



JAMES HOUSTON JR.

August 22, 1919 - March 29, 2017

James Houston Jr., 97, of Pembroke Township, IL, died Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Presence Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home in Bourbonnais, IL. Visitation will be Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 10:00 A.M. until time of funeral services at 11:00 A.M. at Lax Mortuary. Reverend Louis Barnes will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the family.

James Houston Jr was born August 22, 1919 in Duncan, Mississippi to James Houston and Mary Williams. He was baptized at a young age and was a member of St. Anne Woods Chapel. He worked as a janitor at Manteno State Hospital for 25 years and was a passenger driver for Thresholds for 10 years.

Mr. Houston enjoyed hunting, playing cards and was a pool shark who won many trophies over the years. He was a jack-of-all trades, master of none, and a great outdoorsman. Other favorite pastimes were horse racing, auctions, rodeos, church picnics, parades and many other community events. He also enjoyed basketball and baseball. He loved to dress well. An outgoing person, he relished time spent with family, friends and associates.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Fred (Bernetta) Houston Sr. of Chicago, IL, Nona Winston, Jeffery Winston, Louise Winston, Rietha Winston, Lashawn Winston, Freddie Winston, Jermaine (Diana) Grundy Sr. of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Terenee Grundy of Kankakee, IL, Demond Grundy of

Kankakee, IL, Roxie Branch of Pembroke Township, IL, Sheldon Grundy, Tametta Grundy and Lanre Branch, all of Kankakee, IL; 15 plus other children; 50 plus grandchildren, 75 plus great-grandchildren; 25 plus great-great-grandchildren; 10 plus great-great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, Godchildren, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, friends and a host of associates; three special friends, Johnny Bender, Nelson White and Mr. Levi.

He was preceded in death by several of his children and their mothers; one grandson, Jermaine Everette Grundy II; the mothers of his children, Rosie Lee Moss, Carol Thompson, Dorthy Jean Grundy and Bobbie Jean Branch; a very special brother-in-law, Kenneth Green; aunts and uncles and several friends that he held close to his heart and they are now at rest with him.

Tribute Wall

VG

“ *My Deepest Sympathy. May God comfort and keep your family.*

Velma Green - April 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *To all the Grundys and family you have my prayers and love during this time. Dad or Granddad as i called him was one awesome man. I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the services.*

Jennifer Love Stephen LaVoie - April 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the LORD for ever. May Big Daddy's legend continue, love, forgive, retain peace and joy....*

Bishop Houston - April 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. May GOD be with you all during this time.*

Sneed - April 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Our condolences to the family. May he rest in peace.*

Sneed Family - April 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *You were a very caring and loved man. You are greatly missed. R.I.H Love always Cara children and Mr. Morgan*

cara hedgecock - April 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *You will be truly missed.* ”

Mary Ann Gaddy - April 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM