



James Shelton Flood

June 25, 1934 - September 26, 2024

James Shelton Flood, affectionately known as “Shelton” and “Jimmy” was the eldest child of

Bessie VanLear Beasley Flood and James E. Flood, born June 25, 1934.

Raised on a farm in

Charlottesville, VA, near the land once known as Monticello Plantation, James’ family proudly

descended from Sally Hemings and Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President of the United States.

In 1942, the Flood family moved to Chester, PA where James’ remarkable life truly began.

At eight years old, James joined Calvary Baptist Church in Chester, PA. Under the guidance of

Reverend Barbour, who also trained Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., James nurtured a strong faith,

actively participating in his church for over 80 years. He was a member of four choirs including

the Mass Choir and The Brotherhood Breakfast Traveling Ministry and his service was a

defining part of his life.

James excelled both academically and athletically, graduating from Chester

High School in 1952. He was particularly active in track and field, baseball and football. After high school, he briefly worked as an interior decorator and sales consultant at John Wanamaker's department store and later became employed at Scott Paper Company (now known as Kimberly Clark) before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1957. Serving as a Medic and Engineer, James earned an Honorable Discharge after completing his service in 1959. Following his military tenure, he returned to Scott Paper Company and ultimately retired from the Distribution Division after 39 years of dedication.

A man of many talents, James also thrived as a Delaware County PA Voting Poll coordinator and an entrepreneur, running a successful landscaping business for over 15 years after his retirement. His commitment to serving the community was a testament to his character.

James loved singing hymns during his daily walks, bringing joy to all who heard him. His sense of humor, wisdom, and mentorship touched many lives with a special affinity to children. He had a unique way of celebrating every occasion, from family gatherings to deep discussions about politics, sports, and current events. He was an avid traveler, fisherman, and devoted fan of Western films and the Dallas Cowboys. His passions for food, fellowship, and faith were the

cornerstone of his life.

On September 26, 2024, James transitioned from this earthly realm, leaving behind a rich legacy. Cherishing his memory are his son, Christopher Shelton Flood and daughter, Teresa Marie Flood (Glenn); his grandchildren: Quiana Stokes, Krista Flood, Keyeta Flood, LaShonda Flood, Keone Flood, Clairasha Flood, and T'ona Coleman; his 10 great-grandchildren and his in-laws: Clanthia Hunt Flood (Robert), Doris Rice (Dennis), Bill Rice Jr. (VA), John C. Rice Sr., and Marian R. Summers (DE).

Preceding him in death were his parents, his beloved wife, Shirley Ann (Rice) Flood, his sons Dale James Philip Flood and David Carroll Flood, siblings James Brock, Leola Ringgold, Martha E. Wright, Vera Hunt, Robert Carroll Flood, and daughter-in-law Carmen Stokes, along with many other cherished family members.

James Shelton Flood was a man whose memory will live on through the countless lives he touched. His legacy of love, strength, and service will endure. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten

Cemetery Details

Haven Memorial Cemetery

2500 Concord Road
Chester Township, PA 19013

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
1616 W. 2nd Street
Chester, PA 19013

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending sincere condolences to Mr.Flood entire family. May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Special memories, singing on his porch on Sunday morning while waiting for his ride to Church.*

Gloria Cogmon - October 25, 2024 at 07:39 AM