



## Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr.

May 15, 1932 - February 19, 2024

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<https://www.facebook.com/ZandersFuneralLIVE/>

### REFLECTIONS OF A LIFE WELL-LIVED:

James Robert Paul Sr., was born in Brewton, Alabama to Robert and Effie Chapman Paul on May 15, 1932. James was the second of 10 children. His father was a chipper, so they moved every two years to a different town. They lived in many small towns that provided work for the family. James attended school in Colquitt, Georgia. The family moved to Quincy, Florida in early 1940 where he met the love of his life, Dorothy Mae Shaw, while working in the tobacco fields. They courted for a short while and James asked for Dorothy's hand in marriage. They exchanged vows on September 11, 1948. James and Dorothy moved to Narcoossee, FL in 1952, with three children in tow. They settled in Narcoossee and had six more children. They continued to reside in Narcoossee until James's death.

### WORK HISTORY:

James was a hard worker and took pride in providing for his family. James first job in Narcoossee was working in the celery fields. He later worked as a

laborer and truck driver for Hale's Feed Mill in Kissimmee, FL for 17 years. After leaving the mill, he started driving trucks for different companies. He loved driving 18 wheeler trucks, both local and long distance. Driving was his passion and prompted him to obtain his CDL license. His next and last employment was with Bell Rental and Sales in Orlando, FL. He operated and delivered heavy equipment. At the age of 63, James decided to start his own business as Paul's Hauling Services. He was very successful in hauling items as well as using heavy equipment to do various jobs. He was an honest and very reputable businessman.

#### LIFE FACTS:

- On September 11, 2023, James and Dorothy celebrated 75 years of marriage of loving each other, a beautiful Love story!
- James adored his children and four generations of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great- great-grandchildren totaling "69" to date. He was a nurturer and very caring father and grandfather, with a great big heart. He always put his family first and ensured they were well-cared for and reveled in all of their successes. He was generous and kind to all and was quick to invite anyone to visit and join him in breaking bread.
- James joined St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church (SLMBC) of Narcoossee in 1952. James was the oldest ordained Deacon at SLMBC, with over 50 years of service. He was an avid church member that enjoyed praying and singing in the church. During his younger years, he and his brothers sang Gospel throughout Central Florida. They were called "The Paul Boys." One of his favorite phrases was "I've had some good days and I've had some bad days, but I want complain!"
- He took pride in maintaining the church grounds, as well as others in the community. His tractor and Bobcat were deemed as "his other wives!"
- James only completed school through the primary grades, but understood the importance of education and always encouraged others to seek higher levels of education. He and his brothers attended night school to obtain their

GED.

□ James and Dorothy are the oldest African American residents in the Whitted Historic Community in Narcoossee and was loved by the entire community. James was also the patriarch of the Paul Family. He was a great, fun-loving man who enjoyed life!

JAMES AND DOROTHY SAID THEY RAISED THEIR CHILDREN THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY:

1. Keep God first in your life
2. Family Love
3. Get an Education
4. Treat people with Respect and Dignity

PRECEDED IN DEATH:

His Loving Parents: Robert and Effie Paul; Sisters: Mary Elaine Henderson, Lula Mae Paul, Leola Charles, and Bernice Elam; Brothers: Zeary Paul, Arlee Paul; Children: Melvin Paul, Brenda Ann Paul, Curtis Lamar Paul; Grandchild: Rashan "Hassaun" Ortiz.

HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORIES:

His loving and devoted wife: Dorothy Mae Paul of 75 years; His caring and Loving Children: James Robert Paul Jr. (Valerie); William Paul; Annie Pinellas (Louis); Walter Paul; Jeannette P. Rivers (July); Evelyn Paul; Mary Berrian (John); Special Niece/Daughter: Annie Mae Jones (Willie); Brothers: George Richard Paul (Della); Isiah Paul, and Melvin Paul. A host of grands, great-grands, and great- great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and the community

# Cemetery Details

## Arthur E. Fells Cemetery

Narcoossee, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Altar Community Church St Cloud  
1215 Old Hickory Tree Rd  
St Cloud, FL 34771-8572  
(407) 892-1668

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Thanks for being a "bonus" grandfather to my children, a godfather to my granddaughter and for being a good neighbor to all of us. You was lifesaver to me when Larry's truck broke down on Boggy Creek Road in the early 90's. I can go on and on. You're going to be missed, neighbor. You're home with Jesus now, get your rest Uncle James.

