



Herbert Lee Josey, Sr.

August 25, 1944 - September 24, 2025

In Loving Memory of Herbert Lee Josey Sr.

With deep sorrow, the family announces the passing of Herbert Lee Josey Sr., a devoted husband, beloved father and grandfather, and loyal friend. He departed this life peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and service that will long be remembered.

Early Life and Family

Herbert Lee Josey Sr. was born August 25, 1944, in Suffolk, Virginia. He lived there until the age of 12, when his family relocated to New York. In New York, Herbert met the love of his life, Mary Josey. The couple married May 5, 1962, beginning a union that would last 56 years until Mary's passing in 2018. Their marriage was marked by unwavering devotion, hard work, and the joy of raising a large family. Together, they nurtured nine children and built a home grounded in love and faith.

Career and Community Service

While living in New York, Herbert worked as a production planner for several defense companies. His dedication and reliability earned him the respect of both colleagues and friends. In 1994, Herbert and Mary returned to Suffolk, where they embarked on a new journey, dedicating themselves to serving children and families. They operated a daycare and opened their home as foster parents for nearly two decades. Through this work, they touched

countless lives and exemplified true love and service to their community.

Faith and Church Involvement

Herbert was an active and faithful member of Grove Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. He led the men's ministry and sang with both joy and strength in the church choir. His voice, first nurtured in his youth and developed further as a soul singer in the 1970s, became a lasting gift of praise and encouragement within his church family.

Legacy

Above all, Herbert will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and quiet strength. He served as a source of wisdom and guidance to his children and grandchildren. His devotion to his wife, Mary, stands as an enduring example of love and commitment. Herbert's legacy will continue through the lives he touched, the family he raised, and the community he served.

Preceded in Death

His beloved wife, Mary

His parents, George and Francis

His beloved daughter, Andrea

Survived By

His children: Herbert Jr., Kevin, Karen, Keith, Angela, Melissa, Sam, and Tyree

His grandchildren: Karen, Keith, Mary, Stephanie, Jasmine, Brandon, Jenelle, Luna, Alicia, Jeremy, Henree, Lauren, Isaiah, Jared, Felicia, Kristina, Anthony Jr, Jayson, Brianna, Angel, Kyle, Kaden, Luke, Kathryn, and Samaure.

6 great-grandchildren

His sister, Medesa

His loving, lifelong friends: Claude and Carol, and Pearl

His sister-in-law, Christal

His nephews: Lawrence, Gregory, and Kevin

A host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa M Josey - October 11, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Celebration of Herbert Josey



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 10, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 08, 2025 at 10:34 PM

CJ

“ Love you uncle may you rest in paradise

Curtis Garnett junior - October 07, 2025 at 01:02 PM

BT

“ We will always remember Brother Josey for his radiant smile that would light up the room. He and his wife, Sis Mary, were always so very kind with sweet spirits through and through. A true man of valor and the kind of guy that anyone would call a friend. Our condolences to the Josey Family.



In Christian Love,
The Taylors (Chuck, Sylvia & Charity)

B “Chuck” Taylor - October 02, 2025 at 08:04 PM

NJ

“ We will always remember Brother Herbert Josey as a good man, a faithful friend, a humble servant with a big heart. So blessed to have served with him in Men's Ministry. Forever my brother and my friend.

Nathaniel & Shirley Jackson - September 30, 2025 at 11:23 AM