



James Melvin Mills

December 21, 1953 - July 20, 2020

James Melvin Mills, affectionately known as "Doc," son of the late Willie James Mills and the late Marie Tucker Mills, was born Monday, December 21, 1953, in Statesville, North Carolina.

James' educational accomplishments included graduation from North Iredell High School, Mitchell Community College and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Livingstone College. He was employed by Catholic Charities. As a member of DaySpring Ministries, James served with the Men's Discipleship and the Youth Ministry.

On Monday, July 20, 2020, at sixty-six years of age, James passed from labor to reward joining in eternal life his parents, one sister, Dorothy Pollard; two brothers, Arthur Tucker, Herman Tucker; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Jones and Deborah Keaton; and brother-in-law, Clinton Mills.

James leaves to cherish irreplaceable memories and honor his legacy: his wife, Cynthia D. Mills of Harrisburg, PA; two daughters, Tonja Sadler of Statesville, NC, Porscha (Anthony) Bruner of Harrisburg; one son, Brian (Jocelyn) Summers of Washington, DC; two brothers, Robert Tucker of CA, Leon (Faye) Garner of Statesville; one sister, Phyllis D. Mills of Statesville; five grandchildren, Broche` Bagley of Statesville, Aaliyah Bagley of Greensboro, NC, Christian (Alicia) Sawyers of Columbus, OH, Ashlee Bruner of GA,

Preston Bruner of Harrisburg; two great-grandchildren, Ayden and Zion Bagley; sisters-in-law, Margaret (Charles) Neal, Cora Mills, all of Statesville; brothers-in-law, Larry (Valarie) Keaton, Johnnie C. Jones, all of Statesville; host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

ON-LINE STREAMING OF SERVICE; CLICK ON THE PHOTOS & VIDEOS TAB OR MEDIA TAB (MOBILE), AND TRIBUTE WEBCAST TO VIEW.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Gardens

Harrisburg, PA

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

JUL 25. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Viewing

JUL 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of James Melvin Mills*



Wallace Funeral Directors - July 24, 2020 at 01:32 PM

KB

Thank you for allowing all of us to share in this moment. Love and prayers to my friend Diane, family and friends and the many attached to Doc. The love was always unconditional and genuine. Well done, good and faithful Servant - until the circle is closed we cherish the memories.

Kathryn Barnes - July 25, 2020 at 11:32 AM

VH

Clarence, Allen, Theran, Doc. Imagine that reunion. Diane, Anthony, Porscha and family we are praying for Peace and Comfort. I will always remember Doc and his smile regardless of what he went thru. I hear his smooth cool greeting "Whatzup Vince". I could hear that North Carolina twang.

Be Blessed Vince and Jackie Hill

Vincent Hill - July 25, 2020 at 11:47 AM

NI

Wonderful service and message. Ivthank God for allowing me to have seasons with Doc! Love ya Ms. Di and Bruners. I am in awe at how Chris grew up. PHENOMENAL!

Nickey - July 25, 2020 at 12:20 PM

ST

So blessed to be able to live stream this home going. Sending my thoughts, prayers, and love from your statesville family.

Stephanie G Tucker - July 25, 2020 at 12:29 PM

AF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Ms. Diane, Porsha, Anthony, Preston & family. May God's comfort be ever present now and in the coming days. Thank you for sharing Bro Doc's Service with us. Ms. Diane, I appreciate you and Bro Doc's prayers and encouraging words concerning my son during his leg amputation & other health issues. Even in the midst of your own struggles and challenges, you two made yourselves available for so many others. Thank you for your ministry! What a blessing to have had the opportunity to hug Bro. Doc on Sundays ~ Another Beautiful Soul indeed. Praise God for the legacy he has left behind that will continue in the years to come. May God bless and keep the family & friends in His loving arms. May you experience an abundance of wonderful memories to bless and share with others.*

Annette Fulton - July 26, 2020 at 08:42 AM

NI

“ *I am thanking God for my seasons with the family. We share holidays, birthday, church amongst other things. My prayer is that God gives you all peace, esp late in the midnight hour. A peace beyond anything imaginable.*

