



## Thurmond Lee Jamison

January 7, 1935 - August 31, 2017

Mr Thurmond Lee Jamsion was born January 7, 1935, in Norway, SC. He was the son of the late Dan James and Mattie Jamison. He departed this life on Thursday, August 31, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Thurmond was educated in the public schools of Norway, SC. He was a dedicated, hard worker who enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved looking sharp from head to toe and had a no-nonsense by loving personality, one that set high standards for his children. A lover of all kinds of cars, Thurmond was the family "Fix It Man" and mechanic. He also enjoyed fishing, watching football, Monday night wrestling, and Friday fish fry nights with his wife of 62 years. Thurmond also served as a Mason with the Masonic Temple.

Thurmond retire on June 30, 1992, after 39 years of state service. He began as a nurse's assistant in November 1953 at the State Mental Hospital until 1971 when he became a custodian with General Services. In November 1976, Thurmond left General Services to move to the Board of Health after its relocation from the Wade Hampton and Calhoun Buildings downtown to the Sims/Aycock Building. His tenure with the agency began as a Postal Clerk in the Bureau of Business Management where his duties included: working with forms and office supplies; delivering mail between State Park and the post office. Thurmond was later reclassified as a Supply Specialist I when the Merit

System renamed the positions. He progressed to Supply Specialist II over his last seven years of service. Thurmond under 3 Commissioners at DHEC; his most memorable moment occurred during the 1975 Columbia snowstorm. He and Tony Ellis (then Director of Business Management) were the only ones to show up for work. Thurmond recalls the two of them getting in the old "Blue Goose" (DHEC's old blue pick-up truck) and going to pick up the mail from the post office. Thurmond was one of the unsung heroes of the agency; he made a positive contribution to the image of DHEC.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Anthony Stroman (Mua).

Those left to cherish precious memories are his bride of 62 years Gussie Mae Jamison; 3 sons: Thurmond "Squeaky" (Sheryl) Jamison, Derrick (Janie) Pringle, and Ronney Jamison, all of Columbia; 4 daughters: Jacqueline Jamison, Sherry Renee Ford, Wanda (Rodney) Lewis, and Alethia "Scooter" (Adrian) Clifton-Glover, all of Columbia; 5 grandchildren: Quinton (Cassandra) Stroman, Shaun C.A. Ford, Micah Jamison, Matthew Jamison, and Whitney Lewis; 2 great-grandchildren: Aubree Stroman and AJ Stroman; 4 brothers: Henry Lee James, Arthur James, Dan James, Jr., and Murray James; 1 sister, Reatha Bell Felton; 7 brothers-in-law: Edward Clifton, Furman (Edna) Clifton, Henry (Rena) Clifton, Herman Clifton, Robbie Lee (Brenda) Clifton, James Clifton, and Robert Allan (Pat) Clifton; 2 sisters-in-law: Patty Clifton-Ackerman and Betty (Perry) Smith; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

149 Baptist Church Road  
Norway, SC 29113

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

SEP 3. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Grove Baptist Church  
149 Baptist Church Road  
Norway, SC 29113

## **Celebration of Life**

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SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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## **Graveside service**

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SEP 5. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thurmond Lee Jamison*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *condolences to the family....R.I.P. MR JAMISON YOU DESERVE YOUR REST..THE FAMILY NEEDED YOU BUT GOD KNEW YOU NEEDED THE REST. THE GADSON FAMILY*

**ELAINE** - September 05, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ *Mr. Jamison was truly the FIRST African American man that I saw (or at least remember) who was a dedicated and loyal family man. While Tom Joyner may have been the hardest working DJ, Mr. Jamison was the hardest working man in Columbia! He worked from sun up to sun down to ensure that his family was well provided for. Mr. Jamison wasn't a man of many words, but his love for his family was revealed through his actions. Mr. Jamison never forgot his children's birthday and he always brought home a birthday cake for each of them until they were in their early twenties. This was long before cellular phones or other electronic reminders. Mr. Jamison was a quiet man, but woe to anyone that crossed him or his family! The world has lost a wonderful example of a real family man! Job well done Christian soldier-well done! To Mrs. Gussie and the entire Jamison family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of mourning. May God bless you and give you peace.*

*Love you all,*

*Kali or Katie (as Mr. Jamison would say)*

**Kali McCloud** - September 03, 2017 at 12:41 PM