

Celebrating the life of

DEACON JAMES CARLTON JR

JANUARY 2, 1950 – OCTOBER 16, 2023



Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church

1501 W. Third Street

Dayton, Ohio 45402

Pastor Cory Pruitt, Officiating

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

OBITUARY

James Carlton Jr., 73 of Dayton, Ohio passed away on October 16, 2023. James Carlton Jr. was born in Dayton, Ohio on January 2, 1950 to Nellie R. and James Carlton Sr.

Growing up in Edgemont on Pontiac Street of Dayton, James enjoyed playing baseball and football with all his neighborhood friends; James attended Whitter Elementary School (grades K-8th); Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church, and Trinity Missionary Baptist Church (Baptism, age 12). James attended Dunbar High, he loved his Dunbar Wolverines, Class of '68". He retired from General Motors, Corp. after 30 years of service and dedicated 16 years with the Adult Day Care Program at Goodwill Easter Seals. James enjoyed dancing, line dancing, family, friends and playing Bid Whist and Corn Hole. Most of all, winning at it!

In 1997, James started visiting and eventually joined True Vine Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. J. J. Lillard. It was during this season that James had a new birth, he became a new creature. 2 Corinthians 5:17 states, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new". In 2001 James was ordained as a deacon at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church. James loved studying God's Word. He attended Zion Hill Theological Institute and Seminary. James was a faithful member of the Saturday morning bible study class, Sunday School class, Mobile Ministry and Board of Deacons.

In 2007, James became a member of Mount Enon Missionary Baptist Church where he continued to serve dutifully as a member of the Deacon Board and the Security Team until his failing health in February 2022.

Preceded in death by his mother, Nellie R. Carlton; father, James Carlton Sr.; brothers, Dale Lee, and Mark A. "Tony" Carlton; his son Bryant Carlton, and Special friend, Deacon Robert Turner. James Carlton Jr. is survived by his devoted wife, Gwendolyn Carlton; 4 daughters, Angela R. "Lucy" Carlton of Dayton, Marcia Buchanan of Columbus, Gina of Cleveland, and Jonae Garrett of Dayton; 1 son, Brian (Debra) Garrett of Dayton; grandchildren, Jamica Wright of Columbus and D'Andre (Samantha) Garrett of Cincinnati; 2 Brothers, Lester and Kevin Carlton of Dayton; 2 Sisters, Dr. Garnetta (Rev. Dr. Joseph) Smith of Matthews, NC and Felita R. Jordan of Dayton; 2 Special Cousins, Byron and Wilbur Sr. Rutledge, and Jerry Reece all of Dayton; Special brother and Sister, Deacon Bobby (Jeanette) Jones of Dayton; a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; Special friends, Stevie White, Bill (Julia) Henry and Ron Oddister.



ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING

PASTOR CORY PRUITT

MUSICAL PRELUDE

SOFT MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL

CLERGY AND OFFICERS

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT

PSALMS 23

NEW TESTAMENT

ST. JOHN 14:1-6

PASTOR GREGORY POOLER

DEACON WILLIAM DAMMONS

PRAYER

DR. LLOYD MARTIN

MUSICAL SELECTION

MT. ENON MALE CHORUS

RESOLUTIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHURCH MEMBER

OBITUARY READING

MS. MARY GOWDY

POEM "I AM FREE"

