



James Elam II

January 3, 1966 - January 11, 2021

His Life...

James Elam II had a heart of gold. His trademark smile was infectious. He was full of love. On Monday, January 11, 2021, “Jimmy” submitted to God’s call and peacefully transitioned to his heavenly home.

James was born to James and Sarah Elam on January 3, 1966 in Portsmouth, Virginia. James was educated in the Portsmouth public school systems. He graduated from Manor High School, where he was a standout football athlete and a member of the Mighty Marching Mustangs. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Norfolk State University. He furthered his studies at Duke University.

James possessed a strong work ethic. He persisted in always striving to do his best. He started his management career with General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) the day after he graduated from Norfolk State University. His philosophy was that the sooner he got to work, the sooner he could retire. After thirty years of work, James retired as a Regional Manager with Verizon Business.

James was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. “Groovy” was active in fraternity activities. He personified the principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

James had a strong spiritual foundation, and he was obedient to God’s word. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of eleven. He was baptized at New Bethel Baptist Church and served on the Board of Trustees.

Upon his return to the Tidewater area, he attended New Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk and Calvary Virginia Beach Church.

James aspired to live a full meaningful life. He lived his life by the Golden Rule, believing in treating others the way he wanted to be treated. Life experiences taught him the value of respect. He never showed judgement or bias towards anyone.

Along with the love of his family, James had a passion for good old toe tapping gospel music, traveling, and dancing. Highlights of his traveling include cruising and attending the BET Awards show on a few occasions. James' kind-hearted loving spirit will be missed by his mother, Sarah Elam; sister Pamela (Delano); brother Jeffrey; and nephew Dazjon. His spirit will also be missed by aunts Roszell Elam and Mattie Green (William); uncles Ernest Brighthop, Albert Elam (Cassandra), Henry Elam (Sarah), Joseph Elam; and a host of other family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Wake Service

JAN **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
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Service

JAN **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of James Elam II

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 20, 2021 at 05:46 PM

BB

My deepest condolences to the family. I pray God grants you peace in this difficult time. God bless you all.

Brian Barnes - January 21, 2021 at 01:54 PM

LS

Sincere condolences to the Elam family. Prayers for comfort and peace to all.

Lavenna Jones Swan - February 11, 2021 at 07:30 PM

SA

“ *To Pam and the Elam Family...Condolences to you and your family. I pray that God will sustain you through this season.*

Stephanie White Artis - January 21, 2021 at 07:22 PM

DC

“ So sorry for the loss of you dear brother James. Our condolences to the family. May God keep you all in perfect peace and of fond memories of your loved one.

Deardrian and Bro. James E Carver, Jr.

Deardrian Carver - January 21, 2021 at 12:51 PM

DR

“ Demeatrice S. Reed lit a candle in memory of James Elam II



Demeatrice S. Reed - January 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM

SM

“ I send my deepest condolences to Pamela my dear long time friend for the lost of her brother and Ms. Elam for the lost of her son James and to the rest of family.

Sandranette Moses

Sandranette Moses - January 21, 2021 at 11:09 AM

SW

“ My condolences to the family. James was a kind man. May He Rest in peace

Sally white - January 20, 2021 at 08:06 PM

BF

“ *Bettye F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Elam II.*



Bettye F. - January 20, 2021 at 04:50 PM

CB

“ *Many condolences to Deputy Sarah L. Elam and family on the loss of your beloved Jimmy. Sendiing prayers for your understanding and peace.*

*PC Cassandra Barnes
Mut'im Court #224
Fredericksburg, VA*

Cassandra Barnes - January 20, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to the family:*

James was a dear friend, a car-pool, laughing, traveling to work (GMAC) friend gone all to soon, BUT Will Never Be FORGOTTEN. The good times we had at work, the emails, and telephone calls are memories that I will always cherish. I know you are in good hands now James, because you are resting in the arms of the angels; and I know heaven is even more a beautiful place, because they now have you. Rest In Heaven Peacefully.

You will truly be missed

Janet Boone - January 20, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BP

*To the Elam and Lipscombe Family:
My deepest condolences to each of you at this time. Praying for your
comfort and peace in days to come. So sorry for your loss.
In Christian Love*

Beatrice Wilson Powell - January 20, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of James Elam II.



