



## James Thomas Laskey

July 26, 1927 - February 6, 2023

James Thomas Laskey 95, a resident of Elmore County transitioned February 6, 2023. Funeral Services will be February 18, 2023, at Eunice M. Mitchell Chapel (Hillside), at 11:00 a.m., burial to follow at New Nazareth Churchyard cemetery, HWY 143.

James Thomas Laskey was born on July 26, 1927, in Deatsville, Alabama to the late Adam Laskey and Ethel Lee Laskey Bowmen (Giles). James departed this life at the age of 95 on February 6, 2023, during a peaceful sleep in his Montgomery, Alabama home. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers George and Eddie Frank Laskey, son Emanuel, as well as the love of his life, Annie Ruth Laskey, who passed away on May 29, 2021.

James was raised in Deatsville, Alabama and attended public schools until the eighth grade. While in school he met his beloved, Annie Ruth.

James loved to sing gospel music, so at the age of 14 he ventured to the "Music City," Detroit, Michigan. Soon after his arrival, he got married and had three sons from his first union. In Detroit, James worked as a day laborer until the age of 21.

After missing his home and family in Alabama, he dissolved his first union and returned to Deatsville to be with his true love, Annie. James and Annie were married on August 3, 1948, and from that union they had 10 children. The couple moved their family to Washington, DC in the 1960's where James accepted a full-time position with the Washington Post one of the most-widely circulated newspapers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. James

believed in taking care of his entire family, so he also had several part-time jobs, including being a bar hand and parking cars with PMI Parking. In his spare time, he sang with several gospel groups, including the "Blind Boys of DC." James proudly retired in June 1987; at which time the Washington Post gave him several accolades for his great years of dedicated service.

Once retired, James and Annie returned to Montgomery, Alabama, the place that they always called home, to spend time with their family and friends.

James continued to enjoy the spiritual sounds of gospel music. On most days, you would find him at home catching his favorite football team, the Washington Redskins or quietly listening to various gospel artists. James had a calling that he fulfilled with faith in God and strength: He was a provider with a sharp mind and the will to stand on his own two feet. For this example, we are all forever grateful.

James Laskey is survived by 12 children: Melba Lawrence (Allen), Edward (Ernestine), Gwen Thompson (Kenny), Ivory, Darrell, Carl (Darcel), Pamela Powell (Stacey), Wanda Barbour (Calvin), Theresa Hollowell (Michael), Antionette Benton (Jerome), Charles, and David; 26 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other family and friends with Hillside Memorial & Gardens directing.

# Cemetery Details

## New Nazareth Baptist Church Cemetery

Deatsville, AL

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Memorial & Gardens  
3274 Central Plank Rd  
P.O. Box 218  
Wetumpka, AL 36092  
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# Tribute Wall

TH

“ Happy Heavenly 97th Birthday, missing you each and everyday. I know you are rejoicing and celebrating with all in Heaven today. Kiss momma for me.

Tressie

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**Theresa Laskey Hollowell** - July 26, 2024 at 10:47 AM

WB

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday!

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**Wanda Laskey Barbour** - July 26, 2023 at 08:14 AM

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**Theresa hollowell** - February 28, 2023 at 05:26 AM



“ I will hold the life lessons in which Mr and Ms Laskey shared with me. These teaching has aided in evolving me into the woman that I am today. I remember as a child the BBQ and family gatherings, the patience in answering my questions and the gardening tips from Mr Laskey.

