



Mr. James Otis King

September 26, 1945 - April 15, 2026

James Otis King, age 80, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. He entered eternal rest at PAM Specialty Hospital of Texarkana North in Texarkana, Texas.

He was born on September 26, 1945, in Magnolia, Arkansas, to the late Otis King and Ophelia Claiborne King. He was the youngest of five boys.

James graduated from Walker High School as a member of the Class of 1963. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he faithfully served for four years. After returning home, he began working as a machinist at Spencer Harris. Later in life, he dedicated many years to serving his community as a school bus driver for Walker School and Magnolia Public Schools before retiring.

James was a believer in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and united with King's Hill AME Church in Magnolia, Arkansas, many years ago. His faith was deeply personal and centered on a direct relationship with God rather than solely on attendance in a physical church building.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Ophelia King; and his brothers, Ernest (South Carolina), John "JW" (Michigan), and George (Ohio).

James leaves to cherish his memory his special love, Ruthell McCray; his children, Kerry (Ariana), Jeffery, Michael, Vincent, Stacey, and Kevin (Mary) McCray; his grandchildren, Kameron, Kamille, Kailee, Brittny, Davyance, Dashawn, Shelby, and Skylar; great grandchildren, Emory, Braylon, & Jurnee; his brother, Samuel (Pennsylvania); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly. Though he may be gone from our sight, his love, wisdom, and gentle spirit will remain with us always. His legacy lives on through his family and all those whose lives he touched

Ceremonial Cremation services with Military Honors will be held Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas at 2:30 p.m., under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Minister Dwayne Thompson, Pastor/Eulogist.

A final viewing will only be held before services begin, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., so please govern yourself accordingly.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 2:30 PM (CT)

New Zion Baptist Church
1561 Hwy 19 S.
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Kelly Gentry - April 30 at 11:46 PM

HF

“ Hazel Mask Smith Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Hazel Mask Smith Family - April 26 at 07:24 PM

DI

“ My condolences to Ruthdale and the entire family , keeping you all in prayer. Levester and Dianne Ivy

Dianne Ivy - April 25 at 06:40 PM

SM

“ Sherry Marshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Sherry marshall - April 24 at 11:36 PM

MM

“ *Praying for Comfort and Strength, Very Kind and Humble Rest In Christ*

Mildred Williams Morgan - April 24 at 10:09 PM

BD

“ *Barbara L Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King*



Barbara L Daniels - April 24 at 07:07 AM

GT

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<https://www.rlreedfuneralhome.com/obituaries/james-king-178/#!/TributeWall>

Gracie W Tucker - April 23 at 03:31 PM

GT

Thank you for your Service, James Otis King. Sending prayers, love and deepest condolences to the King Family. As you prepare to lay your loved one to rest, may it console you to know others grieve with you. May the memories you made with your loved one help you through this darkest hour and give you the peace and comfort you need in the coming days. Praying God will enclose all of you in His loving arms and give you the peace that surpasses all understanding knowing your loved one now rest from all suffering and pain and is now at peace in the arms of our Savior. Not saying good bye, but see you later. ☐ 🌟

Gracie W Tucker - April 23 at 03:42 PM

K-

“ Kathryn S Devereaux -Todd sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Kathryn S Devereaux -Todd - April 22 at 03:07 PM

JT

“ Jennifer Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Jennifer Thomas - April 22 at 11:13 AM

LT

“ Lora Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Lora Thomas - April 21 at 07:50 PM

EB

“ Eula Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Eula Brown - April 19 at 08:46 PM

GC

“ To the family I am so sorry for your loss. May GOD be with you all now and hereafter. Sending prayers of strength.



Gwen Cartrr - April 19 at 04:40 PM

MP

“ Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Mary S. Pickings - April 18 at 11:33 PM

JM

“ Joe McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Joe McIntyre - April 18 at 11:19 PM

MM

“ Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Melvin Madison - April 18 at 06:54 PM

RC

“ *Reginald Curry lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King*



Reginald Curry - April 18 at 01:27 PM

BB

“ *Condolences to the family and friends of James Otis. Rest well*



Barbie Butler-Johnson - April 18 at 10:26 AM



“ *Shavone Aubrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King*



Shavone Aubrey - April 18 at 10:19 AM

BW

“ *We are praying for the family of Brother James King. Continue to look to the Hills for strength because God will take care of you. Billy and Patricia Williams*



Billy and Patricia Williams - April 18 at 01:25 AM

FM

“ *My big brither and cousin growing up. I miss you!* ”



Faye Parker Marshall - April 17 at 09:11 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie Hardwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King* ”



Bonnie Hardwell - April 17 at 08:21 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King* ”



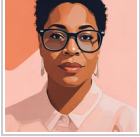
Sandra Daniels - April 17 at 05:39 PM

LT

“ *Linda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King* ”



Linda Taylor - April 17 at 05:07 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the family and to WHS friends

Janet Casey - April 17 at 12:28 PM



“ Brenda Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Brenda Hanson - April 17 at 12:10 PM



“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Otis King



Dearlean Hughes - April 17 at 10:39 AM



“ My condolences 🌸 to the family 🙏



Regina Mack-Broomfield - April 17 at 08:25 AM



“ *Ora Radford lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King*



Ora Radford - April 17 at 12:33 AM



“ *Condolence to the family and his friends*



joann whitakerr - April 16 at 09:04 PM



“ *Jennifer White lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Otis King*



Jennifer White - April 16 at 08:33 PM



King, as I always called him, will be truly missed, we were always so close growing up and we stayed that way all through life, we never missed calling each other on our Birthday. I have so many good memories that will live on. He was my cousin but we were closer than that 🙏

Leon Manning - April 17 at 04:20 AM

PP

James was my cousin but like my big brother. We spent a lot of time together back in the days. I will always remember him in my heart ❤️. You will truly be missed. Take your rest. Will see you on the other side. Your cousin for life. Trisha as you would say.

Patricia Parker - April 21 at 10:03 AM