



Mr. James Herbert Foster

October 2, 1931 - October 1, 2024

Mr. James Herbert Foster, affectionately known as “Mr. Cool Man” or “Herb”. James passed away at Avista Nursing and Rehabilitation on October 1, 2024, with family by his side. James was born on October 2, 1931, in Foster Alabama to Arthur and Volina Foster.

James went on to serve in the United States Army where he was Honorably Discharged in 1954. His family migrated to Michigan in 1955. He married Beulah Franklin in 1960 and she preceded him in death in 2005. James then started working for General Motors where he retired from in 1981. Shortly after moving to Saginaw, Michigan he joined Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the late Pastor Roosevelt Austin Sr., where he went on to become a faithful Trustee and Servant. James served on the Usher Board and was the Head Custodian of Zion Missionary Baptist Church for many years. Many people would often say that Zion’s lawn was well groomed and had the prettiest trimmed bushes in town.

James was very compassionate and loved to serve the Lord and help others in his community. He loved to spend time with his daughter Krystle riding around town, going to breakfast and gossiping. James spent a lot of time with his godson, Kinante as well. He also had a big impact on his stepdaughter’s life. James loved to play cards with his many siblings every Friday. He was also very dedicated to his grandchildren and would often sit in his recliner

chair with his grands gathered around him telling them stories about his life. giving them a glimpse into their family history. The kids would be fascinated with his many “old people stories” and his son-in-law, Zay often joked that James went to school with “Harriet Tubman”.

James left behind many broken hearts with his departure. His memory will be cherished by his daughter, Krystle (Jose Mirelez); stepdaughter, Natanya Louis of Saginaw, Michigan; son (god-son), Kinante Foster of Ypsilanti, Michigan; seven grandchildren, Gabrielle Taylor, DeAndra Choice Jr, Jaylen Mirelez, Brooklynn Mirelez, Xzaiver Garcia, Izaiah Crawford and Amayah Crawford, all of Saginaw, MI; one sister, Annie Lavendar of Saginaw, Michigan and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Sabre Winchester and his Berkeley Street Neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur & Volina Foster; wife, Beulah Foster, one son, Willie Foster; four sisters, Ruby Jennings, Clara-Bell Shepard, Rudell (Eddie Lee) UpChurch and Pearl (Gilbert) Douglass; three brothers, Arthur Foster, Franklin Foster and Calvin (Addie) Foster; many other family members who were endeared to his heart; included special niece, Debra and her lovely daughter, Kinyetta Foster; niece and nephew, Marcheeto Lavendar and Fredrick Foster.

The family would like to express thanks to everyone that has kept us lifted up in prayer during this time of bereavement. Special Thanks to Natanya who is not only his stepdaughter, but cared for him as his nurse, American Home Health & Hospice; nurse Shaun and aide, Kara and Avista Nursing and Rehab.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Johnie F. Edwards, Sr. will officiate. Interment will take place in Great

Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442. Visitation will take place on Wednesday at the funeral home from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Browne's Mortuary - October 17, 2024 at 10:35 AM

MT

“ RIH Mr. Foster 🙏🕊️
Ms. Michelle Tatum, childhood neighbor



Ms. Michelle Tatum - October 24, 2024 at 05:59 PM

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“ Diane (Burns)Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Diane (Burns)Blackmon - October 17, 2024 at 06:32 PM

SS

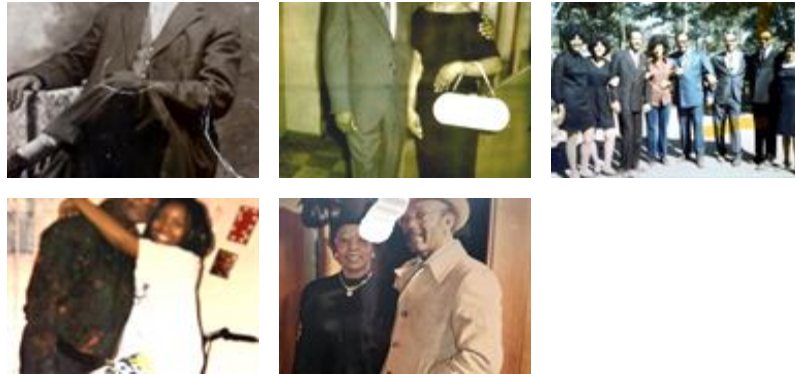
“ *Shelva Scott-Veal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Shelva Scott-Veal - October 16, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - October 16, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Lillie Strong - October 15, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ *Red Rose And Lily Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Herbert Foster.*



October 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Deb and steve weaver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Herbert Foster.*

Deb and steve weaver - October 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Elizabeth Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Elizabeth Vance - October 13, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Dennis and Gail Porter - October 11, 2024 at 10:09 AM

MH

“ *Mr. Foster and I worked in the shop together. I really enjoyed them. May the Family find peace in the hope that God will give to many. You will always be thought of Mr. Foster.* ”

Milton Hollins - October 11, 2024 at 04:33 AM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas And Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster* ”



Min. Thomas and Helen Speed - October 10, 2024 at 08:20 AM

NF

“ *Nina Gardner And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster* ”