Nickey - July 25, 2020 at 12:22 PM

CW

“ *What a blessing to say I was a friend of this beautiful soul! Doc was able to speak volumes with only a few words. He encouraged me in hanging on in parenting my son and was able to relate through his experiences of working with troubled youth. Diane & Doc, the "dynamic duo"! God created you to complement & complete one another for His glory. I praise God for Doc's life lived well &, Diane, for the plans He has for you "post-Doc". Love you!*

Chanty Webb - July 25, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Melvin Mills.*



July 25, 2020 at 08:53 AM

WS

“ *To the family of "Doc" Mills
DOC always had words of encouragement for me and my wife, and a "smile" that lit up the room for us. He had a heart and love for our youth and his family..
He was a "fighter" and he never gave up. We will miss him.
His friend,
Willie Somerset*

willie somerset - July 25, 2020 at 08:06 AM

JO

“ *Diane, you are loved and so was your husband, James, who kept his eyes fixed on Jesus. James and you know where your help comes from, which we shared our love for Jesus every time we were together. I pray God's grace, strength and peace during your time of bereavement. Love, Joanna*

Joanna - July 24, 2020 at 11:50 PM

DW

“ *Doc was a big brother to me..I will cherish the memories of me, Doc, Theo and Moon laughing before church service...Doc shared his wisdom with me on various topics especially parenting...We shared a love for the Lakers and I will truly miss Doc*



Darrell Williams - July 24, 2020 at 11:41 PM

PA

“ *"Doc" always had a smile and a hello for me! I will remember him just like that picture, with a smile on his face and flowing from his heart! I will miss that drawl that he always had. Rest well, Doc. We WILL figure out how to go on without you because you would have wanted that.*

Paula

Paula - July 24, 2020 at 11:14 PM

AJ

“ Doc “Pop” Mills was truly an amazing man. His laughter was contagious and he loved with his whole heart. I will truly miss him calling me “baby girl” and me kissing him on his head. God gave him unique strength and he fought well. Mom, Porscha, Anthony and Preston please know you are in my prayers. I can’t thank you all enough for sharing him with the Jones family. Rest well in the arms of The Lord Pop!

Angie Jones - July 24, 2020 at 06:31 PM

BG

“ I was saddened to hear this news. James was always a fine man with a big smile. My heart goes out to you family. I pray you are able to be comforted by our Heavenly Father during this difficult time and in the days ahead.



Brenda Glenn - July 24, 2020 at 02:09 PM

GW

“ We will miss James. He was one of a kind. He always had a word that made you laugh and made you think. When him and Glenn got together it was something else.

Diane, you and the family are in our prayers. We love you guys and pray that Gods peace and comfort surrounds you.

Glenn & Pam Walker - July 24, 2020 at 12:25 PM

BS

“ May you REST in PEACE my good friend Bobby Morrison and family.

Bobby f Morrison sr - July 24, 2020 at 11:29 AM



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“ *When Theo was in the hospital after having his leg amputated James came and sat with me in the waiting room. He shared with me his experiences and reminded me that God would see us through. I will always cherish those memories. His encouraging words kept me encouraged.*

Roe Braddy

Rovenia Bradsy - July 23, 2020 at 11:44 PM



“ *My heart was heavy when I received the call, but rejoicing at the same time. Doc was truly one of a kind in so many ways and touched the lives of more than he ever knew. No matter what was going on he could always muscle up a smile. Remembering one of our conversations in the hospital, he is finally home and whole. His family is entrusted to those of us who knew him and loved him to make sure his family is loved. Praying that family, friends and all attached are wrapped in God's love and Peace.*

*Love and Prayers,
Kathy, Robbie, Katie & Alijah Barnes*

Kathryn Barnes - July 23, 2020 at 11:43 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I pray your comfort and peace as you lean on Jesus who heals the broken hearted!. You can also call on me when your heart is aching and you need to reminisce.



Joyce Simms - July 23, 2020 at 10:02 PM

KS

“ Doc was one of a kind type of guy. He always had a word for you. His leadership and his all out love of the Lord was always on display. Thank you Doc for all of the words of encouragement.

Kevin Coleman Sr - July 23, 2020 at 06:52 PM

BJ

“ James Mills (respectfully referred to as Pop by me) was an answer to prayers for me. Pop was a father figure to me filling a huge void in my life. This man exemplifies a Mighty Man of Valor that kept his eyes on God thru health adversities.

