



As I say goodbye to your physical presence, granddaddy, I am comforted, knowing that your spirit will always be a part of me.

Love,  
*Your Granddaughter, Qua*

**Dear Granddaddy,**




They've always said to cry when someone enters this world but be happy when they leave. I never understood that saying until your time came to an end. Knowing you lived a long, happy life, surrounded by a joyful family, makes it easy. Even though we may not see you anymore, your presence is still near. So, Granddaddy, as I say these last words and shed my very last tear, know that God did great when He brought you here. Your mission is complete, so fly high, Granddaddy, and rest in peace.

Your granddaughter,  
*Shalandrah Manning*

**To the World's Best Granddaddy,**

From the moment my grandmother brought me into your loving home at just 6 months old until I was 4 years old, it felt like destiny. She left us too soon, but I know I was her reflection and your sidekick. Having just one set of grandparents in my life fills me with immense gratitude. I hold dear all our cherished memories and moments together.

You're now in a better place, free from suffering and pain. To me, you were more than a grandfather; you treated me like your own child. I'll never forget the way your face lit up when Jayceon and I entered the room each morning or afternoon. I know you're in a better place now. Please kiss and hug my grandma, Barbara Freeman, for me until we meet again. I love and miss both of you so much.

With love,  
*Your Favorite Granddaughter, Tae #LLJ&B*  *James*   
*Barbara* 

Granddaddy, I love you. Thank you for the many cherished memories between us. Your kindness and love will stay with me forever. I'll miss you dearly - your laugh, you playfully pushing me aside, and you yelling, 'Get up out my chair.' I'll miss our trips to the store for your polar pop. I'll miss you, Pops. I know it's hard to comprehend the mysteries of life and how it all works, but I don't know if I'll ever truly accept that you're gone. Rest in peace, Pops. Live through me, guide me, and protect me. Forever in my heart.

*Lanaja"*

*Flower Bearers*

*Family & Friends*

*Pallbearers*

*Family & Friends*

*Acknowledgments*

*The family acknowledges, with sincere thanks and appreciation, the many comforting calls, visits, messages, floral tributes, cards, prayers, and other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deed. Your thoughtfulness is a testament of God's love and your love. May God bless each one of you!*

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*A Celebration of Life*



*Mr. James*  
**FREEMAN**

*February 06, 1944 — September 15, 2023*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**JOHNSON & SON JOE MOORE MEMORIAL**  
**CHAPEL**  
**184 CRAWFORD STREET,**  
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**REV. JAMES TURNER, OFFICIATING**



# Reflections of Life

In loving memory of James Freeman, fondly known by friends and family as “Short-man” or “Dope”, a cherished pillar of our community and a beacon of light to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Born to the late Idus Freeman and Ruthie Lee Tolbert-Freeman in Richland, Georgia. James attended Stewart County Schools and embarked on a life-changing journey at the tender age of 15, when he moved to Florida. This move would come to define much of his life, as he established himself as a gifted mechanic and heavy equipment operator. But James wasn't just a man of machines; he was also a devoted rancher who possessed a profound love for the land and animals.

James had an infectious, gutsful laugh that would brighten up any room. Those who shared moments with him were treated to hearty barbecues and endless laughter. His love for grilling was only second to his love for family and friends.

James was the beloved husband of Barbara Freeman. Together, they were blessed with six wonderful children: James Freeman Jr., Chris (Felecia), Stacey, Kimberly (Wilbert), Shantae, and Shalese(deceased). From other relationships, James was also a proud father to Kathy Brown and the late Theresa Starling.

He was preceded in death by siblings Idus, Russell, Jessie Frank, Thelma, Prather, and Clarence. He leaves to mourn Mary, Calvin, Shirley, and Norma (Lonnie). Their memories live on in the tales and laughter James shared about their shared adventures and bonds.

A proud grandfather, James' legacy continues through his 25 grandchildren: Ta-Taneshia, Santana, Justin, Kayla, Jayquan, Monique, James, Jauyana, Dymonnd, Santerica, Zyron, Ashley, Christopher Jr, Malcolm(Sheneika), Andre, Shalandrah, Morris, Lanaja, Qanashia, Kendrick, Kenyarda(Shalanda), Tequila, Shamekia, Tiffany, and Rekesia. His love and teachings will also continue to influence his 30 great-grandchildren.

James “Short-man” Freeman was more than just a title or a name; he was an embodiment of resilience, joy, and love. His legacy is not just in the work he did or the barbecues he hosted but in the hearts and memories of all those he touched with his kindness, wisdom, and laughter.



# ~ Order of Service ~

Prelude.....” I Won’t Complain”  
Processional.....Minister and Family  
Invocation ..... Minister

Scripture:  
Old Testament ..... Minister  
New Testament ..... Minister



## Reflections of Love

Family & Friends  
Limited to 3 People (2 minutes Please)



Selection..... Johnson and Sons Funeral Service  
Eulogy.....Rev. James Turner, Associate Minister  
Acknowledgements..... Johnson and Sons Funeral Service  
Committal Ritual ..... Rev. James Turner, Associate Minister  
Recessional.....Ministers, Pallbearers, and Family

## Interment

Benevolence Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
84 Ward Mill Road  
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