



## Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman

February 29, 1928 - November 22, 2018

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother peacefully went home to be with the Lord surrounded in love with his wife and family by his side on Thursday, November 22, 2018. He was blessed, "Four score and 10" (90 years old), born February 29, 1928 in Newton, Mississippi the second child of the late Murphy and Maebell (Boose) Chapman.

James, affectionately known as "Brother" was baptized at the age of 13 by Reverend McArroy at Little Rock Baptist Church in Newton, MS. He graduated from Newton Vocational High School and shortly after, "Brother" moved to Saginaw, MI where he met and later married the love of his life, Beatrice Mason. James retired in 1981 with 30 years of dedicated service from Chevrolet Manufacturing, General Motors and was a member of UAW Local #467.

James was also known as "Sapphire" and sometimes, the "Friendly Lucky Heart Man." He sold cosmetics and hair products for many of the black families in the community. "Sapphire" enjoyed a challenging game of poker. He also enjoyed football, basketball, gardening, traveling, hunting, renovating his income property and he believed in God's plan -The Family. He loved being surrounded by family and friends.

His memory will be cherish by his loving and devoted wife of 68 years,

Beatrice Chapman, Saginaw, MI and their six children, Emma Jean Wilson, Harrisburg, PA, Thelma Yvonne Jackson, James Chapman, Jr. (Erma), Fort Wayne, IN, Charles Frederick Chapman, Saginaw, MI, Jerry Darnell Chapman (Rosie), Rowlett, TX and Darlene Elaine Chapman, Saginaw, MI; 24 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Willie Walter Sherman, Saginaw, MI; four sisters, Zinnie Lee Windham, Wydessa Chapman, Jessie (Hardy) Jones, Elizabeth (Joseph) Watson; five sisters-in-law, Leola Chapman, Mary Chapman, Betty Chapman, Mary Helen Chapman and Bernice (William) Dixs and his beloved pet, Midnight Smokey Chapman.

James was proud of his family legacy and was preceded in death by, his parents, Murphy and Maebell Chapman; one grandson, Lavell Demario Jackson; five brothers, Zemon Chapman, Andrew Chapman, Murphy Chapman, Jr. Howard Chapman and Willie Chapman; three sisters, Mary Chapman, Lillie Hunter, Minnie Mae Johnson; sister-in-law, Josie Sherman; brother-in-law, Walter Windham, a host of many, many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018 at World Outreach Campus, 2405 Bay Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48602, Dr. Hurley J. Coleman, Jr., Host Pastor. Dr. Tellis Chapman will officiate with interment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, 950 N. Center Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - December 05, 2018 at 01:20 PM

PJ

*Thank you! for sharing Nook this was very nice... The songs are my favorite.  
He is now Rip  
And thanks so much*

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**Priscilla Jackson** - December 07, 2018 at 06:23 PM

SP

“ *I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the Chapman Family. You are in my prayers! Perkins Family*

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**Shelia P Perkins** - December 28, 2018 at 11:26 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Moore-Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Brenda Moore-Gibbs** - December 03, 2018 at 07:42 PM

RE

“ Ronnie Ezell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Ronnie Ezell - December 02, 2018 at 08:01 PM

RM

“ In memory of Brother Sapphire, have I lit a candle! May GOD'S BLESSINGS forever be upon the entire Family, during your bereavement! Rev Robert d Jones



Rev Robert d Jones. Detroit mi - December 02, 2018 at 06:52 PM

DJ

“ My Condolences to Chapman Family.



Doris Jackson - December 02, 2018 at 03:01 PM

DO

“ Family my heart is heavy with grief. My mind say one thing but my body say something else. If I could I would be there with you. Rest assured I'm with you in spirit. Love you all. Doris

Doris - December 02, 2018 at 01:52 PM

DO

*RIH uncle. Loving you always...*

**Doris** - December 02, 2018 at 02:55 PM

PC

“ *Priscilla Riley Craig lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Priscilla Riley Craig** - December 02, 2018 at 12:48 PM

PC

“ *Priscilla Riley Crig lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Priscilla Riley Crig** - December 02, 2018 at 12:47 PM

CS

“ *Crystal Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Crystal Simmons** - December 01, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ *I'm miss you so much pa. Love you og*



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**Aaron Latimer** - December 01, 2018 at 04:33 PM

WC

“ *Willie & Georgette Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Willie & Georgette Chapman** - December 01, 2018 at 03:32 PM

DH

“ *Dawn Ann Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Dawn Ann Hughey** - December 01, 2018 at 02:05 AM

TC

“ *The Chapman's-  
Johnnie, Mattie, Cynthia, Mary, Glenda purchased  
the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of  
Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman.*



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**The Chapman's-Johnnie, Mattie, Cynthia, Mary, Glenda** -  
December 01, 2018 at 12:24 AM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences to Aj and your love ones. Love grand dad Jay & grandmother Angel💕



Jerome & Angel Coakley - November 30, 2018 at 09:00 PM

SR

“ I know you will always be our Angel watching over us and I love and 🥺 miss you always.



