

Mr. James Alvin Douglass

July 28, 1929 - January 4, 2021

James Alvin Douglass was born to the late Mr. Solomon Elmore Douglass and Mrs. Dora Moody Douglass in Jackson, TN on July 28, 1929. On Monday evening January 4, 2021, Deaths Angels came and called him from his earthly home to his Heavenly home at Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, TN.

He accepted Christ at an early age at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where he was the adopted son of then Pastor Rev. S.M. Jackson. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Dorothy L. Ellis on February 3, 1956, to which he devoted 64 years of Holy Matrimony. To this union they had five children with two who died as infants. He attended school in Jackson, Tennessee and was a lifelong employee of Royal Crown Cola Bottling Company where he served as a Production manager for 41 and a half years.

James was ordained as a Deacon at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 1951 under Pastor Rev. Taylor. While at Macedonia during his lifetime here are some of the many things and accomplishments he did during his lifetime: Member of Daniel Glass Singers, Member of Daniel Glass Jubilee Singers, Member of Senior Choir, Member of Male Chorus, Sunday School Teacher, Treasurer of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Credit Union, Boy Scout Leader, Chairman of the Culinary Kitchen at the Church, Chairman of the Macedonia's Habitat for Humanity Home Builders Association, and the

President of the Obion River District Association for the Layman's Department. Deacon Douglass loved his church and all you had to do was ask, and he was there.

His Social and Civic activities also included helping where he could with his family. He was President of the Elmwood Cemetery Committee for owner Earl Shaw Sr., President of the Merry High School Booster Club where he was responsible for Jackson's own Ed "Too Tall Jones" attending Tennessee State University and becoming a First Round Draft Choice of the Dallas Cowboys, Co-Director of College Park with David Manuel where they ran summer league baseball for youth ages 13-17 and Black Baseball Area League for Adults, and numerous other activities which you can find him at supporting his family. He was a longtime fixture at the Jackson's Farmers Market where he and Bobby Bland ran a vegetable stand until his health failed. People would come from near and far to get some of his Cha Cha.

James was preceded in death by children Darlene Ruth Spires, Lisa Larue and Mark Anthony Douglass, Granddaughter Brandy Diane Douglass, Son-in-law Leslie Spires, six brothers: Solomon Jr., Corneilus, Marion, Benjamin, Fredrick, and John. Three sisters: Emma Yancy, Mary, and Frances.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 64 years Dorothy L. (Ellis). Three children: Alvino W. (Linda), Edith Renee, and James Barry (Donna). Two sisters: Frankie Nell Croom and Norma Jean Williams, one devoted sister-in-law Guy Eula Douglass, and one adopted brother, Jerry Springfield all of Jackson, Tennessee. Grandchildren Kimberly and Kanaan (Victoria) Spires of Illinois. Jason (Takisha) of Jackson, Tennessee. Brandon Eugene of Atlanta, Georgia. Jefferey (Saundra) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Great-grandchildren: Jade Renee Ross, Asia Diane Sanders, Tannyya and Paris Champion of Jackson, Tennessee, and Leslie Jelani Spires of Illinois. He had a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Tinker Hill Rd
Jackson, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass*



Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - January 10, 2021 at 01:02 PM

GW

*To the Douglass Family...Our sincere condolences to you during your time of bereavement. May God provide you with strength and mercy during this difficult time. May He bless each of you with loving memories. We will continue to lift you in prayer.
Gwendolyn J. Whitelaw & Winifred T. Johnson*

Gwendolyn J. Whitelaw - January 10, 2021 at 01:12 PM

BE

Allow your faith to carry you through.

Beverly Efughu - January 10, 2021 at 03:17 PM

BE

Stay strong.

Beverly Efughu - January 10, 2021 at 03:18 PM

LS

Rest in Heaven granddaddy. Strength in prayers to the family! Love you guys!

Les Spires - January 10, 2021 at 03:39 PM

GJ

I worked with him at RC Bottling Company for 10 years during the 60-70's. My husband and I thought so much of Alvin, he was a wise man that will surely be missed. A great Christian man who loved the Lord and a dear friend for many, many years. Prayers for all the family and special prayers for his wife Dorothy.

Glenda Jordan

Glenda Jordan - January 10, 2021 at 04:31 PM

SR

To the Douglass Family. We are praying for God to give you all the strength, comfort, and peace that surpasses all understanding during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Shirlene Reed - January 10, 2021 at 06:22 PM

SC

*To my Jackson family The Douglass Family. I pray for your peace ,comfort and faithfulness to the Lord Gone but never forgotten, he is in a better place now Rest on .Praying for you all
To God be the Glory
Sonia Caldwell-Hines*

sonia caldwell - January 18, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Mr. James Alvin Douglass*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

CD

“ My dearest Rene,
We have been good friends for a long time now and every time I came to visit your home Mr. Douglass was always welcoming me in. But that's the kind of parents you have...kind, loving and ready to fellowship. I never had the opportunity to eat some of those great mouthwatering homemade biscuits your father made, but I was always ready. I don't know what kind of emptiness you have, but to know you I know its a great loss. I know you know God will heal all wounds and this one is deep. God blessed you all with him for many years, and now he's at rest.
God bless you and family.

