



## James aka "Lil Fella" Mather

April 15, 2020

James Mather aka "Lil Fella" accepted an invitation by his heavenly Father to spend eternity with him on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the age of 73. He was a long time resident of New Orleans, LA. Beloved husband of Mary Mather. Father of Ryan, James, Nettie (Emile), Tomekca and Dwayca. Adopted grandfather of Envy Jai Mather. Step-father of Rosalind Rhodes Tilman (Vincent), Jacqueline Rhodes, Linda Rhodes, Cynthia Rhodes, Coffie (Demyrus and Williams "Buck" Rhodes. Brother of Ellis Batom Jr. (Traci), Barbara Mather, Carolyn Batom, Reginald Logan, Ernest Logan (Phyliss), Brenda Briggs (Kenneth) and Bonnie Marphaee (Herman). Father in law of Shelton Jackson. Uncle of Shelia Houston. He also leaves to cherish grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

James graduated from Walter L. Cohen in 1965. He served in the army and was released with honorable discharge. James was a devoted Saints fan. He was the glue that held the family together. James was employed with WYES Channel 12. New address, Heaven City with parents, god parents, daughter, Linda Jackson, sister, Betty Lewis (Joseph), brothers, Edelie, Charles Logan and Rickey Batom, grandson, Jyi Davante Rhodes and son in law, James "Dutt". Due to COVID-19, family is holding private services. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125.

# Comments

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“ Mr. James was a beacon in the halls and offices of WYES. I remember him so fondly; always a smile on his face and something good to see. He was definitely salt and light here on earth. Rest in the glory of God in Heaven, Mr. James. You will always be missed.

Ms. Pauline



Pauline Howland - April 27 at 11:03 AM

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“ I am so sorry. Condolences to the family. Magdalene Proctor.

Magdalene GrossProctor - April 25 at 08:47 PM

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“ Tyese Freckles Banks lit a candle in memory of James aka "Lil Fella" Mather



tyese freckles banks - April 25 at 12:29 PM

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“ Daddy James it's so hard to think about you not being here with us the calls and laughs that we used to have every day will be miss. I know now that u are at peace you was the glue to the family u accepted me with open arms I will miss u so much I love u so much your grandkids will miss u also . Thanks for everything that u have done thanks for all of the Memories that we all have had thanks for the jokes we use to say thanks for being the person I can talk to thanks for you being you . With love we will truly miss u papa from jainavyia jae'vionne Byrd and Bree . With lots of Love freckles. Fly now with your new wings in heaven



“ James would always help anyone in his life, he always. Cared about people in his life he will be missed, my heart is broken

Rosemary Gary - April 25 at 12:17 PM

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“ James was a very loving person. He was all about family. I remember, a little over a month ago, we were all in Mobile, taking care of my mother, his mother-in-law, whom he simply adored. We all were trying to get her settled, after having a stroke; James was their front and center, trying his best, to comfort and get her the care she needed. He was a stellar, stand up kind of guy, always caring for others. So ironic, and surreal, he's gone home to glory, when back then, he was so full of life. As we celebrate his life today, let's all remember, not to take our loved ones for granted, for in a blink of an eye, they can leave us. Rest on in heaven James, knowing your loved ones will be taken care of. I got you James: and Mary will be loved and cared for..



Henry L. Pollard - April 25 at 11:26 AM

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“ As I said before and, some how may not be shared. It's so much I can say about, This stand up Man I had the pleasure to call my Dad. It didn't matter by blood he was just THERE. He was the only person THERE when my son came into the world. Knowing he WAS so very consistent. My heart breaks because the daughter he looked toward to walk down the aisle. I decided to let my father and, I know it hurt... That's the one thing I wish I could apologize for. Even after THAT he WAS THERE when my son died not knowing he was coming. Once diagnosed with cancer my step mom, niece and himself came to see me. And embraced, loved and wanted nothing but the best for my kid's, grandkids AND I. Not many men accept his step kids as their own. But my Dad he did and, I will forever love him, miss his genuine heart. Mama Mary I been where you ARE. But STAY STRONG cause HE wouldn't want it any other way



**Dwayca mather** - April 25 at 03:22 AM

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“ Let the Lord be your comforter in these times. Your family have my deepest

**Patricia Henderson** - April 24 at 02:21 PM

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“ To the family and friends of Mr. James "Lil Fella" Mather. God's words promises, "And death will be no more neither outcry nor pain be anymore." Please look forward to this blessing in these stressful and sad times. Until then please show each other love comfort and joy while you all share memories of beautiful life well loved. May God keep you all in His tender mercy.

**Christian Love** - April 24 at 11:37 AM

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“ May the Family's Memories of James Light Up the Gray Days ahead. James, Lynette & Donna grew up around members of this family. My Family's Condolences to Tomeca & Mather Family. R. I. H. James

**Donna Jones - Dallas, Tx** - April 24 at 09:28 AM