Sheena and Anthony Rolon - November 30, 2018 at 03:16 PM

MH

“ Mary Hannibal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Mary Hannibal - November 30, 2018 at 03:14 AM

WW

“ Willie Mae Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Willie Mae Washington - November 30, 2018 at 01:16 AM

WW

*Uncle you will truly be missed*

**Willie Mae Washington** - November 30, 2018 at 12:18 AM

BC

“ *Bianca Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Bianca chapman** - November 29, 2018 at 06:54 PM

LT

“ *Lesia Jackson Turnage lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Lesia Jackson Turnage** - November 29, 2018 at 01:28 PM

SW

“ *STEPHANIE WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**STEPHANIE WASHINGTON** - November 29, 2018 at 01:10 PM

CH

“ *Uncle James you will be truly be missed,  
Cassandra (Henry) Goff & family*



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**Cassandra Henry** - November 29, 2018 at 12:27 PM

MF

“ *Margaret & Robert Moore Family lit a candle  
in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire"  
Chapman*



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**Margaret & Robert Moore Family** - November 29, 2018 at 11:21 AM

KF

“ *Kennth and Patricia Fuller, our condolences to the family.*

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**Kenneth Fuller** - November 29, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ To Mrs. Bea and entire Chapman Family:

*I want to let you all know that Mr. James is a gentleman who I will never forget. Growing up on Johnson street and the memories that we all have shared from the neighborhood comes to my memory when ever I see or hear from any of you.*

*I pray you all strength as you endure the days ahead and I know that Mr. James is with our Father in Heaven reaping his rewards.*

*May God continue to keep you all in his loving care.*

*Humbly Submitted,  
Sylvia George - Former Neighbor  
and Family*



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**Sylvia George** - November 29, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ Christopher McClain Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



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**Christopher McClain Sr.** - November 29, 2018 at 03:11 AM



“ Love you Uncle James!

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**Fred and Marie Chapman** - November 28, 2018 at 08:22 PM

FC

“ Love you Uncle James.



Fred (Marie) Chapman - November 28, 2018 at 08:13 PM

FD

“ Freddie & Dot purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman.



Freddie & Dot - November 28, 2018 at 07:38 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Yvonne Sanders - November 28, 2018 at 05:03 PM

TF

“ THE MOTEN FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



THE MOTEN FAMILY - November 28, 2018 at 04:22 PM

BJ

“ *Rest in Heaven. Brenda Jones*



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**Brenda Jones** - November 28, 2018 at 03:39 PM

TF

“ *The Land Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**The Land Family** - November 28, 2018 at 10:12 AM

AG

“ *Ann Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Ann Gamble** - November 28, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *Nedra Ann RileyWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Nedra Ann RileyWilliams** - November 28, 2018 at 09:05 AM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Yvonne Corley - November 27, 2018 at 11:42 PM

OF

“ ONEAL AND BURNEY FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



ONEAL AND BURNEY FAMILY - November 27, 2018 at 09:14 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Carolyn Washington - November 27, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ A Great Man Whom I Loved Dearly Rest Easy Pops U Will Be Truly Truly Missed

Monee Ruffin - November 27, 2018 at 07:48 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin.& Roy Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Larry Martin.& Roy Martin** - November 27, 2018 at 04:44 PM

PM

“ *Pharrington Maxey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Pharrington Maxey** - November 27, 2018 at 02:31 PM

FC

“ *Freddie And Lois Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Freddie and Lois Chapman** - November 27, 2018 at 01:29 PM

JC

“ *I Love you grandad life won't be the same without you. We gone miss you.*

*Juwan Chapman  
Juwan Chapman Jr.*

**Juwan Chapman** - November 27, 2018 at 12:37 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Cooper And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Cheryl Cooper and Family - November 27, 2018 at 03:41 AM

CF

“ Cheryl Cooper Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Cheryl Cooper Family - November 27, 2018 at 03:39 AM

VH

“ Victor, Robin And Braxton Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Victor, Robin and Braxton Hunter - November 26, 2018 at 08:06 PM

VH

“ Victor, Robin And Braxton Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Victor, Robin and Braxton Hunter - November 26, 2018 at 08:05 PM

RB

“ *Robin McClain And Braxton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



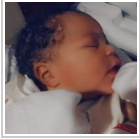
Robin McClain and Braxton - November 26, 2018 at 07:07 PM

TF

“ *Our prayers are with the Chapman family during this difficult time. Stay strong, GOD makes no mistakes. Love The Hollis Family.*



The Hollis Family - November 26, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ *May God be with you all at this difficult time...So sorry for loss of such a good man...*



Toshionna Newsome - November 26, 2018 at 02:28 AM

CS

“ *Prayers for your strength and Gods devine healing for the family. Love you aunt bea.*



Colleen SMITH - November 25, 2018 at 11:19 PM

WJ

“ Dearest Family and loved ones of Mr. James Chapman,  
Although I know no words can ease the loss you feel, just know that  
you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking  
back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.  
As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the  
memory of MR James Chapman.

