

# Daddy's Little Girl

Nothing can quite explain the emptiness  
of you not being here.

Each day I wake up and have to relive my worst fear.  
I think about something, I instantly have to share.  
I pick up the phone, then remember, you're not here.

Who am I supposed to call when my car breaks down?

Who will intimidate everyone I bring around?

Who is going to tell the jokes no one else thinks is funny?

Or give me advice on how to manage and invest money?

What about those times we spent together riding around?

And all the father-daughter memories I'm supposed to make?

What do I do when Father's Day comes each June?

Or when people expect me to move on, but it feels too soon?

When will the days not seem quite as tough?

My time with you was simply not enough.

But I will cherish every moment as if I was enough.

I'm not sure how to move forward, without feeling such grief,  
or being mad.

But our God knows when it's our ending time.

I'll try to remember all the memories we've shared, they  
won't be hard to find.

I've engraved each one so they will be fresh on my mind.

There still will be times where more tears are shed,

But I'll try not to lose sight of all the life I have ahead.

The lessons I've learned will shape the life I lead.

I know you'd want me to live a full life and succeed.

When I'm scared or unsure of something, I still feel you near.

I know you're still with me, with each sighting of a deer.

I'll look after mom, Lois, and Baby Mc'Kenile.

- Love always and forever, Mary



LOVE YOU ALWAYS PA PA,  
MC'KENILE

## PALLBEARERS

Jerome Pickett

Xavier Edwards

Tyrone Edwards

Roger Edwards

Da'marcus Bing

Calel El Bey

Eric Johnson

## FLOWER BEARERS

Allendale Community Funeral Home Staff

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Mr. James Edwards would like to  
extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to each of  
you for the kindness and love extended to them during  
their hour of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

The Edwards Family

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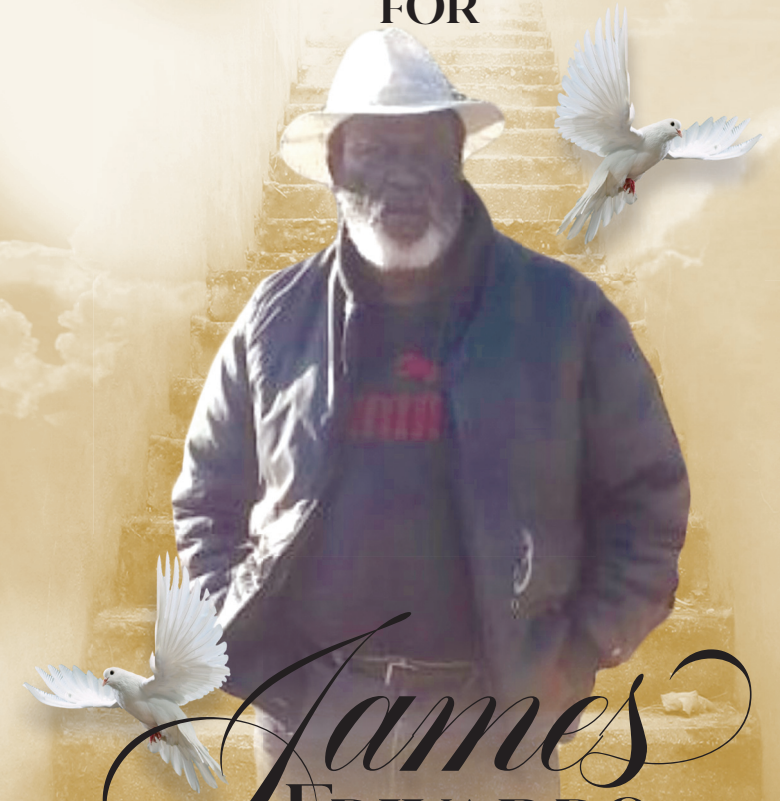
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"Where Comfort is Found in Memories"

# HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



# James EDWARDS SMOKES

ALPHA

March 16, 1948

OMEGA

June 10, 2023

Saturday, June 17, 2023

2:00 PM

ALLENDALE COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME

156 Pleasant Street West

Allendale, South Carolina 29810

Reverend Bernice Graves, Officiating



# Obituary

**MR. JAMES EDWARDS SMOKES**, known as “Jukes” and “Sonny,” was born to the late Mary Elizabeth Burgess and Jim Smokes born in Allendale, SC left at five years old, stayed in Hallandale Beach, Florida most of his life, then moved to Dania Beach, Florida and then resided in Martin, SC. Attended school also in Broward County, Florida, Attucks Middle School in Hollywood, Florida, Hallandale High School in Hallandale Beach, Florida. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Hallandale Beach, Florida.

Mr. James was employed as a Roofer for over 40 years and in 2012 he relocated to Martin, SC. He enjoyed farming and taking care of his animals. In his freetime, he often watched football, basketball, wrestling, and cowboy shows. He shared all of these pleasant times with his spouse of 51 years, Ms. Deloris Ann Frederick.

He entered into eternal rest on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at his residence in Martin, SC.

He is preceded in death by both parents, brothers, Jerome Edwards, David Smokes, Daniel Smokes, Joe Smokes, John Smokes, Issac Edwards, Eugene Edwards, and child raised as his own, Micheal Frederick; sisters, Emma Jones, Beatrice Franklin, Lillie Mae Jackson, and Alberta.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories: Daughter, Mary Elizabeth Smokes (Martin, SC); Son, James Smokes (Miami, Florida); grandchildren, Mc’Kenile Elizabeth Smokes, Yah’Prince D’Heaven Smokes and Quanika Campbell; children raised as his own, Joseph Frederick, Monique Rogers-Scott, and Roger Edwards; sisters, Elizabeth Edwards and Joyce Edwards; and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Precious Memories



*You believe in giving  
More than taking,  
Listening more than talking,  
And doing for others more often  
Than letting others do for you.  
You are an exceptional man,  
And I’m proud to know you.  
Love Always, Lois*

# Order of Service

- Prelude.....*Soft Music*
- Processional and Final Viewing..... Clergy, Family, and Friends
- Opening Selection ..... Erica Brisbon
- Scripture Readings ..... Deacon Eugene Capers  
Old Testament  
New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon James Pinkney
- Selection..... Kana Troy
- Words of Remembrance  
As a Friend..... Charles Roberts  
Family Tribute..... Mary Smokes, Daughter
- Acknowledgements..... Allendale Community Funeral Home
- Special Selection ..... Erica Brisbon
- Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Bernice Graves
- Recessional ..... *I’ll Fly Away*