjoy different cultures outside of Tennessee.

After departing from the military, he lived in West Tennessee working for South Central Bell (later renamed to Bellsouth). He later relocated to Nashville, TN where James worked diligently to be in a better position to create and provide a better life for his family.

During his early adulthood he attended Friendship Grove Baptist Church where he dutifully sang with the Male Chorus. He later became a member of

Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, TN where he was a devoted deacon.

After his retirement in 2002, James decided to move back to West Tennessee where he spent his time visiting with the sick, dutifully serving in Bethlehem Goldust Missionary Baptist Church as the head Deacon, and working in his beloved garden until the time of his death.

On Thursday, November 7, 2019, God called his son home giving him eternal rest. James will be remembered for his endless devotion and hard work, and the love he had for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charlie and Addie Bufford; sister: Nelda Watkins Waldon; brothers: Charles Bufford and Louis Bufford; son: Anthony Lawrence.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his wife: Brendelle Williams Bufford; nine children: Lawanda (Stephen) Gooch and Dwayne (Tisquana) Bufford of Memphis, TN, Kevin Bufford of Humboldt, TN, Stephanie (Walker) Barnes of Tuscaloosa, AL, Justin Bufford of Jackson, TN, Tiffany (Terrell) Mims of Oak Ridge, TN, Vickie (Robert) Smith of Miami, FL, Jeffrey Bufford of Clarksville, TN, and Julian (Krystalle) Bufford of Ripley, TN; two adopted children: Kenneth Lawrence and Sheila Lawrence of Trenton, TN; extended family: Mary Johnson of Humboldt, TN; and Mamie Lawrence of Trenton, TN; six sisters: Mary Huff of Medina, TN, Norma Jean Rinkins of Trenton, TN, Dorothy (Willie) Ervin of Dyer, TN, Joyce (Lee) Powell of Memphis, TN, Kathryn (Skip) Weeks of Trenton, TN, Willa Bufford of Trenton, TN, Roger (Mae) Bufford of Brownsville, TN, Christopher (Jessica) Bufford of Trenton, TN, Tony Bufford of Trenton, TN; sixteen grandchildren: Ashley Barnes, Brittany Barnes, Courtney Barnes, and Walker Barnes III of Tuscaloosa, AL, Alyvia Lawrence of Dyer, TN, Trinity Gooch of Memphis, TN, Shakira Bufford

of Humboldt, TN, Destiny Kelly of Oak Ridge, TN, Jeremiah Bufford of Jackson, TN, Jaiden Bufford of Memphis, TN, Jordyn Smith of Miami, FL, Ajah Mims of Oak Ridge, TN, Julia Bufford and Krystian Bufford of Ripley, TN, Janyiah Bufford of Clarksville, TN, and Elijah Mims of Oak Ridge, TN; 1 great grandchild: Mallory Barnes of Tuscaloosa, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Friendship Grove Baptist Church

Friendship-Brazil Rd
Brazil, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Visitation

NOV **15**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem-Golddust Baptist Church
6435 Highway 19 West
Ripley , TN 38063

Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Miracle Revival Tabernacle Church
41 State Route 186 North
Gibson, TN 38338

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James F. Bufford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Ryan and Shannon Martin - Birmingham, AL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James F. Bufford.*



Ryan and Shannon Martin - Birmingham, AL - November 15, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ *Mary Johnson (EarthLink Team) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. James F. Bufford.*



Mary Johnson (EarthLink Team) - November 14, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James F. Bufford.*



November 14, 2019 at 01:52 PM