Deacon James T. Madry, Sr.

May 7, 1938 - February 21, 2023

Obituary
James Thomas Madry, Sr. was born May 7, 1938, in Prospect, Tennessee to Flint and Merlinda Madry. Both parents, five siblings: Pearline, Lifford, Theodeau, Alberta, and Rosie, and his son, James T. Madry, Jr. preceded him in death. He was converted and baptized at the age of 32 along with his son by Reverend Cleveland Buford.

He began his formal schooling at the age of 6 at Parkland Elementary in Louisville, KY. He transferred to Virginia Avenue Elementary in second grade and remained there until the completion of sixth grade. He attended Madison Junior High from seventh through ninth grade. James graduated from Central High School in 1956 where he was awarded “BEST TAILOR” in his high school!

James and Dorothy Jean Ellis were married on July 27, 1963, in Kansas City, Missouri. To this union, James T. Madry, Jr. was born in November 1964.

James was a hard worker who began working at the local grocery store at the young age of 9. From ages 10-13, he worked at a local coal and feed store. At 15 he began working as a dishwasher and room service attendant at the Perionton Apartments. At 19, he began working at “Them Nuts Peanut Company.” At age 21, he relocated to Kansas City and began working at

“Hogue Merchantile” (Frito Lay). At age 28 James began working for “Schlitz Brewing Company,” and at age 35 he began working for “Bayer Corporation” where he remained for 25 years, retiring from there in 1997. When James moved to Kansas City he was embraced as family by the following families: The Authorlees, Cameron, Ford, and Lewis.

James, along with his family, was the owner and operator of Madry’s Dash of Flavor for over twenty years. Often, he would be found in the kitchen seasoning the meats and frying the chicken. But he was best known for his amazing ribs and smoked briskets. Between Sunday dinners and catering many events, his BBQ has been tasted all over the world.

He loved music. In his spare time, James could be heard singing (sometimes a known song and other times, something he had made up on the spot.) He was an amazing singer and taught vocal lessons to many, including his son, James, Jr. He also sang with the group, the Soul Seekers.

James T. Madry, Sr. departed his earthly home on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, with his wife by his side.

Not grieving as those who have no hope, James leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Dorothy J. Madry; daughter-in-law, Alice R. Madry; grandchildren: Keyona (Mark) Jones and Deonte’ Madry, and Great-grandchildren: Chloe’ and Ava Jones. Siblings: Elizabeth (Charles) Trumbo, Ida Lou Keys, Eugene Madry, Walter J. Madry, Glenda (Larry) DeRamus, and Regina Madry. Special Nieces: Dawn “Tiny” Wells, O’Lester Wright, and Michele Ellis. Special Great Nephew: Keith (Marcia) Meriwether. Brother-in-law, Otis (Gwen) Ellis; Sister-in-law: Evon Ellis.

Special Friends: Mose Martin Authorlee, Clyde and Jethro Cameron, Benny Trent. Adopted Sister Genetter Bradley. Godchildren: Rochelle Buford, Kenny

Buford, Tiffany and Tiara Judon, Brenda J. Williams, Deborah Givhan, Earl and Jackie Cobbins, Mike Marley, and Samuel and Linda Martin. As well as a host of family and friends.

Funeral services Saturday, March 4, 2023, 11:00am at Memorial Church International. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation 9:00am-11:00am at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared our website.

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to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Deacon James T. Madry, Sr., please visit our floral store.

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A Memorial Tree was planted for Deacon James T. Madry, Sr.
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

A Memorial Tree was planted for Deacon James T. Madry, Sr. - May 25, 2023 at 10:56 AM

RC

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Deacon James T. Madry, Sr. by Rochelle Buford Conley. Plant a TreeOur Deepest Sympathies and Our Prayer's are with you and family. Love Rochelle Buford ConleyRochelle Buford Conley

Rochelle Buford Conley - May 25, 2023 at 10:56 AM

MF

May the Work he's done Speak for him! My Favorite Deacon - (as I affectionately called him) lived his life, as an Exemplary Servant of God! Always Kind, Gentle, Loving, Caring, and Pleasant to be around! He always had a Smile on his face. I never saw him angry or cross with or to anyone. He affectionately called me his Favorite Singer. Told me I reminded him of Etta James. What a Compliment to me! I will truly miss him! He fought the Good Fight of Faith, and has Finished his course. Now he gets to Rest! No more Pain or Suffering! You have Earned your Wings! I know it was hard for you to leave Momma Madry behind. We will look out for her in your Absence, while you are Present with the Lord! I Love you and I will 1/2

Mary Freeman - March 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM

CW

Praying for you and the family. God bless, Cheryl Williams. I was a member of Mt. Pleasant.

Cheryl Williams - March 05, 2023 at 03:11 PM

BC

February 25, 2023TO SIS. DOROTHY MADRY AND FAMILY OF DEA. JAMES MADRYPastor Darnell Johnson, Sr. and the Bethel Baptist Church family extend our condolences to you in your bereavement. We pray God will continue to strengthen and comfort you now and in the days, weeks and months to come. Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge the Lord, and He will direct your path." We pray you will feel the Lord's loving presence everyday as He keeps you close to His heart – assuring you of His tender care and covering you with His grace and mercy. Bethel was blessed with the Madry family in the singing units, Deacon Ministry, church school and other areas during your time with us. Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. (1st Timothy 1:2).Bethel Baptist Church FamilyRev. Darnell Johnson, Sr., PastorRev. Jimmy Woods, Jr., Co-Pastor4300 E. 18th StreetKansas City, Missouri 64127

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - February 24, 2023 at 03:44 PM