



James Franklin Avery Sr.

June 24, 1920 - October 13, 2014

James Franklin Avery was born on June 24, 1920, in Mt. Holly, North Carolina. He was the oldest and 1 of 3 children from the union of the late Estelle and Jasper Hunter. When he was 8 years old the family relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, moving to the South Side section of the city. He attended and was educated in the Pittsburgh Public School System and in his youth attended the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

In 1940 James was united in marriage to Pauline Lenore Staley. This union would produce 3 children and last for 59 years. During WWII James served in the United States Navy. His tour of duty lasted 4 years with much of his time spent in Okinawa, Japan. Upon his honorable discharge he returned home to Pittsburgh.

He spent the majority of his working career in the employ of the United States Steel Corp. at the Homestead Works. He had the distinction there of being the first black crane operator. He retired with 39 years of loyal and dedicated service.

James was a member of the American Legion Crispus Attacks Post#30 and was a former post commander. He loved travel, music, fishing, card games, dining out, movies and clothes. "007", as he was fondly called, was the last of the big time spenders. He had a giving nature: kind, generous, loving, nurturing, and humorous.

Jesus Christ was James' Lord and personal savior and on October 13, 2014, he called him home. He is preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Lenore

Avery and his 2 sisters.

He leaves to cherish his memory children: James Franklin (Roberta) Avery, Jr., Patricia Jean ; 6 Avery, and David Keith (Sonia Kirk); 6 grandchildren; 15 great grand children; 6 great great grandchildren; a longtime and devoted caregivers, Terry Fuller and Ralphine Coleman.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
108 W 12th Avenue
Homestead, PA

Interment

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Memorial Park
401 Curry Hollow Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Tribute Wall



“ *James Franklin Avery Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



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January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM