



James Kerby Sr.

November 9, 1950 - August 5, 2025

James Kerby, Sr. was born November 9, 1950 in Mound City, Illinois to Allen Sr., and Willie Dean Kerby. He passed from this earthly life on August 5, 2025, in Lewisville, Texas.

James was an amazing man who cared about life and the people in it. If you needed help, he was there to lend a hand.

If you were moving, he was there to help you pack up. If your house needed painting, he was there to do the job.

He was a loving husband to Michelle, aka “Bae”, for 53 years. He loved her from 56th and Normal Streets, to Minnesota, Springfield, Ohio, Las Vegas, Nevada, to Lewisville, Texas.

Out of their union, he was a loving father to his sons, James, Jr., Tiant, Mario, Carthen, and goddaughter, Robin Miles.

He loved those grandsons, Elliott, Luis (Deceased), Lamar, Sema'j, and great-granddaughter, Eliza.

James leaves to cherish his memory, his siblings, Allen, Jr. (Loretha), Lafate (Deceased) (Darlene), Zerone (Eula), Ella (Ronnie), Wallace (Toni), Verna Mae (Maurice), Rosie Goodman (Deceased), Carlos (Tracy), Linda Kerby, Sandra Kerby, and a host of cousins, and friends.

To his guardian Angels, Ken, Leona, Tina, Ms. Z, Ms. TT, he loved you all to the moon, and back. To his daughter-in-laws, Terrie, Taz, Ashley, and Tosha, he loved you all forever and a day.

To his grandkids who taught us how to be grandparents. Lepierre, and Kayla, he loved you both forever. Thanks for the lessons we learned.

To the team of people who took care of James, we thank you
From the bottom of our hearts.

The 3 "Special" Angels, Charlene, Ms. Pat, and Jasmine. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

To the Aunts, Cousins, and the host of friends that he had throughout his life, he loved you, Always, and Forever.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Dalton and Son Funeral Home
1550 N. Stemmons Freeway
Lewisville, TX 75067

Tribute Wall

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“ Love you to LIFE Pops!!!!



Tiant Kerby - September 07, 2025 at 02:27 AM

TK

“ To my REAL LIFE SUPERHERO!!!! I LOVEYOU POPS!!!!💔



Tiant Kerby - September 07, 2025 at 02:25 AM



“ Uncle James my favorite I love you forever and a day! And don't you worry I got Bae for life love and miss you 🥺

Leona King - September 06, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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“ To my sliver fox I love u so much you will always be my favorite uncle you taught me so much I'm forever grateful for you this isn't good it's see you later love u forever my sliver fox

Zaykia King - September 06, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“Big James” a.k.a. “Papa J”

In the mind of some, He may have been just, a man. But some of Us who met Him 32 years ago, He was a MAN among MEN and, a Father to Us, all.... (A raspy, strong, authoritative, voice. Always groomed and neatly dressed to, the T. Almost, all the time with Mama Mickey next to, Him. The Neighborhood Father that most of Us fatherless young men needed and wanted in, our lives.) On a personal level, Papa J was kinda like a Father to, me. Never once saying a harsh word to me nor, towards me. He was a man to be admired and respected. (Loving, kind and a role model for good, black men....)

We'll Always Love and Miss You, Pops! Rest In Peace until the rest of Us get, there.

*-Raim Love-
aka
Ray Harris*

Menachem-Raim Love - September 06, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ *My uncle used to rock the dopest hats ever when I was a kid. He was the most creative human with fashion and he was also the best backflipper ever. I remember one time we were in the front yard on 117th and Normal, and my Cousins were out there challenging him to do backflips, man when I tell you he showed up and showed out on them. They could not believe it. I’m gonna miss my uncle James until we meet again. May the ancestors welcome you with open arms. Your niece, Tosha.*



Tosha Kerby - September 05, 2025 at 10:15 PM

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Continue Prayers for Michelle and Family love all and James will forever be in our hearts, love Loretha & Allen Kerby ❤️

Loretha Rice-Kerby - December 05, 2025 at 10:07 PM