



## Dr. James Brockenbrough MD

October 8, 1946 - March 11, 2025

James Albert Brockenbrough, MD was born in Philadelphia on October 8, 1946. He was an outstanding high school student and was awarded a scholarship to Howard University in Washington, DC.

At Howard, “Brock” (as his friends called him) became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and excelled in his pre-med studies. He met and married Celia. The marriage produced two sons, Chayo and Tendaye.

In 1968, he entered the Howard University College of Medicine. After his graduation, he completed his surgery residency at the U.S. Public Hospital in San Francisco and went on to become a Fellow in Thoracic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania.

At the invitation of his classmate Dr. Ewart Brown, former Premier of Bermuda. Brock moved to Los Angeles in 1973 and opened a practice in Thoracic and Cardiovascular surgery. The practice thrived as Brock busily performed surgery at four hospitals in the Los Angeles area.

In 1998, Brock became the first Board-Certified Thoracic and Cardiovascular surgeon to open a practice in Bermuda.

When he arrived on the island there was a grave concern about the number of amputations being performed because of poor blood circulation in the legs

and feet of diabetic patients. Brock accepted the challenge to reduce the number of amputations by using a technique which restored blood flow to the extremities.

After one year there as a 30% reduction in the number of amputations performed! This meant that dozens of Bermudians had escaped the dreaded experience of losing their legs, because Brock used his special skills to serve the community.

In 2005, Brock and his wife Brenda left Bermuda and headed to her hometown of Kansas City.

There Brock continued to practice surgery and enjoy mid-western life. In 2023, he began to downsize his practice and was active until his passing on March 11, 2025.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday March 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel 1800 East Linwood Blvd. KCMO 64109. Interment: Leavenworth National Cemetery Monday March 31, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Visitation: 10-11:00 a.m. at the Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website [lawrenceajones.com](http://lawrenceajones.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 East Muncie Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lawrence A. Jones Funeral Homes & Cremation - Missouri  
1800 E Linwood Blvd  
Kansas City, MO 64109  
(816) 921-1800  
lajfc1@yahoo.com  
<https://www.lawrenceajones.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Just learned of his passing. "Brock" and I were med school classmates and he was Best Man at my wedding in 1976. RIP, my man!

Fulton Lipscomb, MD  
Citrus Heights, CA

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**Fulton Lipscomb** - July 31, 2025 at 09:51 PM

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“ A visit to Martha's Vineyard before the passing of my father in 2004 brought James and Brenda to my Dad, my sister and I made our Father very happy. It was relaxing and each night they stayed up late talking and because my Dad loved his oldest nephew so much, trusted and believed so much in him the visit was very special. I'll always be grateful they came and we had a good time. Sincerely and most appreciatively!, Deborah L Davis



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**Deborah Lee DAVIS** - March 28, 2025 at 08:44 PM

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“ Akins-Wingate Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. James Brockenbrough MD.



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**Akins-Wingate Family** - March 28, 2025 at 09:39 AM