



Mr. James Farmer

May 31, 1973 - August 26, 2022

Obituary

Mr. James Lavase Farmer was born on May 31, 1973, in Kansas City, Missouri, to WC Farmer Jr. and Cleolia Dorothy Marie Box. James is preceded in death by grandparents: Mr. Jack Farmer Sr., Mrs. Zettie Farmer, Mrs. Bennie Helen Browning and Mr. Cleotis Bobby Box.

James grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. He was educated in the Kansas City School District- attending Blenheim Elementary School and Southeast High School. James later completed and received his GED.

James attended Culinary Arts School, where he crafted his skills in culinary and the art of event décor.

James was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost during the month of August 1990, at Victorious Life Church (formerly Christ Temple Pentecostal Church) under the pastorate of Bishop Mark C. Tolbert, Sr. He remained a member of the church and continued to serve under the current pastor, District Elder Christopher Collier.

James enjoyed singing in the Golden Voices of Youth Choir, Gospel Choir and Voices of Thunder Men's Choir. The week prior to his illness, God blessed James to sing in the Victorious Life Church 84th Church Anniversary Reunion

Choir. He also enjoyed volunteering in whatever capacity he was needed. Two of his favorite areas of service were the Culinary Ministry, under the leadership of Assistant Pastor Jean Johnson and working with First Lady Emelda Tolbert, assisting with dining room décor for church events, celebrations and banquets. He was also one of the dining room servers for Bishop Mark Tolbert, First Lady Emelda Tolbert and their special guest.

James was employed at a magazine company in New York as a sales representative. He was also a driver for the company's sales team-transporting them to the various neighborhoods to acquire magazine sales. His good driving skills gained him employment as a school bus and ice cream truck driver. His most recent employment was with Kiddie Depot (KD Academy), and All Above Staffing. On occasions, he would do private catering. He was known by his clients and family to run a mean grill, preparing Bar-B-Q that was "off the chain"! His dressing and sweet potato pies were two of his favorites to prepare, and most requested by his catering customers and family.

James loved his family, the Victorious Life Church family, coming to church and singing in the various church choirs. He enjoyed sports, cooking, telling jokes and bringing joy and laughter to others. He was the life of the party at gatherings. He took pride in dressing well. He loved to wear his suits with all the accessories matching. Whether he was attending church, going to work, or just out socially, James would be coordinated from head to toe.

On August 26, 2022, Brother James Lavase Farmer, at the age of 49, transitioned into eternal life with God at the Saint Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, Missouri. He was in peace, with his loving family and friends gathered at his bedside.

James leaves to cherish his memories: his father, WC Farmer, Jr.; his mother,

Assistant Pastor Cleolia Canada (Deacon Lee-Dad); one brother, WC Farmer III (Linette); two sisters: Jacqueline Box and Channel Burgin-Mckinley all of Kansas City, Missouri; three uncles: Lee Artis Box (Selma) of Kansas City, Missouri, Gregory Farmer (Ann) of Kansas City, Missouri and Oliver Canada (Verna) of Alexandria, Louisiana; six aunts: Versie Hoskins, Ethel Maie Baynham, Deborah Toney Wilson, Karla Canada, Evangelist Betty Black, all of Kansas City, Missouri and Ruthie Elliott of Chicago, Illinois; a special and dear to his heart niece, Keela Parker of Kansas City, Missouri ; and a host of very special nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives, friends, and the Victorious Life Church family.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, September 10, 2022, 11:00am at Victorious Life Church. Visitation will be from 10am-11am at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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“ James my Son you will always be in my Heart ❤️ I miss you so very much. RIP ❤️ Your Mother

Cleo Canada - February 08, 2023 at 06:41 PM

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“ To say I'll miss you sounds so cliché but I will. Thank you for everything and I do mean everything. You've loved, guided and protected me for many years a lot of who I am I owe to you. Kiss Fu, Mother Bryant, Aunt Honeybae & Grandmommie for me and punch daddy lol. Rest well TT, your Pootaroola

DeVon H White - September 08, 2022 at 10:11 PM

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“ Sending Condolences to James family! So saddened to see that he passed away 💔😭 James would take me to the many churches he visited! I'll never forget you friend and may you RIP! LOVE YOU

Quintin - September 08, 2022 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ I can't believe my friend has transitioned and joined with the many clouds of witnesses on God's celestial shore. Take your rest James. You will be missed. I shall never forget how you would direct the choir.

Melvin Brown - September 02, 2022 at 12:56 PM

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“ Love Bro

W.C. Farmer (Dinky) - September 02, 2022 at 09:15 AM