Karen Starke Paul - March 03, 2024 at 10:19 AM

DS

“ David & Veronica Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr.



David & veronica Scott - March 01, 2024 at 09:09 PM

BK

“ Bethel AME church, Kissimmee purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr..



Bethel AME church, Kissimmee - March 01, 2024 at 06:19 AM

BK

“ Bethel AME church, Kissimmee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon James Robert Paul Sr..

Bethel AME church, Kissimmee - March 01, 2024 at 06:19 AM

RJ

“ Dear Ms. Dorothy, Mary, John, and Family, we know that your hearts are aching.

*They say that a husband and a father's guiding hand always sits on the shoulder of his family. Never forget his guidance of love. And although he may be in a better place, losing such a strong figure in life is one of the hardest things many of us will go through. Think about retelling how he lived, how he smiled, and how he loved. Oh, how he loved his family.*

*We are so fortunate to have met Mr. James Paul and spent some great times with him and the family. He had an infectious smile and would always ask where is Richard when we visited. He enjoyed the conversations and company.*

*He will always remain in our hearts. Our prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*

*We want you to know that we are here for you if you need anything, and most of all, we love you!*

*Love Richard & Marlean*

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**Richard & Marlean Jones** - February 29, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr..



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February 28, 2024 at 07:31 AM

LP

“ To the family of Deacon James Paul: With Heartfelt Sympathy: my condolences, love, thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Laurice Peterson



Laurice Peterson - February 27, 2024 at 04:44 PM

BK

To JP and Val  
Your cousins from Montgomery,Al  
Letting you know you and the family are praying for comfort and May God strengthen you during your time of bereavement.Love  
Comer D. and Barbara W. Kite

Barbara Kite - March 01, 2024 at 07:51 PM

SL

“ Sadie Lowman sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr.



Sadie Lowman - February 27, 2024 at 07:11 AM

SL

“ Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr.



Sadie Lowman - February 27, 2024 at 07:03 AM

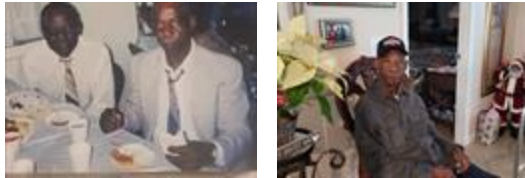
SP

“ Love you Pa James. See you on the other side.

*“The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil.”*

*Isaiah 57:1 NIV*

*<https://bible.com/bible/111/isa.57.1.NIV>*



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**sonya Paul** - February 26, 2024 at 06:47 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr..



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February 25, 2024 at 09:30 PM

TF

“ The Harley family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon James Robert Paul Sr..

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**The Harley family.** - February 25, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RS

“ Uncle James you will be deeply missed.

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**Raymond Sweet** - February 22, 2024 at 09:32 PM

JP

“ *Uncle James, Uncle James, Uncle James! This is a tough loss again in the Whitted Historic Community-The Heart Of Narcoossee and Paul family.*

*You were a respected member of the Narcoossee Community for over six decades, since 1952, and your extensive knowledge on the Narcoossee community and esteemed reputation as the patriarch of the Paul family have earned you great respect in Osceola County.*

*You were a pillar of the community and your impact will be felt for generations to come in the Paul family.*

*You was a shining example of what it means to live a life of service and compassion, and his contributions to the community will never be forgotten.*

*Rest on Uncle James and see you on the heavenly side 😭*



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**Jennifer A. Paul** - February 22, 2024 at 01:57 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr..*



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February 21, 2024 at 04:15 PM

LB

“ Linda, Jane, Jo, Kathy, Ginny, Beth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon James Robert Paul Sr..

Linda, Jane, Jo, Kathy, Ginny, Beth - February 21, 2024 at 04:15 PM

DT

“ Dear Family of Deacon Paul,  
We offer our love, prayers, and support during this season of the heavenly transition of a fine Christian gentleman whose legacy will last for generations to come. It was always a joy to see Deacon and Mother Paul at St. Luke Narcoosee. May our Father God comfort your hearts until we meet again in Glory.



*The Lord is Our Shepherd,  
Evangelist Sandra Nixon Tynes, Ph.D.  
The Welcome Table Ministries  
Kissimmee, Florida*

Dr.Sandra Nixon Tynes - February 20, 2024 at 08:51 PM

MK

“ Mamie Long Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr.



Mamie Long Kelly - February 20, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ *Karen Starke Paul lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Robert Paul, Sr.* ”



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**Karen Starke Paul** - February 20, 2024 at 07:25 PM