



## James Vernon Stancil Jr.

October 13, 1957 - August 31, 2024

James Vernon Stancil, Jr, 66, departed this life on Saturday, August 31, 2024. He was born the 1st of 3 children on October 13, 1957 to the late James V. Stancil, Sr. and the late Louise Rowser Stancil in Demopolis, AL.

He attended Denbigh High School in Newport News, VA and graduated with his diploma in 1976. Upon graduating from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Phoenix, AZ. Following his career in the military he relocated to Chicago, IL.

James was an avid learner and advocate for higher education. While in Chicago he enrolled in several higher education programs. He attended and graduated from a local Barber school and became a Licensed Professional Barber. James also enrolled in classes at Harold Washington College and later attended and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Chicago State University in 1992. While enrolled at Chicago State University he held leadership positions as an editor and publisher for the school newspaper and as the President of the student government association.

In addition to fulfilling a rewarding career as a very skilled Licensed Professional Barber for over 30 years, James also held professional positions working for several organizations including the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and Newport News Public Schools. He also served his

community by working with the local NAACP chapter and by faithfully attending city council and schoolboard meetings. He showed his personal commitment to educational and economic development for the youth and for the overall Black community by making formal proposals to city government officials and by making his voice heard on behalf of his community.

James is preceded in death by his parents James V. Stancil, Sr. and Louise Rowser Stancil.

He leaves to cherish his memories two sons, Pierre Stancil and Malik Stancil; two sisters, Gail Burris (Robert, Jr.) and Karen Stancil Tribbey; one aunt, Elsie Rowser Thomas; two grandchildren, Laila Stancil and Cameryn Stancil; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I shall miss you my dear cousin! We had fun as kids growing up. You’ve always been a quiet person with purpose of life. You weren’t a talker, unless it was in your field of expertise! 🙄 Of all the things that I remember the most, is always seeing you with a hat on! 🤔 I wasn’t expecting you to leave us so soon. I love you and I will miss you, but God loves you best! Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus! 🙏

Silvia Sledge Armstrong - September 20, 2024 at 03:20 PM

YP

Good evening, family and friends. I want to first thank the Lord for allowing me to meet James V. Stancil, Jr. I met James at Chicago State University. He was very astute, knowledgeable, and handsome. He was a philosopher. I will truly miss him, though I know he is in a better place. RIP, my friend.

Yvette B. Pitts - April 26, 2025 at 09:05 PM

EJ

“ Mydeepestsympathyforthefamily.



Eugene Jarvis - September 14, 2024 at 07:38 PM

DG

“ Greetings,

*I am in shock of the passing of "Stan" as I have always called him. He was my barber for a number of years and I could always count on him for a professional haircut, as well as catching up on some of the local and national politics as he was very astute and knew exactly what was going on in the neighborhood.*

*Stan was very impactful on my life as he was the one to light a fire under me and challenged me to not be comfortable where I was (job wise) and to seek a better opportunity. After giving me so many resources to do my own research, and after a swift verbal "kick" in the pants, he told me to get up and do something about it. I did just that, and not too long after he stopped cutting hair, I told him I got a better position and he couldn't have been happier. I thanked him because if it wasn't for his words, I wouldn't be where I am today.*

*To his family and friends, I hope that you are comforted by God's Peace. May Allah be pleased with the life of James V. Stancil, Jr.*

ASA

*Douglas Gardner  
Warwick Lawns*

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**Douglas Gardner** - September 13, 2024 at 08:55 PM

DW

*James James James...Judy wish I knew what happened. Smh*

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**Donna Waddell** - October 13, 2024 at 11:10 PM

DW

“ To the family of James Stancil. I was very saddened by his passing we had communicated that week. We met through the NAACP State. Later coming to work for UFCW Local 400 ad a Representative in the area I was responsible for. James was very unique. A very knowledgeable person that could engage of conversation for hours. He will be missed in the community for sure.

Donna L Waddell - September 10, 2024 at 06:09 AM

RA

“ I can go back to my teen years my cousin taking me to these expensive shoe stores... his favorite was Florsheim shoes. He will be truly missed. Love you cousin ❤️🥺❤️

Renee Brooks Amicks - September 09, 2024 at 07:35 PM

VI

“ He moved back to VA after his father died to support his mother, my dear Aunt Louise. She went home in June and he followed in August. He completed his task at hand and God called his name. He lived a life of love for family and advocating for all things black! May he rest in eternal peace.

Vincent E Stokes II - September 09, 2024 at 06:22 PM

CR

“ Cousin Vernon will be remembered for his caring, helpful demeanor. Whenever I visited Cousin Louise he was always happy to show me around and he would share his knowledge of the military sites.



Carolyn Rowser-Landrum - September 09, 2024 at 05:47 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 09, 2024 at 03:57 PM

DW

Very nice picture

Donna L Waddell - September 10, 2024 at 08:28 AM

LH

James I still remember when I first met you. You were the President of SGA at Chicago State University. I walked into your office that evening after first meeting your vice presidents who sent me down to meet you for a position as a chairperson of student services which you had determined. Meanwhile, the first thing that caught my attention once I had walked into your office door was the light from the lamp that bought a beautiful smile that made me smile. I had never imagine that about one year later that another door would open that absolutely changed my life and that was the birth of our baby son Pierre. And, can still see the expression on your face when you first looked at him and the hearing the words “thank you for my son”. James you have been a good father and a friend. James thank GOD and you for our Son. Though he has grieved and was crying so much when he told me we will both depend on out faith and that is HOD is Love and though you are not here in this earthy rim you are we’re the streets of gold are clear. My dear zI told you one and all ways will I love you and GOD has paid for ever ill is healed because GOD paid the bill. Do, we know he is who holds every tear and fear for he know everything and even how we all feel. GOD IS LOVE!❤️

Lolita hagan - September 15, 2024 at 12:27 AM