



James Burnell Davis Sr.

July 7, 1932 - October 19, 2019

James Davis, Sr., affectionately known as “JB”, was born on July 7, 1932 in Borden, South Carolina to the late Richard and Mamie Davis Sr. He departed this life and entered into eternal rest on Saturday, October 19, 2019 in Sumter, South Carolina.

“JB” attended school in the Sumter County Public School District. He came to Christ at an early age. He served faithfully as a choir member and grounds keeper at Greater Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church until he was faced with health issues. As an adult, “JB” was employed at Sumter Machinery Inc. and later became the Founder and CEO of Davis Construction Inc. Along with his profession, he had a passion for the land. “JB” spent countless hours on his farm growing crops and raising livestock. “JB” was known for his sugar cane production.

In his spare time “JB” enjoyed listening to the Blues, front porch sitting, riding the country roads in his showroom ready Grand Marquis, smoking Tampa Nugget Cigars and watching Sanford and Son.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Varine “Hippie” Davis and four siblings; Richard Davis Sr., Elouise Davis Myers, Wadell “Ray” Davis and Esther Davis Myers.

He leaves to mourn six children: Arthur (Geneva) Davis, Corine (Edward) Mays, of Atlanta, GA, Earnestine (Theodore, Jr.) Portee, Naomi Mickens, James Davis Jr., Annie Mae Davis; 3 grandchildren of the home, Angieleka Davis Pendergrass, Michael Clea and Torese Davis; 22 grandchildren, 15

great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Greater Mt Pisgah Missionary Bapt.Church Cemetery

1015 Dinkins Mill Rd
Rembert, SC 29128

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **24.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Funeral Service

OCT **25.** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Greater Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
515 North Main St.
Sumter, , SC 29150

Tribute Wall



“ *James Burnell Davis Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Angieleka Davis-Pendergrass lit a candle in memory of James Burnell Davis Sr.*



Angieleka Davis-Pendergrass - October 23, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Burnell Davis Sr. .*



October 23, 2019 at 09:51 PM



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October 23, 2019 at 07:11 PM