

JAMES ROBERTS



James Roberts, 89, passed away peacefully January 1 after a brief hospital stay in Jacksonville. He was born on March 13, 1928 in Nassau County to Ernest Roberts and Christine Inez Jordan.

He attended school in Nassau County. James worked in the pulpwood industry and the Fruit Grove Railroad Company (CSX) for 35 years until he retired in 1993. James enjoyed being involved with his church, New Bethel A.M.E. (Pastor Marva Mitchell), as he served on the deacon board and was a member of the Board of Trustees. He also relished singing in the Men's Chorus. James enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling, and fellowshiping with neighbors, family and friends. James loved all types of music, animals, and food, especially his sweets. James was loved by many.

James is survived by his children Betty Roberts, Irvin Roberts, Terry (Spencer III) Sylvester, William Roberts, Patrick Roberts, Craig (Gloria) Roberts, Eric Roberts and Tiffany Roberts; siblings Joseph, Maybelle McGriff, Ernestine (Lee Frank) Taylor, Alice McWhite, Eloise Jones and Donnie (Jonnie "Shane") Roberts; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild London; and many cousins, nephews, nieces, family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents; wives Mary-Lou Branch Jones and Vera Morgan; son Larry James Roberts; his brothers Raymond and Samuel Roberts; a sister Charlotte Young; and his special nephew Bishop Sherman Roberts.

Special thanks to: Aging True in Home Senior Care of Northeast Florida; Spencer's Florist; Pastor Byron Ramseur, host Pastor at True Believer's Church of God by Faith; Callahan Men's Chorus; the Bethel A.M.E. Family; and Bishop Eddie Lawrence for such a blessed message.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, January 6 at True Believers Church of God by Faith, 45083 White Road in Callahan.

We are sincerely humbled by the expressions of love and acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, food and cards were all a source of comfort and encouragement to each one of us. May God's greatest blessings be with each of you as you share in our sorrow.