*I hold gratitude for the love, encouragement and generosity, which will be apart of my daily praise and worship to the Lord.*

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

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**Daisy Tate** - February 21, 2023 at 10:01 AM

AB

*Thank you Daisy!*

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**Antionette Laskey Benton** - February 23, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Thomas Laskey.*

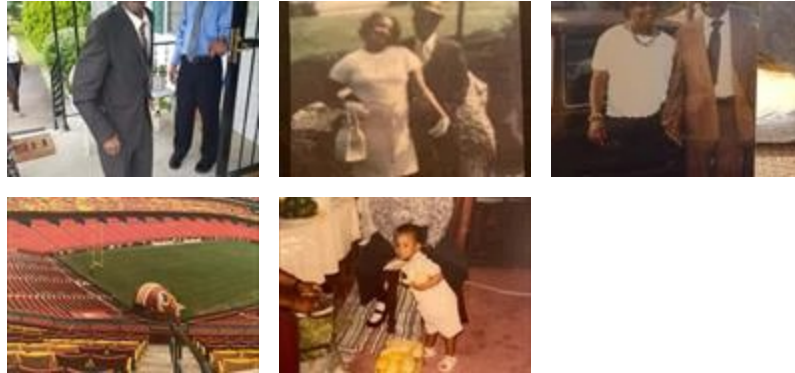


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February 21, 2023 at 09:42 AM

WB

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**Wanda Laskey Barbour** - February 20, 2023 at 12:21 PM

AB

“ *Ms Deloris Billups sent a gift for the family!*  
*Thank you!*

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**Antionette Laskey Benton** - February 20, 2023 at 09:27 AM

AB

“ Every morning before I start my day I say thank you Jesus. Good morning mom and dad. Together again! Wow, they taught me, how to pray, important of family, family celebrations, and traditions. Growing up watching, listening, and learning the amazing work dad and mom has done, no one can replace. The work dad taught me wasn't taught in a few years, they taught me a lifetime of lessons. I will treasure the memories and continue their legacy in my life. I will always remember dad's words of encouragement, lessons to how to raise chickens, plant gardens, keep a clean house, hard work, and don't let no know one tell you what to do, you know what you need, Listen to the man up stairs, he will guide you to the right path. My dad, my hero and he is in me from loving the color blue to “My Lord! Help me somebody!” I will continue to follow mom and dad footsteps and Lords willing I will continue their Legacy here on earth and until we meet in heaven. My mom and dad will always be my Angels and Super Hero's!  
Thank everyone for your gifts, love, and prayers.  
Love you all, Antionette Laskey Benton

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**Antionette Laskey Benton** - February 20, 2023 at 09:09 AM

KT

“ When I spoke with you that Sunday I was so happy to hear your voice. You told me repeatedly that you were tired. I spoke to momma the Sunday prior to her passing and she also told me that she was tired repeatedly. I now realize that you both were saying goodbye to me during those Sunday calls.  
I know that you both are gone from your earth suits but your spirits will always be with me. I understand that it was time to go but it doesn't ease the pain. I will always keep you close to my heart.  
Love Trina.

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**Katrina Thompson** - February 20, 2023 at 01:06 AM

CW

“ Your Dayspring Community Church family is with you in spirit as you lay to rest your beloved father. May God's Comfort find you faithfully grieving as those whose hope is in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Until you meet him again, rest assured in knowing Mr. & Mrs. James and Annie Laskey are together again around rejoicing around the throne of grace. Love, Pastor Turner Wood

Cynthia Turner Wood - February 18, 2023 at 11:47 AM

ME

“ Margaret Edwards lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Laskey



Margaret Edwards - February 18, 2023 at 06:30 AM

ME

Family you are always in our Prayers and have Condolences. 🙏🕊️🕊️  
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Margaret Edwards - February 18, 2023 at 06:42 AM

AB

Thank you!

Antionette Laskey Benton - February 20, 2023 at 08:07 AM

CB

“ *Early one morning, God was ready to call one of His hard workers home to be with Him in Glory. He was writing his name when he called over to one of his angels when God asked to ascend down to a place well known. The angel as always obeyed and made their way down to Harris Road. When the angel arrived, they saw the man sleeping peacefully at a known home. You can say the angel tapped the man so he would notice. The angel called and said James. He looked with a smile on his face and said, Yes Anne. She told him God said it's time. It's time to come on home!*

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**Charmagne Barbour** - February 18, 2023 at 06:04 AM

AB

*Amen*

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**Antionette Laskey Benton** - February 20, 2023 at 08:06 AM