January 20, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DP

“ My deepest condolences to the Elam family. May you take comfort
in knowing that you have an angel in heaven watching over you. My
our Lord bless and comfort your family during this time of grief.

Diane Parker - January 20, 2021 at 09:01 AM

LC

“ My prayers goes out to the Elam family



Lydia Campbell - January 20, 2021 at 06:20 AM



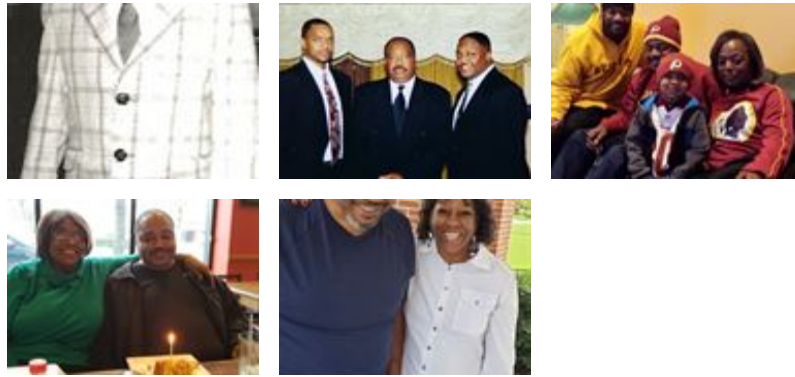
“ *Carrie Price lit a candle in memory of James Elam II*



Carrie Price - January 19, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 19, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Elam II.*



January 19, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Elam II.* ”



January 19, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Elam II.* ”



January 19, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Elam II.* ”



January 19, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *You will be deeply missed!!* ”



Natasha Graham - January 19, 2021 at 09:16 AM



Not a day passes without the pain intensifying Jimmy. Why did you leave me, I don't feel like going on in this crazy cruel world without you 💔. I will join you and dad one day, hopefully sooner than later

Jinn Dee - January 21, 2025 at 05:31 PM

AJ

“ *I send my Condolence Ms. Sarah Elam and family. I pray GOD give you peace that surpasses all understanding. Jimmy will be missed his beautiful smile and caring heart.*

Arlene Jones - January 19, 2021 at 09:12 AM

MW

“ *To the Elam Family!*

WOW! Since junior high school, our conversations always included our days on the gridiron as we humbly reminisced about him holding down that defensive end. He had a deceptive toughness that lasted a lifetime; just like "Invictus..."

Groovy was an encouraging Brother (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.) with a strong will to succeed. He is just gone too soon...and will be sorely missed.

May God richly bless you in your time of loss. Lean and depend on Him to see you through, as His grace is sufficient.

With sympathy and Fraternal Love,

*Brother Michael Williams and Family
(Spring-91, Zeta Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.)*

Michael Williams - January 19, 2021 at 08:18 AM

DV

“ *Rest in Peace and Power Good Brother!*

Derick Scott Vance - January 18, 2021 at 09:41 AM

JE

“ *Hey bro you are truly missed, everyday feels like a dream and one day I'll wake up and it will be us together again. Like dad said you've run your race and came in 1st now the baton has been passed to me, I promise to make you and dad proud. Until we meet again tell dad I love him and I'll make sure the Elam name is represented with class and respect. I love you Jimmy!!!!*

jeffrey elam - January 18, 2021 at 07:25 AM

VK

“ *My deepest condolences to Ms. Sarah, Pam and Jeff. I pray that God gives you the strength and peace to overcome this sting of DEATH. James was a great person and childhood friend. Although the sand has continued to siphon it's way through the hourglass over the years, I have fond memories of James life. Groovy as we call him was always a leader and independent in thought. My prayer is that God receives James into that undiscovered country whence no man has ever returned. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

Vincent J Knight - January 17, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Elam II.*



January 15, 2021 at 03:10 PM

DW

“ *R.I.P. James and condolences to your family*

Damon Williams - January 15, 2021 at 12:13 PM

GG

“ *My deepest condolences to the Elam family on hearing of James passing.*

Geoffrey Gordon - January 15, 2021 at 08:54 AM

HA

“ *RIP Classmate--Manor C/O 84'. Condolences to the family.*

Harroll - January 15, 2021 at 07:49 AM