



## Mr. James C. Steele

January 29, 1938 - January 22, 2015

James Clyde Steele was the ninth of ten children born to Lottie Glaspie Steele and Lee Owen Steele on January 29, 1938 in Calhoun (Calhoun County), Mississippi.

He departed this stage of his life on January 22, 2015 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. Both parents, as well as his siblings, Rubie Mae, Allie Rene, Clarence, Leroy and Robert Steele are also departed.

James received his formal education in Madison County schools where he graduated from Denmark-West High School in 1956.

He entered the United States Air Force the day following his graduation from high school. In fact, he was so eager to leave that he had on his traveling clothes under his graduation gown. TSG James C. Steele, USAF Retired, faithfully served his country for twenty-three years in various locations both in the United States and abroad. During that time he was awarded various medals and awards. He was an air traffic controller at the time of his honorable discharge.

James accepted Christ into his life and was baptized into the East Jackson Church of Christ. He remained a faithful member serving as an usher, and any place else there was a need until his health began to decline. He extended his

faith outside the walls of the church by leading a Bible study class in the neighborhood where he resided. The moral values by which James lived, along with the love, compassion, and sense of service he expressed so eloquently throughout his life form a lasting record worthy of admiration.

James was united in holy matrimony to Corene Poe Steele for thirty-three years. He became the father to six children.

Among those left to mourn and cherish a lifetime of beautiful memories are his wife, Corene Poe Steele; children: Nathan (Linda) Pride, Michael (Lynette) Johnson both of Jackson, TN, David (Jennie) Pride, Long Beach, CA, Lloyd Johnson, Jr., Savannah, TN, John (Deborah) Johnson and Lola Johnson Neal, both of Nashville, TN; siblings: Essie Mae Wilson, Levi (Dorothy) Steele both of Jackson, TN, Annie L. Hopgood of Chicago, IL, Shirley Lee Roseman, Cold Water, MS, and Alma Jean (Al) Harrilal of Atlanta, GA; sisters and brothers-in-law: Bobbie (Emmitt) Guess, Verneil Reed, both of Jackson, TN, Lucy Trice, Millington, TN, Drue Burton and Marie Guess, both of Los Angeles, CA, and Ouida Mensah of Murrieta, California. James, (affectionately called Paw Paw), also leaves eleven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was loved and will be missed by a multitude of extended family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## West TN Veterans

4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd,  
Memphis, TN 38125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ  
1461 East Chester Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

## Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James C. Steele*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dear Uncle James!!! Kennedi and I will miss you dearly traveling with Dad/Granddad David to pick us up from Nashville or Memphis airport, when flying in from New York City...Kennedi will forever remember, you - Uncle James, and Granddad David picking her up from her other grandparents/family in Jackson, Mississippi, last summer, and then stopping to eat tacos on the way back to Jackson, Tennessee...We will miss you in the backyard on the deck at Dad/Granddad David's/Mom/Grandmom Acquanetta's during the days of summer, enjoying summertime food and fun...We will miss you ushering, along with Granddaddy Walter Bonds ready to direct us to our seats, on Sunday mornings, when we are in town visiting our home church, East Jackson Church of Christ...May God Bless the entire family!!!! Rest in peace!!!! Love Audra and Kennedi*

**Audra Bonds** - January 31, 2015 at 01:53 PM



“ *UNCLE JAMES - RIP FROM THE MEMPHIS GROUP.....QUINCY, APRIL, ASHLEY, ALISHA, JAXON, VANESSA STEELE.*



**VANESSA STEELE** - January 28, 2015 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Uncle James. That's what I remember David calling him. And man those Super Bowl games at Levis house. We had so much fun. He would beat me and then tease me about it. I'm gonna miss him. R.I.P. Uncle James....*

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**Bruce Long** - January 26, 2015 at 09:37 PM