TH

“ *I cannot thank God enough for the father that raised me! I'm praising and rejoicing for He knew the Lord, and taught us to seek God first in everything. Take your rest dad! The Heavens are rejoicing. We are going to miss you but God, until we meet again. I love you and happy to be a part of your legacy to. Carry out all the things you taught me. #nowoodennickels!*



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**Theresa Laskey Hollowell** - February 18, 2023 at 05:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Thomas Laskey.*



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February 17, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Thomas Laskey.*



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February 17, 2023 at 10:05 AM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the passing and celebrate the remarkable life of your Loving FATHER . “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16.

We remember James as a loving, hardworking man who always put his family first. Please know that our Heavenly Father has promised to wipe away all tears that you care to shed this day and the days to come. So, let not your hearts be troubled put your trust in the one who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

He is not far, Allow His legacy and all the rich memories that you hold so dear comfort and supply you with strength to face today, hope to face tomorrow, and peace to face the future.

So, gather all the best of a good life into the pages of loving memories, to be held in the heart forever. We will continue to Pray God's love will comfort your soul and bring peace at this most difficult time.

*Love Cousin Lillie Brown & Family*

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**Lillie Brown** - February 17, 2023 at 08:36 AM

MM

“ Miko Matthews lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Laskey



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**Miko Matthews** - February 17, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Thomas Laskey.*



February 16, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ *Antionette Laskey Benton lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Laskey*



**Antionette Laskey Benton** - February 15, 2023 at 01:47 AM



*from your baby girl!*

**Antionette Laskey Benton** - February 15, 2023 at 01:48 AM



“ *Rest in peace, Dad! Until that day we will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air!*

**Wanda Laskey Barbour** - February 14, 2023 at 07:28 PM



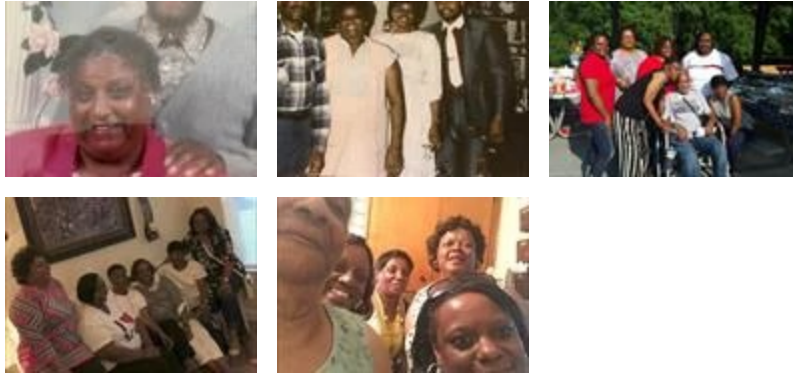
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**Wanda Laskey Barbour** - February 14, 2023 at 12:45 PM

WB

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Wanda Laskey Barbour - February 14, 2023 at 07:55 AM

AT

“ I am so grateful to have such leadership in my life. You taught me this very thing without any words at all, "Lead by example and actions speak louder than words". From this day forward I will celebrate you and honor your legacy. You left your mark Diddy, indeed you did! I am at peace that you and grandma can now rejoice and be at peace together again. I know she is definitely smiling. Until we meet again you will for all eternal life be in our hearts. I love you 🧡



Avia Thompson - February 11, 2023 at 03:56 PM

DL

“ Dayspring Community Church, Lanham,MD purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Thomas Laskey.



Dayspring Community Church, Lanham,MD - February 11, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Thomas Laskey.



February 10, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Tracey & Angela Milliner lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Laskey



Tracey & Angela Milliner - February 10, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ Ida Prince lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Laskey



Ida Prince - February 07, 2023 at 01:59 PM



Thank you!

Antionette Laskey Benton - February 08, 2023 at 12:13 PM



Antionette Laskey Benton

Antionette Laskey Benton - February 08, 2023 at 12:15 PM