



James Franklin

July 8, 1949 - March 20, 2016

James (Jim) Franklin, 66, of Wenatchee, WA went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 20, 2016 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born July 8, 1949 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Willie James Casey and Evelyn Franklin. As a child, he enjoyed playing dominoes, checkers, and playing outside with his siblings and friends. He also enjoyed music and sports, playing the drums, racquetball, basketball, martial arts, and just sitting outside soaking up the sun. He left Mississippi at the age of 16 to attend Job Corps in Moses Lake, Washington to pursue getting his GED and training in heavy equipment. He was employed at The Bureau of Reclamation in Ephrata.

Soon after, he met the love of his life, Melisse Farnam at a dance where they connected right away. They spent 44 years together as friends, lovers, husband and wife. James was a family man who loved spending time with his wife, daughters, Tanya and Elita. He had four grandchildren, Cheyanna, Jacob, Shadow, and James II, and 2 great-grandchildren, Reylynn and Ricky, Jr.

James retired from Alcoa as a crane operator after 25 years, where he worked very hard to support his family. He was a great, loving, humble, kind, and generous man who loved the Lord.

James loved watching his oldest two grandchildren play sports. He also enjoyed watching his oldest grandson race at WWSO. He was always supportive of all the children and their dreams, letting them know they could

do whatever they wanted, if they put their minds to it.

When he wasn't with family, you could find him at the Y.M.C.A; playing and teaching racquetball and basketball or ministering to the children at juvenile.

James is survived by wife of 44 years, Melisse, his two daughters, Tanya Franklin-Ermine, and Elita Franklin; granddaughter, Cheyanna Ermine; grandsons, Jacob McGraw, Shadow Ermine, and James Franklin II; great-granddaughter, Reylynn Padron; great-grandson, Ricky Padron, Jr.; his sisters, Mary Jo Mickens (Henry), Wanda Amerson, JoAda Casey, and his brothers, Robert Casey (Beatrice), Joseph Calloway, Ricky Barnes (Evon), Rodrick Casey, John Casey, Leo Casey.

He had 6 nephews, 6 nieces, 10 great nieces, 9 great nephews and many, many cousins.

He was preceded in death his father, mother, by an infant brother, Paul Casey, and sister, Eliza Casey.

A Celebration of Life with reception to follow will be held Friday, April 1, 2016 at Eastmont Baptist Church located 400 S Kentucky Ave, East Wenatchee, WA. at 2:00 p.m

Tribute Wall



“ Hi, Pappy. I didn't mean to miss posting on Father's Day. I just couldn't get on here. I was too sad. You know that I love you thought and I miss you so much. I am glad you are in heaven but I am still having a hard time being here without you. I wish I could hug you just one more time. I am hoping someday soon it won't hurt as bad but that hasn't happened yet. Anyway, I am going to go for now. I love you so much and I will see you again some day. Love your little bee.

Elita Franklin - June 23, 2024 at 05:50 PM



“ Hi, Pappy. Father's Day is coming up so I wanted to take the time to say Happy Pappy's Day in heaven. I miss you so much and I wish I could spend the day with you here. One day, I will be able to see you again though and that makes it a little easier. Love you, Pappy.

Elita Franklin - May 21, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ Hi, Pappy.

Sorry I didn't come visit you on your death date. I just couldn't that day. I haven't found it any easier this year to reconcile you being gone. I hope you heard me talking to you though. I am sorry if I rambled but I had a lot to say then.

Anyway, starting the business is A LOT harder than I thought but I am doing it. I still have a few things to learn to be able to do so that I can be successful and legal but I am going at a good pace. I found a scent that smell just like you used to when you wore Brut 33. I am going to make it my King James scent in your honor. I hope that is ok with you. I also found fragrances for grampa Mel, grandma Dorothy, and momma. They of course will be part of my line but if you heard me on your dd, you know this already.

Its going to be my birthday soon even though I don't feel old I will be 51! Can you believe that?! I hardly can. It doesn't seem like it has been that long. I am sure you don't worry about time, or birthdays in heaven but I wonder sometimes if you feel your age up there in heaven.

Anyway, I am trying to focus on rededicating my life to Christ and getting the business going. Other than that, things are still the same. I am working the two jobs to make ends meet and building the business.

Well, I am going to go. I love and miss you so much. I sure miss you and wish you were here so that I could tell you all this in person but it is ok. I know you couldn't stay here with me. I am not sure why God needed you more but it's ok.

Ok luv ya bu-bye Pappy. <3

Elita Franklin - April 22, 2024 at 12:47 AM



“ Hi, Daddy. Its almost Thanksgiving again. You have been on my mind a lot lately I just haven't come to say it here. It hit me hard when I found out you aren't on my birth certificate and it made me question a lot of things. It was par for the course though as you know with mom but in the end, you will always be my Pappy.

