



## Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr.

July 8, 1943 - June 30, 2022

James Edward Mason, Sr., age 78, of Durham, NC, received his heavenly reward on June 30, 2022.

James was born on July 8, 1943, to the late Otis and Lacy (Iola) C. Mason in Nelson, NC and was the second son out of five children born. Graduating from Merrick-Moore High School in June 1962, he went on to study Civil Engineering Technology at Durham Technical Institute. In 1963, he began his first job with John Ramsay, Architect as an architectural draftsman. His profession as a draftsman lasted for 35 years, and he was proud of his architectural projects that resulted in numerous residential homes and living complexes around Durham and in the Triangle.

Sweethearts from school, on May 3, 1965, James married Helen Faye Mills, and had two wonderful children, Sonya Faye and James, Jr., from their union that lasted over 57 years. He was baptized at an early age and maintained a faith in the Lord that lasted until he took his last breath. James' relationship with Northeast Baptist Church was important as his grandfather, the late Reverend James F. Mason, was one of the church's early pastors, his parents Otis and Iola Mason were pillars of the same church, and he was also one of the main architects of the church as it stands today. At the time of his death, he was a member of Union Baptist Church in Durham, NC.

A self-taught photographer, James so enjoyed photography as captured with the endless photos he had taken over his many, many vacations, and candid moments with family and friends. He could make ANYTHING he put his mind to and had many projects and crafts throughout his years that are on display in his home. For those of you who never had his cooking, you missed out on some fantastic food as James was an excellent cook.

James, also known as “Jim”, was a strong, kind, loving, and supportive family man and his knowledge, wisdom, and guidance were the family’s foundation. James was a quiet soul, but was determined to provide for his family the best life possible. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world and was most happy being called “Granddad”, as he was exceedingly proud of his three precious grandchildren, Kendall, Raegan, and Sydney, and loved them more than words could express.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Otis and Lola Mason, two sisters, Elizabeth (Dee) C. Daye and Gladys M. Daniel, one brother, Charles O. Mason and one brother-in-law, James A. Mills, Sr. In addition to his wife Helen Faye Mills Mason, children Sonya Mason Stewart (Vance) and James Edward Mason, Jr. (Jennifer), he leaves to carry on his three beautiful grandchildren, Kendall Mason, Raegan Mason, and Sydney Mason, his loving sister, Shirley M. Cameron (Joe), sisters-in-law, Mary C. Mills and Margaruite Mason, and a bounty of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr. will take place on Friday, July 8, 2022, at Northeast Baptist Church, 3204 NC Highway 55, Durham, North Carolina 27713; Family Visitation 12:00 noon, Celebration of Life Service 1:00 p.m.

Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr. will be laid to rest in Glennview Memorial Park.

In every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

# Cemetery Details

## Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55  
Durham, NC 27713  
(919) 596-8102

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Northeast Baptist Church  
3204 NC Hwy 55  
Durham, NC 27713  
(919) 544-2142  
<http://www.northeastbc.org>

## Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Northeast Baptist Church  
3204 NC Hwy 55  
Durham, NC 27713  
(919) 544-2142  
<http://www.northeastbc.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.** - July 08, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *So sorry this is late, I just discovered the website. Jim and I are 1st cousins, we were in classes together at Merrick Moore. So sorry and heart broken about his passing. I'm out of state and couldn't get home for the services. May God continue to rest his soul and bring comfort to the family.*



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**Inez Farrington Combre** - October 24, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr.*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Marge Leathers lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr.*



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**Marge Leathers** - July 09, 2022 at 03:03 PM



*Helen, condolences to you and the family for your loss.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Marge Leathers** - July 09, 2022 at 03:08 PM

RC

“ *My deepest sympathy. Prayers for you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.* 🙏❤️🙏

Ronald Cozart - July 08, 2022 at 04:40 PM

GS

“ *My dear wonderful friend, I am thinking of you during this difficult time. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Sending hugs!*  
*Gail*



Gail Sexton - July 07, 2022 at 07:31 PM

RJ

“ *To The Mason Family,*

*Jesus is the hope in the dawn of each day.  
The feeling of joy that keeps sadness away.*

*The undying love that brings light to the soul. The caring and comfort that heals and make whole.*

*It is with our deepest sympathy for your loss of James Sr and a prayer that the Lord will fill your days with His peace and bring comfort to your heart.*

*Blessings,*

*Robert & Anna Jackson*



Robert & Anna Jackson - July 07, 2022 at 01:46 PM

JA

“ Peace and blessings to the Family

James (Taylor) Abdullah - July 07, 2022 at 09:19 AM

DP

“ To Sonya and Family. We share in your loss and want you to know that your family are in our prayers. We pray that God will comfort your family during this hour of loss. May his soul rest in perfect peace.



Demah/Tabitha Payne - July 07, 2022 at 07:44 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr..



July 07, 2022 at 05:25 AM

SF

“ Stephanie Ford purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr..



Stephanie Ford - July 06, 2022 at 03:59 PM

MB

“ *Helen Fay, Shirley, Sonya, Junior, may your special angel hold you up and carry you through these trying times. Let your love and memories sustain you. I'm praying for your strength. Love, Marjorie Borden*



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**Marjorie Cameron Borden** - July 06, 2022 at 07:57 AM

BS

“ *Helen Faye, Sonya, James Jr and his sister Shirley. Our sincere condolences to the family. May the memories of your love one bring you peace. Grady and Barbara Sanders*💕💕

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**Barbara Sanders** - July 05, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Edward Mason, Sr..*



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July 05, 2022 at 11:26 AM

WM

“ *To Helen and the Mason family. You have our sincere condolence, love and prayers for your loss.*  
*Wallace and Doris Mills*

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**Wallace L Mills** - July 04, 2022 at 11:13 PM

TM

“ *Mrs. Helen, Sonya, James Jr. and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. I want to offer my sincere  
and heartfelt condolences for your loss.*  
*Tywanna McKoy*

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**Tywanna McKoy** - July 04, 2022 at 02:56 PM

IM

“ *To Shirley Cameron and the Mason and Mills  
families: You have my sincere condolences,  
my thoughts and prayers are for you now and  
for the days to come. Irma Faye Burton  
Mangum*



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**Irma Burton Mangum** - July 03, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BM

*To Our Sister our Friend....and Familij...Our Hearts and Prayers are  
with you and your entire Family.We pray God's strength will be with  
you.God Love surround you all in days to come. Beverly Shipman  
McNeill and family.*

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**Beverly Shipman McNeill** - July 07, 2022 at 10:56 PM

SS

*Thank you for your sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers...*

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**Sonya Stewart** - July 10, 2022 at 10:06 PM

AM

“ *A man of silent strength. Thoughtful and insightful. Excellent  
listener. Never heard his voice raised. Barbecue sauce was  
legendary. When driving in inclement weather; Uncle Jim advised  
me to drive in low gear. Condolences to Aunt Faye, Aunt Shirley,  
Sonya, Jr. and the rest of the family. Will miss you Uncle Jim.  
Thanks for the memories.*

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**Anthony Mills** - July 02, 2022 at 08:41 PM

SS

*Eugene, a precious tribute to a man that meant so much to you...thank you!*

**Sonya Stewart** - July 10, 2022 at 10:07 PM

CT

“ *Helen so sorry to hear about James passing. You and family have my sincere condolences. Please take comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with God.*

**Carolyn Taborn** - July 02, 2022 at 05:06 PM

SS

*Ms. Tabron, I appreciate your condolences and comforting words.*

**Sonya Stewart** - July 10, 2022 at 10:08 PM