



James Davis Sudberry

August 24, 1947 - September 24, 2024

The Life & Legacy of James D. Sudberry

James passed away, peacefully, at his home in Fort Washington, Maryland, on September 24, 2024.

James (also known as “Suds”) was born on August 24, 1947, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the son of the late Alfred and Emma Sudberry. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1965. That same year he joined the United States Naval Air Reserve and entered active duty, with the Navy, in 1967. James served aboard the U.S.S. LaSalle and the U.S.S. Guadalcanal. During his military service, James traveled the world and ultimately departed the Navy, in 1969, with the rank of Personnelman, Third Class (PN3). After leaving the Navy, James settled in the District of Columbia (DC). There, he served the city as a Bus Driver for the DC Transit System before joining the Government Printing Office (GPO).

In 1993, James married the love of his life Loretta Young. They were married for 31 years. He was a “quiet soul” who was known for his strong will, love, and kind heart. He was most supportive of family and always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Alongside his wife, he was a devout member of St. Paul Baptist Church, in Washington, DC.

James retired from the GPO in 2010. With his extra time, he enjoyed white water rafting, archery, and other hobbies. Additionally, he was a faithful Dallas Cowboys fan. However, he was the most passionate about bowling. He bowled with two bowling leagues and won numerous trophies within the sport.

James is survived by his wife, Loretta; son, Shawn Sudberry (Tawana); sister, Ashley Sudberry; brother, Eric Sudberry (Gail); brother, Robert Sudberry, deceased (Helen), brother; Curtis Jones; and several loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made, in the name of Deacon James D. Sudberry, to St. Paul Baptist Church, 1611 Brentwood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20018.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham , MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
1611 Brentwood Rd. NE
Washington, DC

Service

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ James and I met In 1972, we were in the same GPO Apprenticeship class. After 4 years of training. He was assigned to Composing and I was assigned to Offset Copy Prep. We all enjoyed bowling together over the years. His wife and I enjoyed hand dancing classes together and were both determined to get him enrolled in same. So sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers and sympathy to the family. I know he is looking for that heavenly bowling alley now and when he finds it, we can hear him rolling his strikes for that 300 game.....Judi Butler. GPO class of 1972.

Judith Butler - October 21, 2024 at 09:53 PM

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“ Clyde,Larry,Cliff,Kevin and Keri Scott. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Davis Sudberry.

Clyde,Larry,Cliff,Kevin and Keri Scott. - October 16, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Davis Sudberry.



October 16, 2024 at 08:36 AM

SM

“ This is Sallie my heart goes out to Loretta, Shawn and the family I will miss him but God loves him best

Sallie Mitchell - October 15, 2024 at 10:46 AM

RW

“ Our prayers and condolences to the Sudberry family, Loretta and Shawn we praying Gods strength for you in the days to come. Uncle Rogers and Aunt Peggy



Rogers and Peggy Wade - October 15, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - October 02, 2024 at 01:38 PM

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On behalf of my late father, Joseph P. Shephard, and my family, our sincere and deepest condolences to my “Uncle” James Davis Sudsberry’s wife Loretta & Shawn!
Thank you “Uncle Suds” for caring for my grandma, Marie Shephard and being a part of my sons life.
Love, your “Neice” Erica Shephard and sons! 💕💕

Erica - October 16, 2024 at 10:42 PM