There has been a lot going on since I was here last. I got two new cars, J got hired and fire and then hired somewhere else, and the big news...I AM STARTING THE BUSINESS.

I am so excited. I know that you would be proud of me and still be chewing me out for not starting sooner but I am doing it, daddy! I started making the products, am working on the labels and trying to remember to be nice to myself throughout. I have even sold a few things already. This is a lot harder than I thought it would be but I know that it will be worth it. I have learned a lot but I have a lot more to learn before I am done. I pray that it will be successful. But like you used to say, we don't want to be rich, we want to be comfortable. I truly believe I can do it.

Thanks for being my dad and believing in me enough to encourage me to want to help people in this way.

I realize you can't actually read this but it does make me feel a little better to get it off my chest.

I am going to go now. OK, love you bu-bye!

Elita Franklin - November 20, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ We are getting ready for Thanksgiving again, Pappy. I can't believe it has been 5 years! I thought that over time it would get easier. It has not. I feel like you left us just a week ago. It is made harder by the fact that this is your favorite time of year. All the kids, grand kids, and great grand kids will be trying to get together to have a sit down meal. I wish I could say you would be there and you and Jake could have your "leg contest" again.

I miss you, daddy and my heart hurts that you are not here to celebrate with us. This is the hardest time of year for me because you smile more this time of year than any other.

I love and miss you so much.

Elita Franklin - November 21, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ Hi, Pappy. Today I started on the dreams we had for me. I just finally got the to the point that I can start letting myself believe what you said. I will keep you updated. I love and miss you and I am still missing you like crazy but I have a little more comfort today.

Elita Franklin - August 19, 2021 at 11:41 PM



“ I know its been a while since I posted to you, dad but I got stuck. You know what I mean. I am a day early but I wanted to wish you a happy birthday in heaven, daddy. You would have been 72 this year. I wish you were here but we (J and I) are going to make your favorite cake and ice cream. I know you aren't here to celebrate but we haven't stopped remembering you. I know you are doing well and I hope you can see me down here. I talk to you often and I hope you can hear me. I miss you so much and the only way I get through my day is knowing one day I will see you again. Happy birthday, Pappy!

Elita Franklin - July 07, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ Merry Christmas, Daddy. I know that you are having a great time in heaven but I miss you so much. Thank you for visiting me in my dreams.

Elita Franklin - December 25, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ Today would have been your 70th birthday on earth, Pappy. I know it isn't important to you now but it is important to me. We are having a celebration of your life today because you were a great man. I know, I know. You think it is ridiculous but you are important to me and I want to honor your memory until I can see you again.

Love and miss you more than words can ever express. Until I see you again...

Elita Franklin - July 08, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ Happy Father's Day in heaven, Pappy. I miss you so much and I wish you were here but I am glad that you are in heaven celebrating. I prayed the Lord would give you a huge hug from me and I know He will so you can feel even more loved. Miss you more than I can ever express, Pappy. <3

Elita Franklin - June 16, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ You have been heavy on my mind, daddy. I just wanted to say Happy New Year! Love you as big as God and everything He made.

Elita Franklin - January 01, 2019 at 02:46 AM



“ Miss you daddy. I now this is your favorite time of year. Happy holidays in heaven.

Elita Franklin - December 29, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ Elita Franklin lit a candle in memory of James Franklin



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“ *Elita Franklin lit a candle in memory of James Franklin*



Elita Franklin - November 17, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ *I was thinking about you a lot today. Thanksgiving is coming this next week and I am so sad you won't be there. I am still having a hard time not having your here. Love you, Pappy.*

Elita Franklin - November 17, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ *Mary Jo Mickens was added to the Family Tree.*

Elita Franklin - July 31, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ *Wanda Amerson was added to the Family Tree.*

Elita Franklin - July 31, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ *Robert Casey was added to the Family Tree.*

Elita Franklin - July 31, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Happy birthday in heaven, Pappy. I know you are having the best time but I miss you so much. I wish I could be baking you a cake today and having strawberry ice cream. Thank you for looking out for me while you are up there. <3

Elita Franklin - July 08, 2018 at 06:34 PM



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Elita Franklin - July 06, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ Today is one of your favorite holidays, Daddy. I am making your favorites. I know that you are happy in heaven but I still wish you could be here. I miss you so much. Happy Easter, Pappy!

Elita Franklin - April 01, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ I have been thinking about you lately. I am still trying to find a way to stop the pain in my heart, daddy. I just miss you so much. I am also still trying to be comforted by the thought that you are in heaven without pain, breathing problems, bad hips, and a back that kills you with pain. The problem is I am still just a human and I want you here. Pain or not. I want you here so I can comfort you and you can comfort me. I want to hear your laugh and see your smile. I wish heaven had visiting hours because I would be there every day. If for nothing else but to tell you I love you and miss you, Pappy and get a hug.

