



James Tatum, Sr.

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James Edward Tatum Sr. was summoned from labor to reward on September 10, 2021. James was born on November 17, 1943, in Birmingham, Alabama - the fifth of six children born to the late Reverend Jessie Clinton Tatum and Rosie Lee Patterson Tatum. He graduated from Hooper City High School where he met the love of his life - Carolyn Allen. From this marital union, two sons were born, James II and Jerrold.

Mr. Tatum was a veteran of the United States Army, serving his country proudly in Transportation Services while obtaining the rank of Specialist E4. After thirty-six years of employment, James retired from Chattanooga's Wheland Foundry in 2001. After retirement, he enjoyed a special bond with his grandchildren.

Mr. Tatum was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-one years, Carolyn Allen Tatum; grandparents, Clive and Eliza Patterson; siblings: Clintella Tatum Harris, Ocie Tatum, Leslie Tatum Shockley, Aaron Tatum, and Clarence Tatum; mother-in-law, Irma Allen; father-in-law, Calvin Allen; nieces, Priscilla and Ruby Tatum; and nephew, Anthony Bates.

As Heaven and his wife Carolyn celebrate with praise, many loving memories will be cherished by two devoted sons: James Edward Tatum II and Jerrold Allen (Tracy) Tatum of Nashville, Tennessee; four loving grandchildren: Jasmin Alexis Tatum, James Edward Tatum III, Justin Allen Tatum, and Jaren Alexander Tatum; sister-in-law, Betty Jean Tatum; nieces: Rosie Warren, Julia Chatman, Sharon Tatum, and Valerie Tatum; nephews: Robert Sr., Aaron Jr., James, Donald, and Fred Tatum and Rodney Bates; and a host of other relatives and dear friends. The family will be present on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Reverend Robert Tatum Sr., will officiate and James Tatum II and Jerrold Tatum are the Eulogists for the Celebration Service on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.



Events

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Lie-In-State

- Monday**, September 20, 2021
- 12:50 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Celebration Of Life

- Tuesday**, September 21, 2021
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
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Cemetery Details

- Chattanooga National Cemetery**
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404





Tribute Wall

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Dorothy M Williamson lit a candle in honor of James.

September 21 at 9:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Tatum, family.

September 21 at 4:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Tatum, family.

September 20 at 10:37 AM



Darlana Toney lit a candle in honor of James.

September 16 at 11:00 AM



Janet Moore-Larkins lit a candle in honor of James.

September 15 at 10:54 AM



Zk (Bobcat) Shropshire lit a candle in honor of James.

September 15 at 5:55 AM





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Glenda Allison-Sparks lit a candle in honor of James.

September 15 at 5:47 AM



Alfreda Fletcher lit a candle in honor of James.

September 14 at 7:26 AM



Danny & Staci Moss Family lit a candle in honor of James.

September 14 at 6:22 AM



Lera Richmond lit a candle in honor of James.

September 13 at 10:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Tatum, family.

September 13 at 9:08 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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