



Mr. James Edwards

December 13, 1940 - April 30, 2018

James was born near Pensacola, Florida, on Friday, December 13, 1940, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwards. He had two siblings, Juanita and Daniel. He recounted that he and his family to include his grandparents moved to Valdosta, Georgia. He most often reflected on the great times he had with his brother Daniel doing “boy stuff” that would land them in hot water with their grandfather. He shared that his grandfather would say, “boys let’s take a walk down by the woods.” He said it didn’t take many trips for him at his grandfather’s invitation to realize that he and Daniel would be picking switches. So one day he asked his grandfather if he could have a talk with him to make a deal. The deal was if he could make it to his grandmother first could he be safe and not have to take that walk down by the woods. They agreed. He said that he always mapped out and figured out shortcuts in the rooms where his grandmother was just in case he and Daniel did some “boy stuff” and got caught by his grandfather. He said he always kept his loving and rescuing grandmother in his view.

During his adult life, when he moved to Pennsylvania after learning a few different trades of employment, he met his loving companion, Mamie L. Sims-Banks. James and Mamie spent approximately thirty-five plus years residing together with an enjoyable full-life until her passing on March 9, 2016.

During this time, James worked mostly with D. J. Maintenance until his retirement. He spoke very highly of D.J., his boss and friend, sharing many stories related to their fun work days always filled with something new and the

joy of meeting so many people during this time.

James also shared a respectful and trusting bond with Dr. Daniel Kambic, Affilia Home Health Care and Hospice.

James loved a good, long spring-summer's day ride to visit fresh fruit and vegetable stands from here to Wilkes-Barre, Delaware and Virginia. He also enjoyed the excitement of Hollywood Casino playing the penny machine. Most treasured of all was his Shih Tzu dog Bruce, following the passing of his beloved companion Mamie. Bruce was always by his side, dedicated and faithful until James' passing on April 30, 2018.

Along with his parents and his beloved Mamie, James was preceded in death by his son, Phillip Stephen "Junie" Banks on February 21, 2014.

The life of Mr. James Edwards will be lovingly remembered and honored by his children, Ronald Sims, April Sims, both of Steelton, PA, Myra Sims, Freeda Prunty, both of Harrisburg, PA, and Jacqueline Penn of Steelton; his grandchildren, Shaunte` Penn, Rob Penn, Tasha Guizzetti-Penn, Lacey Bennett, Keane Sims, Keona Sims, Richard Sims, Joyce Sims, Connelly Sims, Alfie Sims; his granddaughter-in-love, Samantha Gates; as well as a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

We spent time talking about the love and importance of Jesus Christ in our lives and accepting Him as our Lord and Savior.

May our beloved father, grandfather and friend rest in the saving and comforting arms of King Jesus.

Blessings! Lovingly submitted by the family of Mr. James Edwards

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

MAY 11. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ April, Freeda, Ronald, and the rest of this beautiful family, May Our heavenly Father gather unto his arms your loved one to rest peacefully in the comfort of a promised eternity. I remember James fondly and the DJ Maintenance truck parked down on Front Street when he wasn't out working and earning that hard earned buck.

It has been years since I have seen most of you and it always seems to be times such as this that we meander through life and make a long lost connection with each other again, but I want you all to know that I pray for your continued peace, comfort and joy in knowing that James, along with your mother Mamie and Junie are united in God's many mansions once more.

Loving thoughts, I remain your neighbor, childhood friend and fellow Steeltonian, John Requena.

John Requena - May 11, 2018 at 10:12 AM

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“ R.I.P. James give my beautiful Mother-In-Law a kiss for me when you get there 🙏🙏🙏



Ann Jones - May 07, 2018 at 08:34 PM