Charles M. Drake - February 13, 2021 at 11:04 AM

SA

“ My prayers are with Mrs. Douglass, Renee', Alvino, James, Natalie, Frieda, Harriet and all the rest of the family. Mr. James' Homegoing was a beautiful service for a life well spent.
Blessings to all of you!

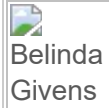
Sarah - January 10, 2021 at 03:28 PM

JW

“ Jessica Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Jessica Williams - January 10, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Belinda Givens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass*



Belinda Givens - January 10, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Belinda Givens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass*



Belinda Givens - January 10, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Uncle James. Beverly Efughu.*

Beverly Efughu - January 10, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Annie Carol Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass*



Annie Carol Jones - January 10, 2021 at 01:44 PM

AK

“ *Augustine T. Kuntz lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass*



Augustine T. Kuntz - January 10, 2021 at 01:43 PM

KT

“ *Mr Douglass will be highly missed as one of my great customers with the wisdom and knowledge he gave and shared with me. RIP Mr Douglass. My prayers and love to the Douglass family.*

Kelby Turley - January 10, 2021 at 12:39 PM

KT

“ *Mr Douglass will be highly missed. Much love to the Douglass family. I will miss that man as one of my great customers with the wisdom and knowledge he gave and shared with me. RIP Mr Douglass.*

KT - January 10, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alvin Douglass.*



January 10, 2021 at 12:10 PM

PR

“ Portia “Givens” Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Portia “Givens” Roberson - January 09, 2021 at 10:21 PM

ST

“ This beautiful family, May God's loving presence comfort you. Heal your sorrow, His perfect peace restore you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Hold onto all those special memories in your hearts, We just love the Douglass family, Keep your faith because God Is able. Robert, Shirley, Shirhonda and Eric's Sorry that we are not able to be with you.



Shirley W. Thorn - January 09, 2021 at 09:48 PM

TD

“ Natalie, you and your family have our deepest condolences during this period of loss and sorrow. May God deliver strength and support to the family in the coming days.

TDOT Civil Rights Division - January 09, 2021 at 09:45 PM



Please accept our sincere condolences to the Douglas family in these days of sorrow. May God give you Comfort, Peace and Uplift throughout this time of bereavement. Love and Perseverance, The Oggs Family

Dennis Oggs - January 10, 2021 at 02:00 PM

EH

“ He will always hold a near and dear friend place in our hearts- Rest well, a good and faithful servant. Much love and prayers for strength and comfort for the entire family!!

Love him always,

Evelyn Lake Harris and Taylor Harris, Jackson, TN

Hazel C. Bills, and the Marvin Lake Family, Bolivar, TN

Evelyn L. Harris - January 09, 2021 at 07:49 PM

NT

“ Nancy Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Nancy Tucker - January 09, 2021 at 06:46 PM

AC

“ My good good friend.



Abe Coleman - January 09, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ To my uncle who I will never forget I use to call him Santa Claus as a nickname now he's one of my guardian angels love you and will never forget you

Deanne



Maquinta Wilson - January 09, 2021 at 02:01 PM

NB

“ Neal Barber lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



neal barber - January 09, 2021 at 11:40 AM

MK

“ It's so hard to lose someone you love, and though words can't take away the sadness you feel. I hope it helps to remember that your loved one is in God's care. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers, and if you need me I'm here. With my deepest Sympathy.
The Kimmins Family



Margaret Kimmins - January 09, 2021 at 11:16 AM

LE

“ Lisa Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Lisa Ellis - January 09, 2021 at 05:02 AM

DB

“ Dorene Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



dorene brown - January 08, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ Love this family meet their daughter in college and they welcomed into their family with open arms, not only me but my sisters and brothers too. Rest in peace Bro. Douglass. "Oh I Wish I Could Talk Right"



Terri Bolden - January 08, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ Johnny And Betty Willingham lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass

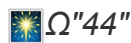


Johnny and Betty Willingham - January 08, 2021 at 08:44 PM

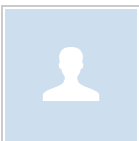


“ Prayers of Strength and Peace going forward for you and your family My Brother. You know the Scriptures very well, so you know all will be okay.

Brother Dab



John A Dabney - January 08, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alvin Douglass.