Elita Franklin - August 26, 2017 at 12:18 AM



“ Not being able to watch the fireworks with you yesterday was really hard. We love and miss you. I hope that you enjoy the short show from above.

Elita Franklin - July 05, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ Hi, Pappy. Today was our second Easter without you. I didn't want to celebrate at all. He is having such a hard time without you. We both miss you so much. I know you are doing well but the suffering here is indescribable. Love you, Daddy.

Elita Franklin - April 17, 2017 at 12:14 AM

MF

“ I still miss you so much. I know you are rejoicing in heaven. It's comforting to know, but I am selfish and want you back. I'll love you forever.

Melisse Franklin - April 01, 2017 at 06:31 PM



“ Today was James' party. It was so bittersweet. I am so happy that the doctors have been wrong all this time and he has survived. At the same time, you weren't here and it hurt so bad. I so wanted to hear you say you were taking him to Walmart and then doing your special things with him. It is so hard here without you, daddy. I miss you so much. James misses you so much.

We both don't understand how people can go through out there day and not just want to give up. Other people have moved on and don't seem to notice you are gone until we mention it. This is so disheartening and to hear them talk sometimes just makes me sick.

I know you are having a jam session in heaven but that doesn't help my human self. This pain is killing me, daddy. I miss you so much I can barely breathe. I try not to think about you because when I do I break out in tears. I love you.

Elita Franklin - September 17, 2016 at 11:41 PM



“ Today would have been your 67th birthday, Pappy. I know that you are having the best party ever but I miss you. I wish I could have ch. cake with coconut frosting and strawberry ice cream with you again. I know today you and I would have been going back and forth over what you wanted for your birthday and I miss that.

My heart is so broken that I can't see you, ask you advice, or anything. Please ask God while you are up there to take this pain from me. I don't know that I can handle much more.

Elita Franklin - July 08, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ Today is my first Father's Day without you. I miss you so much, Pappy. I know that you are not in anymore pain or having breathing problems that that doesn't help me much. My heart breaks every time I look at my son, think of a song you used to listen to, look at a photo of you, or even get a hint of your smell. I can't tell you what I would give to just see you one more time, talk to you one more time, even have a fight with you one more time. I love you, dad. Happy Father's Day in heaven. Love the youngest.

Elita Franklin - June 20, 2016 at 12:48 AM



“ Miss you, Pappy! I wish you could be here so I could hug you one more time. I am not consoled by the thought that I will see you again. My heart hurts so bad. I love you, daddy.

Elita Franklin - May 11, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ Elita Franklin lit a candle in memory of James Franklin



Elita Franklin - April 04, 2016 at 04:32 PM



I know you can't see this but I miss you so much, pappy. I remember when I was little and afraid to go to school so you "pulled" a piece of your heart out and handed it to me and asked me to do the same. I still have that piece daddy but I feel like the other half of my heart is missing and I will never be whole again. I feel like this is all a cruel joke and you will come walking in and tell me you are ok. I prayed I would wake up from this nightmare but it hasn't happened yet. Love you daddy.

Elita Franklin - April 04, 2016 at 04:37 PM

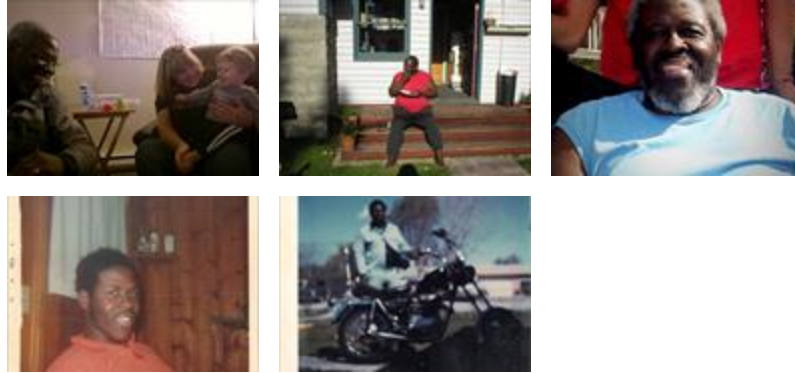
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Jim, I miss you every day, love of my life. Including, hearing your voice. :(

Melisse Franklin - April 15, 2016 at 12:58 AM



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Elita Franklin - April 04, 2016 at 03:42 PM

LD

“ *Melissa & family, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family today. Jim was such a huge part of our family as we were going through difficult times and when we weren't; he was a great friend. I remember he would come to the house with his booming voice and my kids Krissy and Andi: with any of the other kids around would come to visit with him about anything and everything, His energy was always welcomed, Jim will truly be missed in our family he touched so many peoples lives in such a good way. My heart goes out to you and your family. Rest in peace my friend, sent with love:*



Linda Thomas (Delaney)

Linda Thomas (Delaney) - April 01, 2016 at 11:01 AM

MF

“ I miss you so much, Jim. My heart, the love of my life. I'm so full of grief, at times it seems unbearable. The Lord is carrying me now, as I cannot stand on my own. Half of my heart is torn way. I know, that I know, I will see you again. I am so thankful we were able to tell one another that we loved each other. It's just the hardest thing I've ever been through. Love you more than I can express.