Nina Gardner and family - October 09, 2024 at 11:13 PM

HB

“ *Cool Man-James Foster was truly a great man. I learned so much from him and he will be greatly missed. From cutting his grass to helping him out at Zion while he was cleaning, to just sitting with him and talking, he was always there to listen, give advice and have a good laugh.* ”



Harrison Bailey - October 09, 2024 at 10:54 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Derrell Martin - October 09, 2024 at 09:38 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Dr. Willie Earl & Carrie Thomas, Sr. - October 07, 2024 at 11:27 PM

CH

“ *Clifford Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Clifford Harris - October 07, 2024 at 04:07 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Jeanette Champion - October 07, 2024 at 05:32 AM

SW

“ Sara & Marvin Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Sara & Marvin Walker - October 06, 2024 at 04:04 PM

SF

“ RIP James!!! It was a pleasure to have known this man. Always kind and full of good spirits, never seen a mean streak in him. Always a smile on his face. Hope to live a full life as he has. Krystal you should be proud. Sending our Condolences. Shawn and Family.



Shawn and Family - October 06, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DR

“ Deacon Carl And Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Deacon Carl and Rosemary Ruth - October 05, 2024 at 07:17 PM

MS

“ MargieLawrence Shakespeare lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



MargieLawrence Shakespeare - October 05, 2024 at 06:31 PM

BH

“ *Bridget Y. Hinds lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Bridget Y. Hinds - October 05, 2024 at 03:37 PM

DT

“ *A life well lived.*



Deacon John R. and Lillian Jones- Thomas - October 05, 2024 at 03:07 PM

PC

“ *Penny Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Penny Cole - October 05, 2024 at 03:01 PM

TF

“ *The Reese Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



The Reese Family - October 05, 2024 at 02:39 PM

AC

“ Our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers for your loss. May all find comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.
Albert & Darlene C

Albert & Darlene C - October 05, 2024 at 08:44 AM

CM

“ Charles/Dale Mitchner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Charles/Dale Mitchner - October 05, 2024 at 07:54 AM

BH

“ Mr Foster you were truly an amazing person and you will be deeply missed. Rest in peace.



Brandon Heath - October 04, 2024 at 10:54 PM

CN

“ Christine Mike Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Christine Mike Nelson - October 04, 2024 at 10:33 PM

GB

“ We extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to the family of Bro. Foster during this very difficult time.

Rose L. Chandler and Gwen White Bowman



Gwen Bowman - October 04, 2024 at 06:31 PM

NL

“ Neicy Lutz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Neicy Lutz - October 04, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Joanie Williams - October 04, 2024 at 04:25 PM

FJ

“ Frank & Willa Randle Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Frank & Willa Randle Jr. - October 04, 2024 at 02:59 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Mosella Reed & Family - October 04, 2024 at 01:16 PM

YV

“ *YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



YvonneSanders - October 04, 2024 at 01:08 PM

EH

“ *Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Elizabeth Hudspeth - October 04, 2024 at 11:04 AM

JK

“ *Janice Kemp-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Janice Kemp-Anderson - October 04, 2024 at 10:48 AM

JY

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jy - October 04, 2024 at 10:23 AM

CP

“ Charisse Parker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Charisse Parker - October 04, 2024 at 10:04 AM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Dennis and Gail Porter - October 04, 2024 at 12:31 AM

RW

“ Uncle Foster my prayers goes up to you, you were always a smile to me

Rodney White - October 03, 2024 at 11:32 PM

NH

“ *Noland & Karen Heath lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Noland & Karen Heath - October 03, 2024 at 10:47 PM

MB

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Herb passing. I was thinking about him a few days ago. He's now resting with Beulah! He was part of my extended family with Charles!*



Mary Burks - October 03, 2024 at 08:49 PM

LV

“ *So sorry Krystal, Gabby, his sisters, and other family members. Mr. Foster was a respectable member of Zion. Very pleasant and diligent. May he rest in perfect peace after a life well lived. Much love.*



Linda McClain Veasley - October 03, 2024 at 07:43 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Helen Scott - October 03, 2024 at 05:41 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Ann Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Ms. Ann Ford - October 03, 2024 at 04:07 PM

EP

“ *Rev. Parker lit a Candle In Memory of Brother James Herbert Foster*



EDDIE L PARKER - October 03, 2024 at 02:46 PM

MB

“ *Happy Birthday Mr. Foster, RIH you were such a wonderful man.*



Marilyn K Burns- Bowman - October 03, 2024 at 11:25 AM

LI

“ *Linda(Arnett)Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Linda(Arnett)Taylor - October 03, 2024 at 10:22 AM

AL

“ Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Annie Lowery - October 03, 2024 at 10:17 AM

LS

“ Lillie B.Strong & family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Lillie Strong - October 03, 2024 at 10:14 AM

MM

“ Mary McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Mary McDonald - October 03, 2024 at 02:10 AM

CB

“ Cynthia L Bruce-Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster



Cynthia L Bruce-Taylor - October 03, 2024 at 12:07 AM

LM

“ *LaShonda McGill lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



LaShonda McGill - October 02, 2024 at 09:27 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Herbert Foster*



Dona Austin-Bigby - October 02, 2024 at 05:26 PM

KL

“ *Happy Birthday Daddy you will truly be missed 🙏*



Krystle Louis - October 02, 2024 at 05:08 PM