MS. CRYSTAL RAINEY

FAMILY THANK YOU

MS. GINA GARRETT

WORDS OF COMFORT

PLEASE, TWO MINUTES ONLY

MUSICAL SELECTION

MT. ENON MALE CHORUS

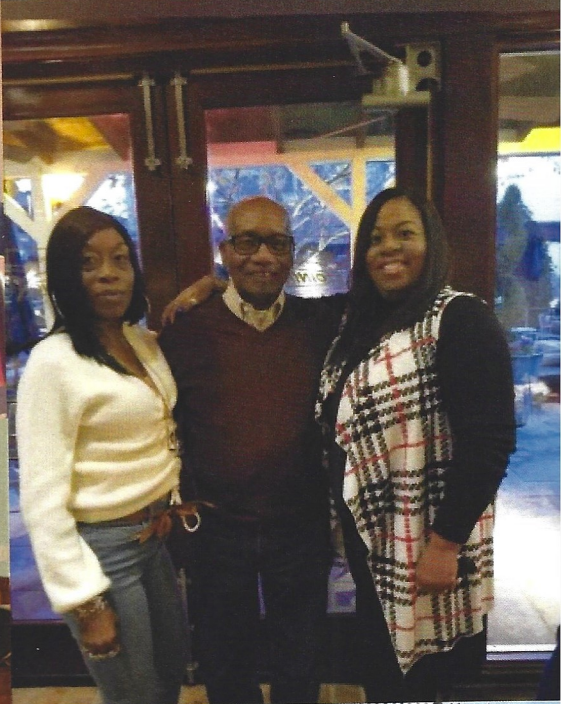
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REV. DR. JOSEPH SMITH

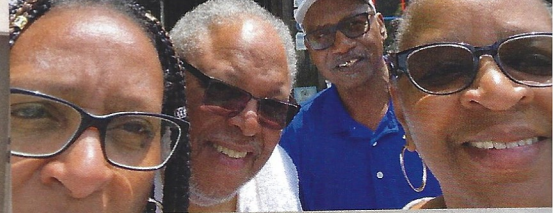
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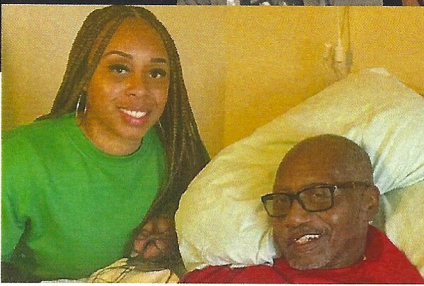
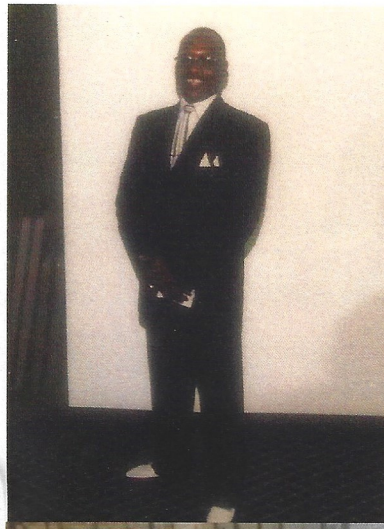
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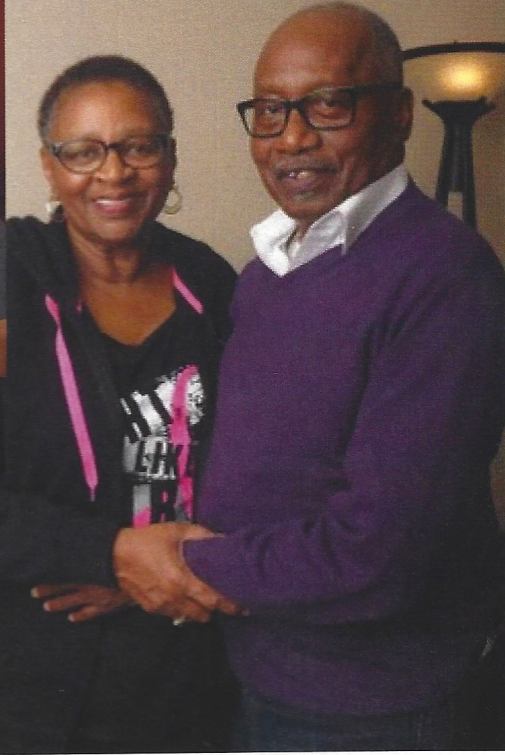
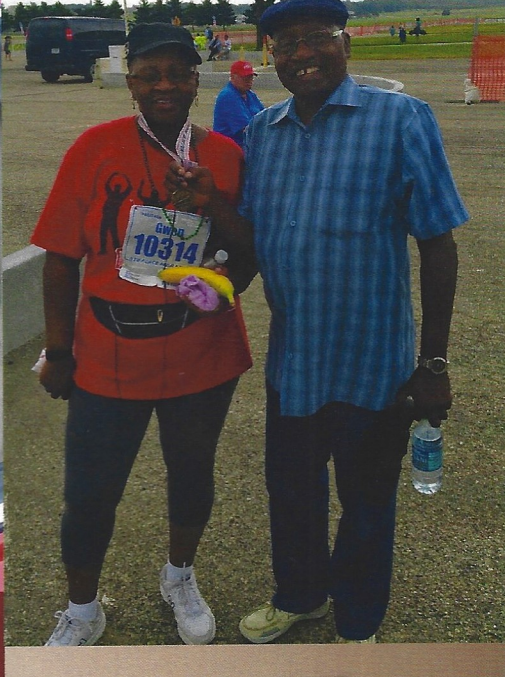
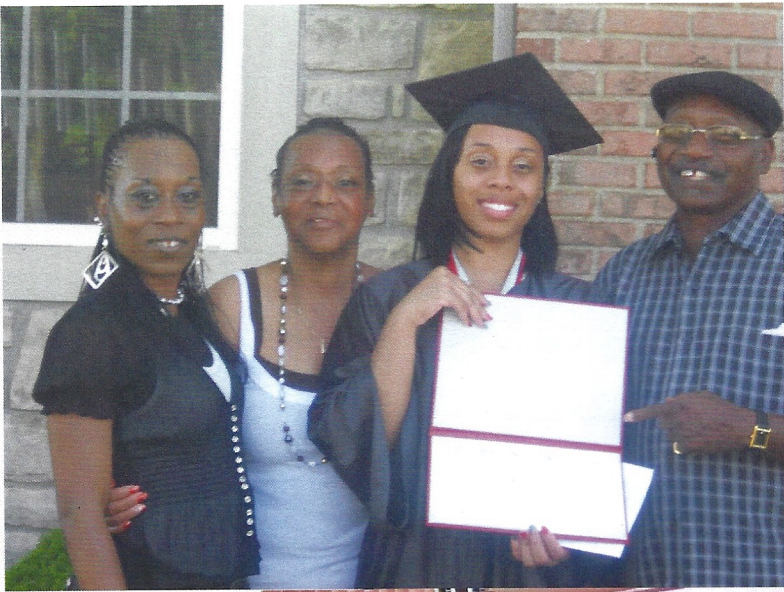
INTERMENT
WEST MEMORY GARDENS



