



## James Otis Warner, Sr.

September 17, 1940 - June 13, 2025

James Otis Warner, Sr., 84, of Chattanooga, departed this earthly life on Friday June 13, 2025, in a local healthcare facility. He was born to the late John Henry Warner and Elsie Wiggins Bridgeforth on September 17, 1940, in Decatur, Alabama. James was one of eight children, Johnnie Perrow of Jacksonville, FL, Bobby Woodruff of Chattanooga, TN, Gene (Karen) Bridgeforth of Evans, GA, Hubert (Easther) Bridgeforth, Betty Delee, both of New Bedford, MS, and Ann Marie Porter of Decatur, AL.

After James graduated from Lakeside High School in Decatur, AL, he joined the U.S. Army and later joined the Navy. Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the military, he moved to Chattanooga where he met his wife, Aljanette Price of Anniston, Alabama. James retired from Mueller Company after 40 years of service.

James was a member of Stephen Temple C.P. Church on East Third Street, Pastor, Earnest Jefferson. He was an Elder, former church and Sunday School treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. He was also President of the Male Chorus, Senior Choir Member, former Outreach Ministry President, Transportation (Bus) Ministry, Member of the Faithful Worker's Club and former President, and Trustee of the church. James was a 33rd degree Mason of Taylor Lodge #3 and a Shriner member. He was active in his community as the Block Leader for Orchard Knob Neighborhood Watch

Association of the 2100 block of Oak Street. He was also the Chaplain Prayer Warrior for the Neighborhood Watch.

James was preceded in death by his daughters, Sylvia Warner Chubb, Janice Burleson, and Ora Price Daniels; his son, Steven R. Allen; sister, Mattie L. Monterro; and grandson, Romel Hightower of Toledo, OH.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife of 60 years, Aljanette Warner; children, James Otis Warner, Jr., Linda (Early) McCullum, Sr., both of Chattanooga, and Henry L. (Aretha) Burleson of Houston, TX; sister-in-law, Jo Ann Swanson; two brothers-in-law, Wallace (Anna Faye) Carver and John (Charlaine) Price, all of Chattanooga; grandchildren, Jerry (Ashley) Strickland, Christy Chubb (Quinton) Jones and Doris Chubb, Marsha (Larry) Penn and Marvin Davis, all of Chattanooga, Heather Hightower of Phoenix, AR, Michael Burleson of Toledo, OH, Steven Allen of Decatur, AL, Floyd Armstrong, of Detroit, MI, Jordan and Monique (Alex) Warner of Hampton, VA, James O. (Chelsia) Warner, III of Buford, GA, Dezmund Warner of Newport News, VA, Henry L. Burleson, Jr., and Martell Burleson of Dayton, OH, Brenin, Jordan, Quinton and Kendall Burleson of Houston, TX, Larry Sturdivant, Sr., Early McCullum, Jr., and Mattie McCullum all of Chattanooga; Thanks to Mr. Otis Rump, Sr., a loyal and devoted friend; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; other relatives and friends.

James will lie-in-state on Sunday, June 29, 2025, from 12:30–5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday at 12:00 noon in the chapel with Pastor Earnest Jefferson as the Eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

**DIRECTIONS FOR LIVE STREAM:** Click on the link below to view the service.

<https://view.oneromstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc1MDk0OTQxNjE2NjY2MzEmb25lcm9vbS1hZG1pbiZjb3B5X2xpams=>

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37409

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

JUN **29**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

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

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Burial

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery  
4016 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37409



# Tribute Wall

FJ

“ Frederick L. McClendon Jr lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.



Frederick L. McClendon Jr - July 19, 2025 at 09:03 PM

JL

“ Uncle James we will truly miss you . Love your niece Renai from Denver Colorado



Judy Renai Logan - July 17, 2025 at 02:59 PM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - July 11, 2025 at 08:46 PM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - July 11, 2025 at 08:46 PM

HB

Taylor Funeral Home did a great job! I believe my dad would approve. Rest easy until we meet again.

henry burleson - August 02, 2025 at 07:02 PM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - July 11, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Otis Warner, Sr..



