



James Evan Bennett Sr.

January 13, 1955 - February 13, 2015

James Evan “Jimmy” Bennett was born January 13, 1955 in Cheraw, South Carolina. He is the proud son of the late Frank and Lila Bennett. At an early age Jimmy went down to the “moaning bench” at White Creek Baptist Church in Wallace, South Carolina and confessed his life to Christ. He was baptized and joined the White Creek Baptist Church where he sang on the choir and later became a Trustee. Jimmy continued his spiritual walk with Christ everyday of his life through serving God, his family, friends and often those he did not know.

Jimmy attended Kollock Elementary School and graduated from Wallace High School where he was an all around student and athlete. Jimmy persevered in athletics winning the highest athletic title of “Mr. Bearcat” while playing Football and Basketball at Wallace High School. He went on to attend Clinton College in Rock Hill, South Carolina where he was selected to recite Dr. Martin Luther King’s, I Have a Dream Speech and met the love of his life Joeratta Vanlue. Jimmy later transferred

to Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia where he again joined the football team and pursued his love for the game. Jimmy is the fourth of six siblings who will dearly miss his "full of life", "caring", "cheerful" and "taking care of his family and friends first" SPIRIT.

Jimmy and Joeratta were joined in holy matrimony on October 5, 1985. From that union came two children and later five grandchildren. He joined his beloved wife in Washington, DC where he continued to serve the Lord at Corinthian Baptist Church. Shortly after, Jimmy was hired by The National Wildlife Federation, in Vienna, VA in October 1986 where he was employed for 28 years. After 20 years residing in Washington, DC, Jimmy and Joeratta purchased a home and relocated to Virginia. As he continued his spiritual walk with Christ, he became a Deacon at New Birth Community Church of Manassas, VA where he remained a faithful member until his departure. Jimmy was preceded in death by his loving parents Frank and Lila Bennett and leaves to mourn his loving wife, Joeratta Bennett, two children; Natasha Yvette Washington (Dwayne), Frederick, MD and James Evan Bennett II (Manassas, VA); five grandchildren, Charles Edward Washington, Imane Monaye Washington, Natalie Joanne Washington, Malachai Samuel Washington, and Duane Christopher James Washington; and five siblings, Patricia Ann Harrington (Ernest), Hillside, NJ, John Frank Bennett

(Vera), Wallace, SC, Laura Jean Myers (Michael), Bronx, NY, Hazel Bennett, and Calvin Leroy Bennett; two sisters-in-law, Maryann Campbell (Landover, MD), Michelle Hardin (San Bernardino, CA); and two brothers-in-law, James Vanlue (Washington, DC), and Charles Vanlue (Fredericksburg, VA). He also leaves behind a host of aunts and uncles, who loved him dearly, Lenora Pegues (Wallace, SC), Adam Harrington (Sallie), Wallace, SC, Ethel Boomer (Brooklyn, NY), Lafay Keith (Currie, NC), Horace Harrington, Jr (Brooklyn, NY), Robert Lee Harrington (Pearline), Orangeburg, SC. Jimmy was well loved by all who knew him and he leaves an abundance of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be missed immensely.

The family has accommodations to serve traveling friends & family at
Days Inn Lanham
9023 Annapolis Road
Lanham, MD 20706
(301) 459-6600

A block of rooms have been reserved for the Bennett Family. Please reference Joeratta Bennett or The Bennett Family.

Arrangements by Johnson and Jenkins Funeral Home, Inc..

