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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. James E. Adams

April 16, 1921– February 28, 2019

James E. Adams departed peacefully at home and went from labor to reward with the Lord on February 28, 2019. He was the oldest son of the late Orien T. Adams and Violet Thompson-Adams. James, affectionally known as “Jimmy” was born in Key West, Florida and received his early education in Miami, Florida, where he enjoyed his leadership roles as the treasurer of the “Social Club.” His love for education was apparent and his desire for technology flourished.

His interest in the military began at the age of 16 when he entered the CC Camp (Civilian Conservation Corps) in Tallahassee, FL. He began his military career as one of the first Montford Point Marines in Jacksonville, N.C. on June 3, 1943. He toured on the SS Theodore Foster Ship, and his tours covered foreign voyages over many countries. Additional areas of service consisted of the Merchant Marines and United States Cost Guards. After serving his country, James enrolled into a training repair program at Royal Typewriter Company. The skills he acquired in the military allowed him to become an entrepreneur; and, one of the first prominent Black typewriter repair technicians in Mount Vernon, New York.

As a civilian, James met the love of his life, Lillie M. Lewis, in New York and they were united in marriage for over 62 years. In this union, they were blessed with four devoted daughters.



He instilled in his daughters that faith, family, and education was a priority. James accepted Christ at an early age and made sure all of his children knew the Lord. After moving to Appomattox, Virginia, James and Lillie united with Springfield Baptist Church.

James loved people and lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed hobbies such as fishing, carpentry, cooking his famous Cuban stew (hmmm this was good) watching sports, discussing politics, and current affairs; you

name it he could have a conversation with you on it, and boy did he love a good debate!

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Thomas and Charles, two daughters: Diane and Danita, and grandson Eric. He leaves to cherish his precious memory, a loving and devoted wife, Lillie M. Adams, his loving and devoted daughters: Brenda, Alisa and Martina (Phillip I), Son-in-law Douglas and three sisters: Adrienne, Deidre and Yvonne. He was loved and cherished by his grandchildren: Paula, James, Ashton, Ashale’ and Phillip II, along with, great grand children and great great grand children and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Marine Adams home going ceremony will be Saturday, March 9th starting at 1PM at Springfield Baptist Church 6074 Watt Abbitt Rd, Appomattox, VA 24522 The family ask that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the National Montford Point Marine Museum at <https://montfordpointmarines.org/Our-Fallen>