June 27, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Otis Warner, Sr..

June 27, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family of our beloved friend James Warner . He was a kind and caring individual. He truly personified the meaning of a gentleman . The world was a nicer place with him in it. We will be greatly missed. Pastor Robin A. Ribeiro of New Bedford, Ma.

Pastor Robin A. Ribeiro - June 27, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ Our deepest and sincere condolences to Mr. Warner's family during this difficult time. May the Lord continue to strengthen and comfort each of you. Marsha we are here for you, The Penn Family

Kheisa M. Penn - June 27, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Condolences to the family.



Laretta Harrison - June 26, 2025 at 11:50 PM

DC

“ I miss you so much already Papa you were the true definition of a great husband father grandfather and so much more You were like a dad to me and always in my corner king loved him some Papa and so did I RIH Papa love you kiss momma and auntie ora for me til we meet again

Doris Chubb - June 26, 2025 at 12:17 AM

LA

“ Leona Adams lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.



Leona Adams - June 23, 2025 at 12:20 PM

LA

My condolences to the Warner family 🙏🙏❤️

Leona Adams - June 23, 2025 at 12:21 PM

LA

“ Leona Adams lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.



Leona Adams - June 23, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LA

“ Leona lit a candle for Elder James Warner

Leona Adams - June 23, 2025 at 12:04 PM

LA

*The Warner Family have my deepest condolences 🙏🙏*

**Leona Adams** - June 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM

RB

“ *Rev. Dr. Richard And Lorraine Brown lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.*



**Rev. Dr. Richard and Lorraine Brown** - June 22, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *I miss you paw paw 🥺🙏🥺🙏*



**Marsha Penn** - June 22, 2025 at 07:23 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to the family*

**Jesse McAdoo** - June 20, 2025 at 09:30 AM

LL

“ *Our condolence to each of you, may the peace of God be with you doing your time sorrow and forever more.*



**Larry and Wanda Love** - June 20, 2025 at 08:51 AM

SC

“ Stephen Temple Cumberland Presbyterian Church: Elder Earnest Jefferson-Pastor



Stephen TEMPLE CPCA - June 18, 2025 at 05:38 PM

BO

“ Bonnie lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.



Bonnie - June 18, 2025 at 04:22 PM

VE

“ Velma lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.



Velma - June 18, 2025 at 01:14 PM

LC

“ Linda C Carter lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.



Linda c Carter - June 17, 2025 at 02:08 PM

MT

“ *My sincere condolences to Aljanette and the rest of the family. Elder Warner will certainly be missed. He was truly God's child.*



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**Mother Annie Tucker** - June 17, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LW

“ *To the Family, so sorry to hear the passing of James O.*



*Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Loretta Warner and  
the Warner Families from Madison, AL*

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**Loretta Warner** - June 16, 2025 at 09:10 PM

CR

“ *Callie Ragland lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.*



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**Callie Ragland** - June 16, 2025 at 03:28 PM

CH

“ *Caris Healthcare lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.*



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**Caris Healthcare** - June 16, 2025 at 08:30 AM

AA

“ *Sorry. 4. Your. Loss. Rip. Always. From. Niece. Annemarie. Family*

Annemarie aosa - June 15, 2025 at 11:08 PM

SA

“ *Sue Anderson lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.*



Sue Anderson - June 14, 2025 at 06:44 PM

VM

“ *Valery Willis McConnell lit a candle in memory of James Otis Warner, Sr.*



Valery Willis McConnell - June 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM

TG

*Sorry for your loss may God continue bless you and give you peace*  
*Terri Glover*

Terri Glover - June 21, 2025 at 11:00 PM

NW

*Sincere sympathy ito the family of Bro. Warner. May the peace and comfort of God strengthen and sustain you at this time.*

Nettie Wright - June 26, 2025 at 04:14 PM