

In Loving Remembrance
of
Sylvester James
1947 - 1988



Service Held At
Love Center Church
3814 MacArthur Blvd
Oakland, California

Monday, December 19, 1988 - at 7:30 p.m.

Minister Officiating
Reverend Walter L. Hawkins

Obituary

SYLVESTER JAMES was born on September 6, 1947, to Sylvester James and Letha Hurd James, in Los Angeles, California. He left to be with the Lord on December 16, 1988.

Educated in the Los Angeles public school system, Sylvester graduated from Jordan High School in 1969.

Reared in the nurture and admonition of God's Word, Sylvester accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and received the filling of the Holy Spirit at the age of 12, during his membership with the Palm Lane Church of God in Christ. Upon his relocation to the San Francisco Bay Area, he united with the Love Center Church, where he attended until he took flight to "New Jerusalem."

While a member of the Love Center Church, Sylvester was a consistent supporter of the Ministry, both spiritually and financially. He could always be counted on to assist with whatever endeavor requested. He loved and respected the leadership and was mutually loved and respected by them as well.

The name "Sylvester" spontaneously relates in the minds and hearts of countless thousands to a young, energetic, vibrant, entertainer. From childhood, Sylvester was a great lover of music and established himself early on as a notable singer, exhibiting the wonderful gifts and developing his talents. Sylvester invested significant time, energy, and commitment to perfecting his production to ensure a quality contribution and meet and exceed the expectations of a multi-faceted, international audience. The awards, honors, and citations received are too numerous to list here, but be it known that included in the number are awards from the entertainment industry, e.g., Grammy Awards, citations/awards from civic and religious communities, e.g., City and County of San Francisco and the Love Center Church.

Sylvester generously shared himself and his talents with the world he loved as demonstrated through his donations to numerous Aids Projects, March of Dime Telethons, etc. Through these sharings, Sylvester touched and inspired generations of well-wishers and an otherwise forgotten people who desperately needed to know that someone was in their corners.

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Order of Service
Officiating • Reverend Yvette Flunder

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament..... *Reverend Ronnie McFarland*
New Testament..... *Reverend Carol King*

PRAAYER..... *Reverend Earl Bostick*

SELECTION.....*Love Center Mass Choir*

EXPRESSIONS

Mr. Timmy McKenna
Miss Jeanie Tracy Smith

"Musical Selection (tape) by Sylvester"



EXPRESSIONS

Miss Wanetta McGilbery
Miss Leslie Lurie

SELECTION.....*Miss Jeanie Tracy Smith*
"Never Grow Old"

RESOLUTION & OBITUARY.....*Reverend Larry Short*

SELECTION..... *Miss Martha Wash and*
Miss Azora Rhodes

EULOGY..... *Reverend Walter L. Hawkins*

THE PARTING VIEW

RECESSIONAL

Final Disposition

Wednesday, December 21, 1988 • 11:00 a.m.

INGLEWOOD PARK CEMETERY

Inglewood, California

Obituary continued...

Awaiting their reunion with him on the Hallelujah Day are: mother, Letha Hurd, and step-father, Robert Hurd, both of Los Angeles; four sisters: Bernadette Jackson, Bernadine Stevens, Tammy Hurd and Angelica Hurd, all of Los Angeles; four brothers: John Wesley James, Larry Darnell James, Mark James, Alonzo Drealon Hurd, all of Los Angeles; two grandmothers, Julia Alma Morgan and Lola B. Pettie, both of Los Angeles; two aunts, Ethel J. Stoner and Rose Lee Murray, both of Los Angeles; three uncles, Will B. James, Acher Lee Weaver, of Arkansas, and Robert Lee Weaver, of St. Louis, Missouri; other relatives, and countless worldwide friends and admirers!

Active Pallbearers
Love Center Men's League

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Timmy McKenna
Dr. Anthony Elite
Mr. Jason Williams
Mr. Baron Matalon
Mr. Alonzo Hurd
Mr. William Jackson
The Love Center Family
Mr. Steve Foresee
Mr. Marti Blecman
Mr. Robert Hurd



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