



## Jessie James Petty

September 21, 1943 - January 17, 2023

Visitation will be Wednesday, Noon until 6 p.m. at Lee-Sykes Funeral Home of Columbus. Family will greet visitors from 5-6 p.m. Services will be held Thursday, 2 p.m. at the Trotter Convention Center. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens.

Jessie James Petty was born in Crawford, Mississippi on September 21, 1943 to Mr. Rass T. Anthony and Ms. Ethel L. "Bubba" Sharp Petty. As the second of nine children, Jessie was the oldest son who was responsible for taking care of his younger siblings and he accepted this responsibility willingly. Life was hard growing up on "The Rock" in those days but Jessie rose to the occasion. Jessie Petty married Jessie M. McGee and to that union his three children were born.

Jessie taught his children how to be independent and to "never take people for granted." He never met a stranger and was very generous with his time and resources. He was a fun, energetic, and caring person. He always had a kind word and gave everyone a chance. He was willing to help, rarely saying no and ended his conversations with "Give Everybody My Best Regards!"

The young Jessie was a hard worker and to take care of his family he worked full time at Ruth's Shop and started his janitorial business on the side working with the 3L's (Larry, Lisa, and Lenzell). Jessie later went on to start Petty's

Janitorial Service. Being the astute businessman that he was, Jessie quickly grew Petty's Services to include: Petty's Janitorial Service, Petty's Rental Property, Petty's Classic Care I, Petty's Classic Care II, Petty's Christian Childcare and Petty's Laundry Service. As an Icon and Trailblazer, Jessie was greatly respected, always presenting himself with a genuine smile.

Jessie accepted Christ at an early age and joined St. James Missionary Baptist Church where he was a lifelong member. As an Ordained Deacon, Jessie was Chairman of the Deacon Board. Jessie took his responsibility to God, his family, and his business very seriously. He was a humble but powerful leader.

Jessie was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Geraldine Anthony Marzette; brothers, Rass Tucker Anthony, William Andrew Anthony and Noah Washington Petty. Left to cherish his memory are his children: Larry L. (Hattie) Petty of Columbus MS, Lisa D. (Jimmie Jr.) Hancock of Houston TX and Lenzell A. (Mary) Petty of Atlanta GA; step-daughter, Whitney (Aaron) Young of Austin TX; sisters, Jarnita Petty Brown of Buffalo NY, Carrie Petty Givens of Long Beach CA, Earnestine (James) Montgomery of Flint MI and Betty Jean Wideman of Flint MI; brothers, Cartrey Petty of Columbus MS, James Ely (Geraldine) of Columbus MS, Willie J. (Cee Cee) Petty of Memphis TN, James Earl (Geraldine) Petty of Crawford MS, and Lee A. (Gloria) Petty of Columbus MS; 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie James Petty*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *Annie Malone sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Jessie James Petty*



**Annie Malone** - January 31, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family and friends  
may God comfort you during this difficult time*



**Linda Adams** - January 27, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Betty Harris lit a candle in memory of Jessie  
James Petty*



**Betty Harris** - January 26, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jessie James Petty.*



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January 26, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ *Lois Childs-O'Neal sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessie James Petty*



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**Lois Childs-O'Neal** - January 25, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Walter And Lois O'Neal sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessie James Petty*



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**Walter and Lois O'Neal** - January 25, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ *Yvette Rice lit a candle in memory of Jessie James Petty*



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**Yvette Rice** - January 25, 2023 at 09:40 PM

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“ PfP Industries, LLC purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Jessie James Petty.



PfP Industries, LLC - January 25, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ 203 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lee-Sykes Funeral Home - January 25, 2023 at 09:56 AM

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“ From Your Loving Family in Arkansas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jessie James Petty.



From Your Loving Family in Arkansas - January 24, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jessie James Petty.*



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January 24, 2023 at 04:14 PM



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January 24, 2023 at 03:10 PM