



James Richard Thompson

March 27, 1942 - November 18, 2022

James Richard Thompson, 80, passed away Friday, November 18, 2022.

James “Babay” Richard Thompson was born on March 27, 1942, in Courtland, Alabama to the late Richard and Bobbie Lee Thompson. He was the seventh of eleven children. He later relocated to Louisville, Kentucky where he attended Central High School. He worked at the Jefferson Club, Pendennis Club and Louisville Gardens for many years. Babay was an excellent cook. Soul food was his specialty. You have not truly eaten unless you have had JR’s cornbread and bean soup!

Babay was an avid Louisville Cardinals basketball fan. You would also catch him eating his gummy candy while watching old westerns on television. He loved to dance and was the life of the party. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family and was never seen without his love, his heart, his “LoLo”, Theodora. They met and instantly formed a connection and have been inseparable for the past 40 years.

Babay was a very strong willed and resilient man. He has battled numerous health issues over the years, but that battle is now over. His work here on Earth is now complete. God called JR home to Rest in Heaven on November 18, 2022.

James was preceded in death by brothers, Elzy, William and Thomas Thompson, and sister Mary Howlett. He leaves to cherish his memories, Wife, Theodora Lowe-Thompson; Siblings, Bobby (Liz), Paul (Carolyn), and Leonard Thompson (Gail), Minnie Ruth Bates, Ernestine Mulligan and Nel

McDaniels; Children, Tanya, James Jr., Angela, Kimberly, and Stephanie Thompson, Lynn Bryant, Donnie Stiles, Titania Wise (George), Dwayne, Russell, and Shawn Lowe; 13 Grandchildren, 17 Great-Grandchildren, 5 Great-Great-Grandchildren, and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and Friends.

Visitation: 10am-12pm Thursday, December 1, 2022 at A.D. Porter & Sons, 1300 W. Chestnut St., funeral service to follow at 12 noon. Burial: Green Meadows Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadows Cemetery

3800 Shanks Lane
Louisville, KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Downtown
1300 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, KY 40203
(502) 587-9678
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com
<https://adporters.com/>

Service

DEC 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Richard Thompson.* ”



November 28, 2022 at 08:11 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of James Richard Thompson.* ”



November 28, 2022 at 07:47 AM