



## James Edward Day

August 11, 1939 - April 25, 2021

James Edward “Paw-Paw” Day, of Crete, IL, age 81, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away on April 25, 2021 in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

James was born on August 11, 1939 in Godfrey, Illinois, the son of Walter James and Helen Elizabeth (Hawkins) Day.

James was an active member of Bethlehem Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Harvey, IL where he served on the Senior Usher board. James loved singing, bowling, and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Harvey Gospel Singers for over 35 years (surviving members John Mack, Alfred Burse and Jonathan Day). He enjoyed working in the garden, crossword puzzles and friendly brain challenging activities with his beautiful wife of 63 years, Claudette. James and Claudette traveled coast to coast (by car, plane, bus and train); visiting most of our 50 states and many historical sites along the way. James was a strong mentor in the community; volunteering his time and encouraging many athletes and young adults.

Preceded in death by his parents, James is survived by his wife, Claudette (Eldridge) Day, children Jonathan (Anita) Day, Twyla (Terry) Sanks, Tolana (Charles) Blackful and Tamla (Brian) Gilbert; 15 grandchildren Nina (Steve) Buford, Jonathan (Emmanuelle) Day, Terry James Sanks, William Day, Taryn Sanks, Charles Blackful III, Marc Bates II, Nykia Day, Amber Day-Bates, Tori Sanks, Nya Day, Edward Blackful, Daniel Blackful, Kaela Bates and Cameron Bates; 6 great-grandchildren; William Day, Nathaniel Buford, Bailey Day, Sienna Buford, Wesley Bates, Jonathan Day III, Yahanno Day, and a baby on the way. Delores (Richard) Hutchinson, his beloved sister, sister-in-law Joann Thompson, brother-in-law Gordon Williams and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his longtime friend, Mitchell Davis, Jr.

Services are pending at this time.

The family of James Edward Day invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

# Comments

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“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of James Edward Day.



April 30 at 07:52 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Day.



April 30 at 01:39 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edward Day.



April 29 at 04:09 PM

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April 29 at 11:11 AM



“ Always tell the stories of Paw Paw to the ones who didn't get to meet him or who met him and forgot Let his legacy, memories and smile live on through you. My prayer for strength is with the family



**Sevina Newell** - April 29 at 09:38 AM

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“ So many loving memories of Uncle Jimmy! The countless singing birthday calls! Always greeting me with a hug and kiss on the cheek! His laugh was the absolute best! And ALWAYS ALWAYS gathering us together to pray before we departed ways. One of my favorite memories was him telling me a hardcore Laker (KOBE) fan that I needed to “hang it up” bc my team would need to totally start from scratch before we'd see another championship! 😊 !!! I laughed so hard bc it was the truth that I didn't want to hear. It hurts my heart to know that he is no longer with us, but I trust that he is in total peace and walking in absolute healing. Uncle Jimmy you have left so much love and wisdom to our family. THANK YOU for just being a wonderful human being! You are loved and missed!  
-Jenny

**Jen Rose** - April 28 at 11:47 PM

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“ My Uncle Jimmy has been a big part of my life and I'm going to miss him deeply. He was more like a bonus grandpa. I'll forever be thankful that he got to be apart of my wedding by praying over the meal. He meant a lot to me and I just wanted to let him know it. I know you're going to keep watching over my granny because you were the best big brother

**Ebony Hutchinson-Hester** - April 28 at 11:40 PM