



James Cheeks

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James Henry Cheeks, 73, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at his residence. He was born on December 17, 1949, in Swiftown, Mississippi to James McLloyd Cheeks and Dora Lee Abraham. James graduated from Hamilton High School in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968. After graduation, he attended Chattanooga City College; which merged into the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. James earned a bachelor's degree in business. He continued in his father's footsteps as a construction contractor and business owner; known for his skill and preciseness as a professional painter. James was a long time member of the World's Church of the Living God. He was preceded in death by his parents, James McLloyd Cheeks and Dora Lee Abraham; sister, Mary Cheeks; and three brothers, Walter Gibson, Verdal Gibson and Alex Fortney III. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Dorenda Marie Cheeks; three daughters, Tekita McKinney of Memphis, TN, Kisha Cheeks (Leyland) Rucker and Karmesha (Brain) Colbert, both of Chattanooga; two sons, Kevin (Patrice) Cheeks of Helena, AL and Kenneth Cheeks (Megan-fiancé) of Chattanooga; eleven grandchildren, Jasmyne, Amber, Moiya, Morris, Sydney, Meghan, Esmee, Daisy, Ava, Alvia and Alexandria; two god-grandchildren, Michelle and Maya; step-mother Lillie Ruth Cheeks of Memphis; step-father, Alex Fortney, Jr. of Memphis; eight brothers, James (Gwendolyn Joyce) Cheeks of Spotsylvania, VA, Morris Cheeks of Los Angeles, CA, Robert Cheeks of Charlotte, NC, Ricky Cheeks, Richard Cheeks, Limon Gibson, Charles Gibson, and Jack Abraham, all of Memphis; four sisters, Betty Wheeler, Joyce Mathis, Teresa Cheeks (Timothy) Wilson, and Faye Oliver, all of Memphis; two brothers-in-law, James (Deborah) Hammonds of Lebanon, TN and Claude (Lisa) Hammonds of Plano, TX; two sisters-in-law, Margie Hammonds of Huntsville, AL and Sandra Lawson of Madison, TN; a host of nieces; nephews; and cousins; other relatives and friends. The family expresses heartfelt gratitude for his caregivers, Dana Dunsmore, Erica Kelley, Ponda Gibson, Kellye



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Harrington, Johnnie Watkins, and Megan Owens-Richards. James will lie-in-state on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 12:30-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the chapel with Pastor Allan Harrington as the eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.




Events


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Lie-In-State

 **Wednesday**, September 27, 2023


 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET


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



Service

 **Thursday**, September 28, 2023

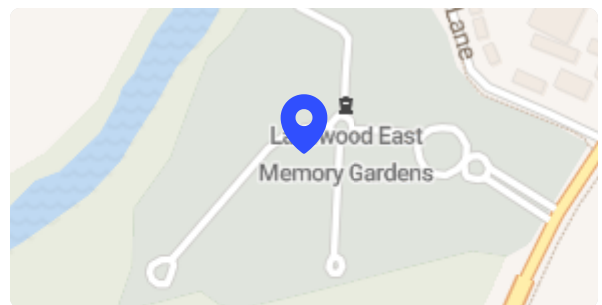
 1:00 PM ET

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



Cemetery Details

 **Lakewood Memory Gardens East**
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





Tribute Wall

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CB

Carolyn Blakemore sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

October 2 at 7:48 AM



CB

Comm.Greg And Pat Beck sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

September 28 at 3:16 PM



RP

Roger And Robin Propst sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cheeks family.

September 28 at 1:56 AM



RP

Roger And Robin Propst planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

September 28 at 1:56 AM



PG

Patricia Gray lit a candle in honor of James.

Mr. Cheeks lives on in your hearts, in your memories and will be with you always. Prayers to the family and Soror Kisha during this most difficult time.

September 27 at 10:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Cheeks family.

September 27 at 3:31 AM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Cheeks family.

September 27 at 2:50 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

September 27 at 2:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Tender Tribute to the Cheeks family.

September 26 at 6:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Cheeks family.

September 26 at 4:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Cheeks family.

September 26 at 4:16 PM



DD

Dr. Lonita Davidson lit a candle in honor of James.

Met Mr. Cheeks years ago at one of the local schools. I remember his kind and caring personality! Condolences to the family! Dr. Davidson

September 26 at 1:19 PM





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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cheeks family.

September 26 at 9:26 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

September 26 at 9:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Cheeks family.

September 26 at 9:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Cheeks family.

September 26 at 8:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cheeks family.

September 26 at 5:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cheeks family.

September 25 at 9:12 AM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



September 25 at 9:12 AM



Carline Benson lit a candle in honor of James.

Sending my sincere condolences to the Cheeks family. Carline Benson and family



September 24 at 10:03 AM



Joseph V Hofflinger posted:

Please accept my condolences on the passing of Mr Cheeks. I had the pleasure of conversing with him every time our paths crossed at the Volkswagen facility in Chattanooga. He was a great man that always shared his wisdom with me and my fellow co workers. He will be missed in this world!

September 24 at 8:50 AM



Phyllis Patten Fleming lit a candle in honor of James.

Phyllis Patten Fleming



September 23 at 11:07 AM



Nina Kitchen lit a candle in honor of James.



September 23 at 12:04 AM



Nina Kitchen September 23 at 12:13 AM

I send condolences to the Cheeks family. May you experience more peace and comfort in the days ahead. RIP Cheeks-College Classmate 🙏👤



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Teresa G McIntosh posted:

I was blessed to know the Cheeks Family for over 45 years. James, his wife and children were so kind to me. Bro. Cheeks was my brother in Christ and my friend. He will be missed. Love you my brother... see you in the clouds. Rest Well. Love ❤️

September 22 at 2:43 PM



Gracelia Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

Condolences to the Cheeks Family. I know this time is hard but I know the God you serve and His goodness. May he rest in peace.

September 22 at 11:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Cheeks family.

September 22 at 10:36 AM



Frederick L McClendon Jr lit a candle in honor of James.

September 21 at 12:21 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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