



James Oscar Graves Jr.

May 4, 1947 - August 18, 2023

James “Spookie” Oscar Graves, Jr., 76, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, August 18, 2023, at his residence. He was born on May 4, 1954, to the union of James Oscar Graves, Sr. and Ruby Lena Graves Word. James was the eldest of 3 siblings. He accepted Christ at an early age and Christ continued to be the head of his life until his departure from this earthly realm. James was a 1966 graduate of Riverside High School. After graduating high school, “Spookie” enlisted in the United States Army. Once his time in the Army was up, he began working for TVA. He was employed at TVA for 12 years. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Paulette Graves; sons, Stephen Graves, Corey Graves, Johnny Caldwell, and Vernice Caldwell; daughters, Kosha Caldwell Johnson, and De’Angela Rawlings; 19 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; mother, Ruby Lena Graves; brother, Willie (Dorothy) Graves; aunts, Norma Lena Hughley, and Juliette Freeman; sisters-in-law, Elanor Graves, Margaret Vinson, LaVarn Rawlings, Carol Rawlings, and Roseann (Randolph) Thomas; special niece, Tara Graves Kennedy; special friends, Dolphus Phillips and Steve George Davis; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. James will lie-in-state on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the chapel with Minister Dorothy Graves as the eulogist. Burial at a later date.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **29**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

AUG **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VF

“ Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of James Oscar Graves Jr.



Vickie Fielder - August 29, 2023 at 03:32 AM

LF

“ RIP Cousin!! May the Lord comfort our family during this difficult time.

Love,
Leslie and Susan



Leslie and Susan Freeman - August 28, 2023 at 09:10 PM

DP

“ I would like to send out my deepest condolences to the entire Graves Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. James (Spookie) will be greatly missed by all that knew him. We would talk about times growing up in south Chattanooga. I went to Chattanooga Ave School and graduated Riverside.

Dolphus Phillips - August 28, 2023 at 04:52 PM

KC

“ Kathy Clark lit a candle in memory of James Oscar Graves Jr.



Kathy Clark - August 28, 2023 at 12:55 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Brown lit a candle in memory of James Oscar Graves Jr.*



Sandra Brown - August 28, 2023 at 11:41 AM

SB

R.I.P Classmate and friend.

Sandra Brown - August 28, 2023 at 11:42 AM

CJ

“ *May the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus sent to be the comforter, comfort the entire Graves family with the assurance of God's promise that those who die in Christ shall rise to life eternal at the time of the second coming of Jesus.*

(see 1 Thessalonians 4:16)

My prayers are with you all. Charles Johnson, neighbor on Northbriar Ln.

Charles Johnson - August 28, 2023 at 12:32 AM

LO

“ *Louise D O'Neal lit a candle in memory of James Oscar Graves Jr.*



Louise D O'Neal - August 25, 2023 at 07:08 PM

AO

“ *RIP*



Acquanella Whaley Ogbemudia - August 25, 2023 at 01:16 PM

AO

“ *Condolences to the Family of James (Spooky) Graves RIP from the Whaley Family Los Angeles*

Acquanella Whaley Ogbemudia - August 25, 2023 at 01:15 PM

RU

“ *James (Spooky) Graves best of friends since grade school (Chattanooga Avenue) then Orchard Knob Junior and finally Riverside High. Sincere sympathy to the Graves family. Precious memories how they linger forever my friend.
James and Rubye*



Rubye - August 25, 2023 at 08:04 AM

R1

“ *Riverside Class Of 1966 lit a candle in memory of James Oscar Graves Jr.*



Riverside Class of 1966 - August 24, 2023 at 08:12 PM

R1

The Riverside Class of 1966 sends our condolences and prayers to the Graves family.

Riverside Class of 1966 - August 24, 2023 at 08:14 PM

BJ

“ *Rest in Peace Spooky. We send our condolences to the entire family. From the Toney family*

Barbara T. Johnson - August 24, 2023 at 07:25 PM

LW

I sending my condolences to the family. We will not be in attendance on Tomorrow but our hearts and prayers will be. Rest Easy and Peacefully Cousin.

Larry Williams - August 28, 2023 at 10:29 PM

HE

“ *Praying for the entire Graves family during this difficult season of bereavement. Cherish the precious memories as you celebrate his life. God will take care of you, through every day, all of the way...ELDER HENRIETTA ERSKINE-Olivet Baptist Church* 🧡💜

Henrietta Erskine - August 23, 2023 at 11:37 AM

J'

“ *My condolences and prayers.*



Janice Sledge '71 - August 23, 2023 at 10:23 AM