Melisse Franklin - April 01, 2016 at 06:41 AM

MF

“ Melisse Franklin sent a virtual gift in memory of James Franklin



Melisse Franklin - April 01, 2016 at 06:35 AM

EB

“ I only met James once, during his mother's homegoing service many years ago. James was a very kind brother- in- law. He loved the Lord, & he was passionate about doing so. I'm so happy his body can finally rest. I will pray for everyone whom he left here, but we should be conformed to know his soul is returned to be with God.

Evon Barnes - March 30, 2016 at 05:56 PM

RC

“ I remember stand by James and we talk about how life is treaty both of us and if my legs will heal and I said no. but he always has a good word to say to anyone. he was and still is a friend so for the Family so sorry for the lost. and James will be as normal as he can now because he is in the house of the lord the son and the holy Ghost too. so James say Hello to my family that lives among the clouds and heaven. Rest in Peace my good friend. and god bless u always. Robert..

Robert Curtis - March 30, 2016 at 02:04 AM

CI

“ *Melisse & Family-*
As you know, Jim and I were best of friends for the past 30 years or more. Jim was a preacher, (of the word) & a helper & listener to anyone that needed it. He loved racquetball, playing the drums from time to time and helping troubled teens for years down @ the Juvenile center @ the jail. It was his passion to help them. Our children (Courtney & Whitney) gave him the nickname of "Big Jim". So every time when he was here, they would come running downstairs to see him. They just loved him & he loved them back. Jim always asked how the kids were doing, and I always asked how the family was doing too.
If one was fortunate enough to become friends with Jim, you would have a true and honest friend for life. I feel very blessed to have had him as one of mine.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you & the family during this difficult time. Our whole family will always remember him, & I will miss my long time friend.
Godspeed-
Carl & Lova Irwin
Courtney Gates
Whitney Irwin

Carl Irwin - March 29, 2016 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ *Melisse and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a sweet guy and always made you feel comfortable. I have thought about you two often over the years Melisse but we would often run into Jim in town and didn't get to see you. My husband worked with Jim many years ago at Alcoa and Melisse you & I go way back. I feel so heartbroken for you and your family. Just know lots of prayers are with you and Jim will be very missed by a lot of people.*
Patrick & Janet Mabes (maiden: Fisher)

Janet Mabes - March 28, 2016 at 11:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

Elita Franklin - March 26, 2016 at 05:40 PM

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“ *Pappy, there aren't words to say how much I miss you. I don't believe my heart has ever broken like this. I love you so much and will always remember your last words to me. Love you too, daddy!*

Elita Franklin - March 26, 2016 at 05:32 PM

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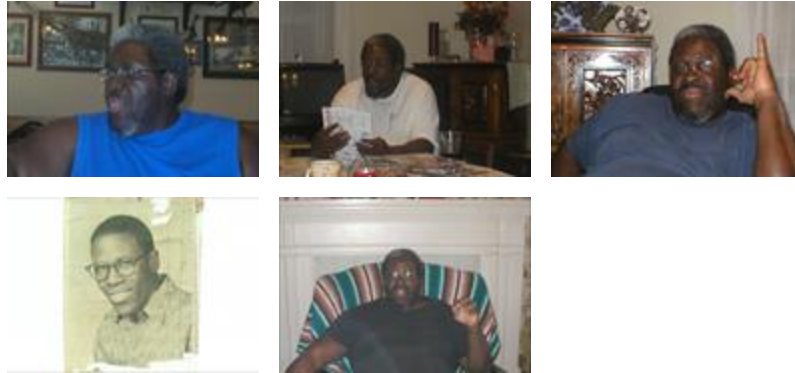
“ *Elita Franklin lit a candle in memory of James Franklin*



Elita Franklin - March 26, 2016 at 05:30 PM

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Elita Franklin - March 26, 2016 at 05:28 PM

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“ *Wanda Amerson lit a candle in memory of James Franklin*



Wanda Amerson - March 25, 2016 at 04:38 AM

WA

“ *Mr. Franklin was my oldest brother, I remember when we were little how sweet he was, how he helped our mother with duties around the house. My big brother was a people person, he Loved ministering the word of God. He knew the right times to give you a encouraging word. Missing you my big Brother, thanks for all our time we chatted on the phone, I will miss them. Continue to rest until we see each other again. Love you my brother!!*

Wanda Amerson - March 25, 2016 at 04:36 AM