His love for his family, Pastor, church family, friends, neighbors and community was lived out each day. Pop Mills mentored me with wisdom, intelligence and humor throughout the years.

The legacy that Pop left us will live on in the many lives that he touched and will be passed down thru generations.

Brian Jones - July 23, 2020 at 05:54 PM

TW

“ I don't have a memory of Mr. Mills without a smile on his face. Even in the face of many physical challenges, he always stayed positive and had a kind word and a hug for the kids and me. While I am grateful he is in a place far more beautiful than here, he will most certainly be missed. We are sending all of you love, hugs, and prayers.

Sincerely,
Tiffany, Derek, and Layla Wall

Tiffany Wall - July 23, 2020 at 05:28 PM

BS

“ Doc was my classmate The class of 1972 at NORTH IREDELL HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED DIANE PRAYING FOR YOU AND FAMILY OUR CONDOLENCES ARE WITH YOU DURING THIS SAD AND DIFFICULT TIME WITH LOVE FROM STATESVILLE NC BARBARA SCOTT AND FAMILY

Barbara Scott - July 23, 2020 at 05:15 PM

TH

“ I will never forget the laughter! James enjoyed laughing and he made me laugh all the time. And when he needed to offer comfort and encouragement, he did with ease. Coming to church won't be the same. I enjoyed meeting up with him and the other trouble maker, as we were called. Rest in laughter and peace my friend!

Theo - July 23, 2020 at 04:03 PM

VB

“ I will always miss my brother Doc Mills, gone from here but never forgotten. I loved this man's attitude and appreciation for Life and for God. James always reminded us that no matter what was going on, it could be worse. That infectious smile, straight talk and love life always pulled you right in.

My thoughts and prayers are with Diane, Porscha, Preston, Anthony and his personal as well as the DaySpring family!



Vladimir Beaufiles - July 23, 2020 at 04:01 PM

MB

“ I will miss my Buddy, I already do. The way I made him give me my hug, he knew he wanted my hug 😊. Our Eagles-Steelers trash talk were priceless. He turned me onto one of my favorite TV show. This is just a glimpse of our fun.

Diane, Porscha, Anthony, Preston and family, I have you lifted up in prayer. I wish I was there, but you know I am there in spirit and I am just a call away. Love you all ❤️



Mary Brown - July 23, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Helen Drayton lit a candle in memory of James Melvin Mills



Helen Drayton - July 23, 2020 at 12:11 PM



To the family of James Mills you are in our prayers for peace and comfort at this time. He will be missed . Bill & Helen Drayton

Helen Drayton - July 23, 2020 at 12:15 PM



*To the family of James Mills,
May the healing gifts of time and the timeless love of God carry you gently through the loss you're feeling now.
He will be missed!
Keeping the family in prayer!*

Chambers, Garner & Steele Family (Cousin's Club)

Lashella Johnson - July 23, 2020 at 01:14 PM



*To the family of James Mills,
Thinking of you in this of loss and asking God to tenderly care for your deepest needs. With Heartfelt Sympathy*

Shelly Chambers-Johnson

Lashella Johnson - July 23, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Dear Mom Mills & Porscha,*

I am sadden to hear about the passing of Mr. James. Please know that I am praying for you and the family. Mr. James was very kind and cool. I am thankful to have met him and the times we spent together when stopping over to visit in years past. May our Heavenly Father comfort and keep you as you grieve and cherish fond memories of your beloved husband and Father. Love you both!

*With deepest sympathy,
Trina Poole*

Trina Poole - July 23, 2020 at 02:03 AM

WW

We were very sorry to hear about Doc. You have our condolences and prayers. May God continue to give you all the strength to get throu. Love you all!

The Walls family.

Wilford walls - July 24, 2020 at 09:51 AM

SM

My sincerely condolences to the family. My heart is SAD at this time. But, I know that heaven is rejoicing. to receive him!. I I remember how he used to visited every summer over Ms. DOT house on Fayette street back in the days. My brother and him had the same name JAMES MILL'S and I always remember that his birthday and my birthdays were close. My birthday Dec.20. 1953 and his birthday was Dec 21. 1953. A beautiful person that I will always remember and never forget. RIHP JAMES!❤️

Sharon Mills-Kinlow - July 24, 2020 at 01:37 PM