



Agnes Washington James

July 7, 1923 - May 20, 2025

AGNES WASHINGTON JAMES, WIFE OF THE LATE GEORGE H. JAMES TRANSITIONED PEACEFULLY AT HER RESIDENCE ON TUESDAY MORNING, May 20, 2025, IN COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA. SHE WAS THE CHERISHED AND YOUNGEST OF TWO DAUGHTER OF THE LATE WILLIE "MOSSA" AND LILA LOGAN WASHINGTON. SHE WAS BORN ON JULY 7, 1923 IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

SOON AFTER HER BIRTH, HER MOTHER LILA PASSED AWAY. AGNES AND HER SISTER CARRIE LEE WITHERSPOON WERE RAISED BY THEIR UNCLE AND AUNT PURDY AND EUNICE WASHINGTON IN SILVER, SC. SHE RECEIVED HER EARLY AND FORMAL EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CLARENDON COUNTY.

AT AN EARLY AGE SHE ACCEPTED CHRIST AND JOINED FRIENDSHIP AME CHURCH AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHOIR AND MISSIONARY MINISTRY. AFTER REACHING ADULTHOOD SHE MARRIED EDWARD FELDER ALSO OF CLARENDON COUNTY AND MOVED TO WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA WHERE SHE AND HER SISTER WERE EMPLOYED IN HOSPITALITY SERVICE WORKING AT THE CAPE FEAR HOTEL. HER HUSBAND AND BROTHER-IN-LAW JOHN WITHERSPOON WORKED IN THE WILMINGTON NC SHIPYARD. IN THE 1940'S AGNES AND HER HUSBAND EDWARD MOVED TO HARLEM, NEW YORK DURING THE GREAT MIGRATION. IN HARLEM SHE GAVE BIRTH TO PEDRO, MARTHA AND DONALD AS THE ELDER SON, EDWARD JR. WAS BORN

IN CLARENDON COUNTY. AGNES EVENTUALLY DIVORCED AND MOVED TO BROOKLYN, NY WHERE SHE MARRIED GEORGE H. JAMES ALSO FROM CLARENDON COUNTY AND GAVE BIRTH TO JEFFREY JAMES. IN BROOKLYN SHE BECAME A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF FIRST AME ZION CHURCH WHERE SHE SERVED FAITHFULLY AS A MEMBER OF THE CHOIR AND MISSIONARY MINISTRY. AFTER RETIRING FROM WORK IN BROOKLYN SHE RETURNED HOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND REJOINED FRIENDSHIP AME, HER CHILDHOOD CHURCH WHERE SHE SERVED AS MISSIONARY.

AGNES WAS BORN TO BE A MOTHER. AFTER THE DEATH OF HER ONLY DAUGHTER, MARTHA SHE RAISED HER TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS MONIQUE AND NDZINGA (TT). SHE MOVED THEM FROM BROOKLYN, NY TO COLUMBIA .SC TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION. AGNES ALSO CARED FOR AND HELPED RAISE GRANDDAUGHTERS, STEPHANIE FELDER OF BROOKLYN NY AND SHELLY GREEN OF CHARLOTTE, NC. THROUGHOUT THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES SHE OPENED HER HOME TO NIECES AND NEPHEWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS WELL AS A HOST OFFAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO CAME TO NEW YORK FOR WORK OR VISIT. SHE WAS ALSO MOTHER TO NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTHS WHO WERE FRIENDS OF HER OWN CHILDREN OFTEN FEEDING AND HOUSING THEM AND HELPING IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. UNTIL HER PASSING SHE CONTINUED TO OPEN HER HOME WITH LOVE TO OTHERS. AGNES LIVED A LIFE OF CARING FOR OTHERS BE IT GIVING FOOD AND SHELTER OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING HER LIFE HERE ON EARTH. SHE WAS RAISED BY PEOPLE WHO CARED AND HELPED EACH OTHER AND IT WAS A TRADITION PASSED ON TO HER AND SHE PASSED IT ON TO HER CHILDREN.

IN ADDITION TO HER PARENTS AND HUSBANDS, GEORGE AND EDWARD SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER CHILDREN, SONS

EDWARD, JEFFREY, PEDRO AND DAUGHTER MARTHA. IN ADDITION TO HER CHILDREN SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY, SISTER CARRIE, HER GRANDDAUGHTER MONIQUE AND GREAT GRANDSON SHELDON DEVON LIVINGSTON.

SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH PRECIOUS MEMORIES, HER SON DONALD FELDER (DENISE) AND

GRANDCHILDREN, SHELLY GREEN, JAMAL JAMES, SADE JAMES-BETHEA, NDZINGA HILLS, KRISTINA FELDER CLAUDE (ENOCH) , D.KORBIN FELDER AND GREAT, GREAT GRANDS.

Previous Events

Florial Delivery

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Public Viewing

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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1200 Fontaine Place
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A Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Friendship AME Church
6156 Furse Rd
Silver, SC 28148

Interment

JUN 1.

Friendship AME Church Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.* ”



Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family - June 01, 2025 at 01:22 AM

AH

Cousin Agnes I only meant you once you were so sweet I've heard nothing but good things about you That's why God gave you a good life because of the kindness you had in your Heart and People May you always be blessed in Heaven love you always Cousin Agnes

Annie Hardison - June 07, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Agnes Washington James.* ”



May 29, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Agnes Washington James.* ”

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JJ

“ *Much Love to Mrs Agnes and her family I've been a friend and her Bricklayer since 2010 we would talk all of the time Don thanks for introducing me to Mrs Agnes*

joe jackson - May 29, 2025 at 09:36 PM

KJ

“ *Cousin Agnes we are going to miss your physical present, but you will always live on in our HEARTS*

Kat & John - May 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM

TF

“ *The Brown Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Agnes Washington James.*



The Brown Family - May 23, 2025 at 09:29 PM

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TJ

“ *Let your will be done Lord!!!*

I am going to miss you so much Aggy J!!

Every weekend spent with you was more than just a routine—it was a blessing I'll forever hold close to my heart. You'd sit and tell me stories about you and Grandma, and through your words, made me feel closer to you both.. Like i was right there with y'all...

Tiffany J - May 23, 2025 at 10:45 AM

KF

“ *Kadrin and all of your Chroma Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Agnes Washington James.*



Kadrin and all of your Chroma Family - May 22, 2025 at 02:47 PM

GF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



Gloria Harrison Brown and Family - May 22, 2025 at 12:21 AM