

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

REPAST

Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC)
623 Beechwood Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

INTERMENT

Monday, July 14, 2025 - 11:30AM
Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of James "Jerome" Gelsey would like to extend our deep gratitude for the countless acts of kindness and support shown by so many. Your prayers, love and friendship shall continue to help us through this difficult time of bereavement.

WONDERFUL UNCLE

Of all the special gifts in life,
However great or small,
to have you as our uncle
was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper in your ear
"We love and miss you Uncle
And wish that you were here"

Your Favorite Niece,

LaSonya "Nicky" Drayton

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James
J E R O M E
GELSEY

ALPHA
MARCH 3, 1960

OMEGA
JUNE 29, 2025

Saturday, July 12, 2025, 11:00AM
St. Andrew Missionary Baptist Church
2600 W. 45th Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32209
Pastor Timothy A. Simmons, Officiating





OBITUARY

James “Jerome” Gelsey was born on March 3, 1960, to his loving parents, James Henry Gelsey and Catherine Drayton. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior at Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church. He attended public schools in Duval County and took a keen interest and talent in carpentry. He was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and soon after joined the United States Army where he served for four years and received many honors before being honorably discharged.

Jerome traveled the world and pursued his passion for carpentry and construction. He worked for Gate Construction Company and ventured off to start his own successful business, Gelsey Home Improvement & Remodeling Company. He met, married and remained friends with Alecia Gelsey Rene and to their union was born Jakoby, Jakari and Jakeem.

Jerome was always a hard-working family man who enjoyed cooking, grilling, camping, fishing, and talking with family and friends for hours. He was passionate about caring for others and would not hesitate to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

He was preceded in death by parents: James Gelsey and Catherine Drayton and siblings: Charles Drayton (Camilla) and Jacqueline Jones.

On June 29, 2025, Jerome transitioned to be with the Lord and leaves memories to be cherished by his devoted children: Jakoby Gelsey (Lawanda), Jakari Gelsey and Jakeem Gelsey; grandchildren: Jakai Gelsey, Kaydence Gelsey, Jayden Gelsey and Thomas Dorsey; brothers and sisters: Robbin Gail Drayton, Danny Gelsey (Yvonne), Gerald Gelsey, Janice Carr and Apryl Gelsey; aunts: Willie Lee Jenkins, Yvonne Browder and JoAnn Drayton; nieces and nephews: LaSonya “Nicky” Drayton, Matthew Drayton, Stancil Steward, Gerald Thomas, Terrea Gelsey, Jamal Gelsey, Aubrey West, Daniel Gelsey, Danny Billingslea, Antinique Carr, Anthony Carr, Danielle Gelsey, Dontae Gelsey, Darren Cox, II and Diamond Cox; special friends: Clarence Jennings and Vivian Jenkins and a host of other relatives and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor Timothy A. Simmons, Presiding

Processional/Viewing		
Selection	St. Andrew MBC Praise Team	
Scripture Reading	Deacon Howard Bracelet	
Invocation	Pastor Timothy A. Simmons	
Solo	Anastacia Anderson	
Reflections - (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)		
Acknowledgments & Resolutions	Janice Carr	
Selection	St. Andrew MBC Praise Team	
Words of Comfort	Pastor Timothy A. Simmons	
Recessional	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	St. Andrew MBC Praise Team