*We offer our sincere condolences to you all Walter (Moody) Jones  
and Family*

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**Walter A Jones** - November 25, 2018 at 09:54 PM

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



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**Gregory Daniel** - November 25, 2018 at 06:44 PM

CM

“ Charlie D. McCune lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



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**Charlie D. McCune** - November 25, 2018 at 03:44 PM

CM

*To my beautiful Aunt Bea and all of my wonderful cousins (Jean, Thelma, James, Freddie, Jerry, and Darlene) my prayers are with all of you. I pray that God gives you strength for the days ahead and peace that surpasses all understanding. I love you all.*

*I am forever grateful to have such a "Great Man" to be my Uncle. I thank God and will forever cherish my Uncle James for opening his door and his loving heart to Mama, Tommie George and myself when we moved from Chicago to Saginaw. I thank God for blessing me with an Uncle who always loved us unconditionally. I have some many great and fond memories that I will forever carry in my heart!!! Sweet Rest, Uncle James!*

*Love,  
Charlie D.*

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**Charlie D. McCune** - November 25, 2018 at 03:00 PM

TS

“ *R.I.H Uncle James We Love You and We Will Be Praying For My Family*



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**Terrance & Irene Sherman** - November 25, 2018 at 12:04 PM

CS

“ *Calvin & Shantell Sullivan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Calvin & Shantell Sullivan** - November 24, 2018 at 09:33 PM

WW

“ *Winston Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Winston walker** - November 24, 2018 at 03:26 PM

BH

“ *To my Uncle James I miss you mich.Heart is heavy.forver and always in our hearts*

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**Bessie Hunter** - November 24, 2018 at 01:29 PM

NF

“ *Nelson's Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Nelson's Family** - November 24, 2018 at 12:24 PM

WA

“ *Wardessa lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**wardessa** - November 24, 2018 at 12:14 PM

WA

*We Love You from your sister's Wardessa, Liz , Zennie and Jessie  
We are going to miss all the good time we had together !*

*Love You  
Chapman Sister's*

**wardessa** - November 24, 2018 at 11:17 AM

WA

“ *Wardessa lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Wardessa** - November 24, 2018 at 11:39 AM

WA

*Love You Brother very much ! I am going to really miss you !*

**Wardessa** - November 24, 2018 at 10:41 AM

WP

“ *Willie Patton lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Willie Patton** - November 24, 2018 at 11:25 AM

WF

“ *Willie Patton & Family lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



**Willie Patton & Family** - November 24, 2018 at 11:24 AM

WZ

“ *Wardessa,Liz, Zennie,Jessie lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Wardessa,Liz, Zennie,Jessie** - November 24, 2018 at 11:19 AM

WZ

*We are going to truly miss you and all the good time we share together my brother*

*We Love You  
Chapman Sister's*

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**Wardessa,Liz, Zennie,Jessie** - November 24, 2018 at 11:22 AM

DR

“ *Rest in peace "Pops"*

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**Daryl Riley** - November 24, 2018 at 10:08 AM

MC

“ *Mary & Marjorie Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Mary & Marjorie Chapman** - November 24, 2018 at 07:55 AM

EH

“ Edna Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Edna Hamilton - November 24, 2018 at 05:40 AM

LJ

“ LEON JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



LEON JACKSON - November 24, 2018 at 02:47 AM

SC

“ Sona Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



sona Carruth - November 23, 2018 at 11:55 PM

DK

“ Our Deepest Condolences To The Family. He was my mother's Lucky Heart Man



Deacon Bobby & Thelma ( Moten) Kelley - November 23, 2018 at 10:33 PM

SV

“ *Shelva Scott - Veal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**Shelva Scott - Veal** - November 23, 2018 at 07:34 PM

BF

“ *BL LITTLE FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**BL LITTLE FAMILY** - November 23, 2018 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ *Deepest Condolences To Family & Friends Of Mr. James Chapman. Mr. Chapman and My Dad Were Very Good Friends and I Remember Mr. Chapman and His Crew Remodeling Our Home. He was The Best! God Bless You All! Bren*



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**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds** - November 23, 2018 at 03:26 PM

BW

“ *BERNICE WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman*



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**BERNICE WILLIAMS** - November 23, 2018 at 02:33 PM

CS

“ Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Cathie Stephens - November 23, 2018 at 01:52 PM

CS

“ Sending Condolences To All Of The Chapman Family!! May God Be With You At This Time Of Sorrow!! From The Stephen's Girls!! Love You!! 🙏❤️

Cathie Stephens - November 23, 2018 at 01:51 PM

CW

“ Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Cathy Wilson - November 23, 2018 at 11:09 AM

JO

“ JoyReeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



JoyReeves - November 23, 2018 at 10:48 AM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Deidre Hunter - November 23, 2018 at 10:20 AM

VD

“ Love your cousins John and shirley vicki valerie sabrina Dunnaway



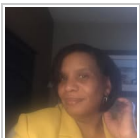
Valerie Dunnaway - November 23, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Elizabeth Hudspeth - November 23, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ Cheryl Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Brother" "Sapphire" Chapman



Cheryl Walker - November 23, 2018 at 08:21 AM