January 08, 2021 at 07:41 PM

JS

“ Joe & Laretta Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Joe & Laretta Sanders - January 08, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alvin Douglass.



January 08, 2021 at 04:56 PM

WM

“ Mr. & Mrs. Douglass lived next door to my grandmother as I was a child growing up. They were very good neighbors to her and our family. He will be greatly missed. Prayers is extended to Mrs. Douglass, children, grandchildren, sisters, and other family members.



Wanda Mercer - January 08, 2021 at 03:26 PM

MF

“ Mary Winston & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Mary Winston & Family - January 08, 2021 at 01:56 PM

VS

“ To the Douglass family,

Our deepest condolence! We love and miss Mr. Douglass.

Victor & Sherrell Steele

Victor Steele - January 08, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Alvin Douglass.*



January 08, 2021 at 09:22 AM

WB

“ *W. Yvette Bledsoe lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass*



W. Yvette Bledsoe - January 08, 2021 at 08:27 AM

CS

“ *Colleen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass*



Colleen Scott - January 08, 2021 at 02:41 AM

RC

“ Rho Psi Alumni Chapter purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. James Alvin Douglass.



Rho Psi Alumni Chapter - January 07, 2021 at 06:33 PM

SW

“ To Mrs. Dorothy, Renee, Al & Barry-You are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve your loss. God Bless you and keep you close in your time of sadness. He was a God fearing man and will be missed dearly. Sharon & Calvin M. Walker, Valdosta, GA

Sharon D Walker - January 07, 2021 at 04:55 PM

SW

“ Sharon D Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Sharon D Walker - January 07, 2021 at 03:27 PM

SG

“ Sarah Goyer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Sarah Goyer - January 07, 2021 at 03:25 PM

VB

“ Virginia Bonds lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Alvin Douglass



Virginia Bonds - January 06, 2021 at 08:46 PM

SM

“ It was a great honor to have known Brother James Douglass and to have served with him in the Deacon Ministry at Macedonia M.B. Church. He was God-fearing, family-oriented, self-assured and devoted to his Church family. His Faith Legacy looms large at Macedonia. We will see again!

Samuel Carney, Deacon Chair- MMBC - January 06, 2021 at 02:53 AM

Jl

“ For us that know Bro James Douglas, he was a true man of our Lord and Savior! There aren't many loving soldiers for the Lord who has deeply touched my life as he has while growing up from a young boy through life as an adult! He is with our Lord and Savior and I will miss him but will see him again one day! Just remember the great hymns songs he always sung at Macedonia! One comes to mine as I write this txt: " Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" I will keep your family in prayer 🙏🙏🙏

Jerry B Ingram - January 05, 2021 at 10:38 PM

LA

“ My father Mr. Curtis Mason of Detroit, Mi was a life long friend of Mr. Douglass from the days when we lived in Jackson and attended Macedonia Baptist Church, he is so very sorry for your loss of a great man. They got to see each other July 2019 and they have been having great phone calls ever since. My father and I will keep you and your family in our daily prayers. Much Love Always. Curtis Mason and Linda C. Mason Andrews.

Linda C Mason Andrews - January 05, 2021 at 08:01 PM

AM

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. Mr. James Douglass was a pillar of my home church. He will be greatly missed.

Alma Magee - January 05, 2021 at 07:31 PM

ME

“ Will most definitely miss seeing his sweet smile and warm hugs during our annual days at Cedar Hill. Prayers to the family!!

MeeMee - January 05, 2021 at 07:19 PM

BB

“ Mr. James has always Ben a very nice man. From the day that I met him which was at Mrs. Frankie Nell house. That was so long ago. He could still remmber you not name but face. And had some of the best turnip greens that they had in jackson. Fly high Mr. James.

Brenda Betts - January 05, 2021 at 06:41 PM

AL

“ My prayers are with Mrs. Dorothy,Renee, Al and Barry during this time... God be with you. ARLuster

Allison Luster - January 05, 2021 at 05:42 PM

AF

“ Douglass would come to ORDA or Cedar Hill and would sing a song that would light up my world! He sung some good old gospel songs that made you feel something. The family is in my prayers. He was a great man! -Andrea Fuller

Andrea Fuller - January 05, 2021 at 04:45 PM

BJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family. He made sure my family felt loved and welcomed when we moved to Tennessee years ago. His presence will be missed.

Brenda Johnson - January 05, 2021 at 03:34 PM

JW

“ Mr Douglass was a great God fearing and family man who enjoyed life and would help anyone. When growing up in Macedonia Baptist Church he would discipline me along with other children. He had a bass voice that could compete with anyone. I loved Bro Douglass and his family. He will be truly missed. RIP 🙏❤️ Condolences to the family 🙏❤️

john werthing - January 05, 2021 at 03:24 PM