Cemetery Details

Washington National Cemetery

4101 Suitland Rd
Suitland, MD 20746
(301) 568-5250

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Corinthian Baptist Church
6705 Good Luck Rd
Lanham, MD 20746
(301) 474-4761

Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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6705 Good Luck Rd
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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Love You Honey

To my husband, my honey, my sweetheart and best friend. I thank god for my life with you I thank him for creating a beautiful man like you especially for me. I'm so proud and grateful to say I've shared 40 years with you. Thank you for your never ending, unconditional love; your passion for your family; your compassion for me. You are my shield my protector, my other half my backbone, my rib. Forever my Prince charming. You had my heart since our eyes first met. I am grateful for our beautiful creations; our children and grandchildren Tasha and Jay; Charles, imane, Natalie, Malachai, and Duane. You have showered me with enough love to last a lifetime. Honey, you will forever and always be my confident, my joy, my strength, my true love forever. Thank you for sticking by my side. Through the thick and thin, good times, bad times, the happy and sad times. We have been through it all together and with the family we have built you assure me that I will not go through the rest of this alone. You will be right beside me still. To my heart, my love, my king, I will miss you. You will remain forever in our hearts till we meet again. I Love you honey now and always.



Joeratta - February 23, 2015 at 03:06 PM

JO

“ 4 files added to the album Jimmy with Family and Friends



jo - February 22, 2015 at 09:36 AM

CM

“ Miss Jo & family I send my sincerest condolences and prayers that the Lord may keep you. You've suffered a great loss, but trust in the Lord & lean not to your understanding, the Lord makes no mistakes and will surely provide you the comfort you need. Cling to one another during this time. Miss Jo if ever you need anything and I can help please call!

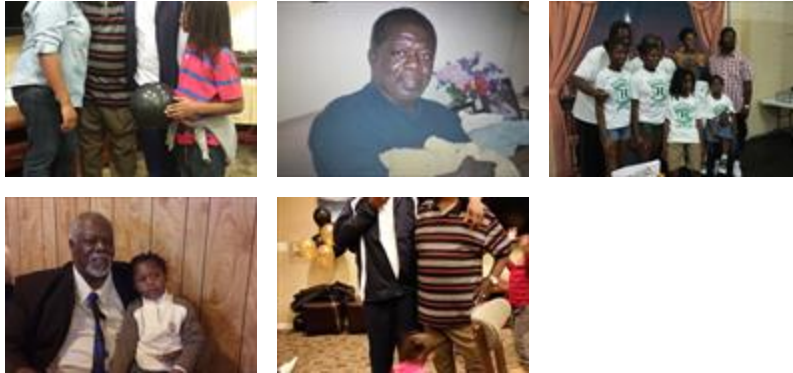
Corine M. Martin

US Airways Express Co-worker

Corine M. Martin - February 20, 2015 at 07:04 AM

JO

“ 24 files added to the album *Jimmy with Family and Friends*



Joeratta - February 19, 2015 at 04:03 AM

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“ *Stephanie Hubbard (Parsons) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Evan Bennett Sr..*



Stephanie Hubbard (Parsons) - February 18, 2015 at 08:35 AM

RW

“ *Ronnie and Nancy Williams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Evan Bennett Sr..*



Ronnie and Nancy Williams - February 17, 2015 at 11:29 PM

DE

“ To Joeretta and family my heartfelt sympathy. He was a nice coworker and friend and will be truly missed. Just know that I am keeping you and your family in prayer



Deborah Elliott
Tony Coates-Leesburg, Va

Deborah Elliott - February 17, 2015 at 12:12 PM

CE

“ Columbia Airport Employees purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Evan Bennett Sr..



Columbia Airport Employees - February 17, 2015 at 11:43 AM

RC

“ Richland-Lexington Airport Commission purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Evan Bennett Sr..



Richland-Lexington Airport Commission - February 17, 2015 at 11:40 AM

MH

“ To my family,
Words cannot express the sympathy I feel today. James (Jimmy)
and I go all the way back to high school when we used to play
basketball for the Wallace Bearcats and softball for the "Hustlers".
We shared many fun and fond memories together. So as you go
through this difficult time, know that you are in our thoughts and
prayers. I love you Jeretta, Tosha, Jay and the grands.

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Cousin Genese Harrington and Family*

Marilyn Harrington - February 16, 2015 at 05:55 PM