TOGETHER. STAYS TOGETHER









A MAN OF VALOR

JAMES, A MAN WITH MANY ROLES, TITLES AND MANY NAMES.
A MAN WHO HAD MANY WORDS TO SAY.
THESE WORDS WERE SPECIAL AND HAD MEANING,
SOME WERE FUNNY, SERIOUS, AND OTHERS WERE HEALING.
HIS LOVE FOR HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY WAS BIGGER THAN HIS SMILE
HE SHARED GENEROUSLY.
JAMES WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY LOVED GOD AND LOVED ALL OF US,
HIS PHYSICAL PRESENCE BEING GONE WILL BE TOUGH!
HE HAS HIS WINGS AND IS NOW WATCHING OVER US!
JUST KNOW OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN FOREVER CHANGED,
IT'S WHERE HIS WORDS, STORIES, SMILES, LAUGHTER, AND
LOVE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN.

AUTHOR, SHERIEE D. SMITH, NIECE



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE, SUPPORT, AND PRAYERS
DIRECTED TO THEM DURING THIS TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.
YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS PROVE JUST HOW SPECIAL
JAMES WAS, NOT ONLY TO US, BUT TO EVERYONE.
MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL!



PALLBEARERS

DEACON WILLIAM DAMMONS
DEACON FERGUSON JOHNSON
MR. WILLIE JUDKINS

DEACON BOBBY JONES
DEACON MARSHAL GRAY
MR. RODNEY PERSON



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