



## Mr. James Ray Morris

July 30, 1971 - February 17, 2026

With profound sorrow tempered by unshakable faith in Almighty God, we gather to celebrate the life and legacy of James Ray Morris, affectionately known as "Boy Frog", a beloved father, brother, and cherished soul whom the Master, in His infinite wisdom and divine sovereignty, called from labor to reward. Though our hearts tremble beneath the weight of sudden loss, we stand anchored in the blessed hope that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

In the providential wisdom of Almighty God, the earthly journey of James Ray Morris, began on July 30, 1971, in Brandon, Mississippi. He was born to the late Gladys Myles Morris and Josephus Miller, entering this world with a spirit that would one day leave an indelible imprint upon all who knew him. Scripture reminds us that there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven," "To everything and James' appointed season culminated with his heavenly transition Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

James Ray Morris, journeyed through this life with a spirit marked by resilience, authenticity, and undeniable presence. He was a man of strong conviction and deep emotion one whose laughter and antics could brighten weary hearts and whose strength often became refuge for those he loved. His life, though touched by human imperfection, radiated sincerity and devotion. For he may not have been perfect, but he was ours - and that sacred

belonging binds our hearts to his memory forever.

James Ray Morris was a proud graduate of Pearl High School, Class of 1990 where he donned the number 40 as a running back for the Pearl Pirates, carrying with him a spirit of perseverance and diligence that would characterize his life's journey. A dedicated and hardworking man, he faithfully provided through his employment with Sysco for eighteen years, as well as with Merchants, Southern Beverage, TW, and Lanter Delivery Service. One of his many accomplishments includes being the owner and proprietor of Morris Lawn Care. His work ethic reflected the biblical truth that "whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," and he labored with quiet strength and unwavering commitment.

He loved with intensity, lived with passion, and left an indelible imprint upon every life privileged to encounter him. As a father, he was a covering; as a brother, a companion through life's triumphs and tempests; as a friend, steadfast and true. James Ray Morris embodied the complexity of humanity, just as most of us - flawed yet faithful, tested yet enduring — a living testimony that God's grace sustains us even through unfinished chapters.

At an early age, James Ray Morris embraced the transformative grace of Jesus Christ, understanding that faith is not inherited but intentionally received. He united with Greater New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Brandon, Mississippi under the pastoral ship of Rev. R. L. Odom, where his spiritual foundation was nurtured. Later, he joined St. Paul COGIC under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Jesse Kelly. There, his faith matured into active ministry.

James Ray Morris did not simply occupy pews —he occupied purpose. He served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher, Van Driver, Choir Member, Street Ministry worker, Pastor's Aide Committee member, and Deacon. In

time, through dedication and divine calling, he was ordained as an Elder and later returned to reunite with his Greater New Friendship Church family.

James Ray Morris shared many cherished years of life and family with Cassandra, and through that union God blessed them with three beloved daughters: Cortney Ragland, Jamesia Morris, and Brianna Morris. As a father, he embraced the sacred responsibility spoken of in Scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). His love, guidance, and covering remain woven into the lives of his children as an enduring testament to his legacy.

James also found immeasurable delight in his role as a proud grandfather to Jamerion Morris and Morgan Butler, whose laughter and presence brought renewed joy to his heart — a living reminder that "children's children are the crown of old men" (Proverbs 17:6).

Today, tears flow freely because love ran deeply. The silence left behind feels immeasurable, yet we find consolation in the eternal promise declared in Scripture: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." "We believe that James Ray Morris now rests beyond pain, beyond struggle, and beyond earthly burdens, clothed in celestial peace and embraced by everlasting mercy.

Though death sought to interrupt his story, it could not extinguish his legacy. With hearts forever touched by his love, he leaves to carry forward his legacy his three devoted daughters: Cortney Ragland of Texas, Jamesia Morris, and Brianna Morris both of Pearl, Mississippi, whose lives stand as a living reflection of his enduring guidance and fatherly devotion. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren, Jamerion Morris and Morgan Butler, both of Pearl, Mississippi, who brought immeasurable joy and renewed light to his

heart.

He is lovingly remembered by his brothers, Alvin Morris (Cheryl of Pearl, Mississippi, and Terry Lynn Morris (Kisha) of Brandon, Mississippi, whose bond of brotherhood remained steadfast through every season of life. His Aunts, Glendora Myles (John) of Brandon, Mississippi; Ruby Sims of Jackson, Mississippi; Judy Gooch of Jackson, Mississippi; Uncles MJ Myles (Varnell) of Brandon, Mississippi; Ollie Sims (Donna) ; Erin Sims, both of Jackson, Mississippi; Robert Sims (Melinda) of Texas; He also leaves a treasured friend, Sharon Henry, along with his devoted and lifelong friends, Arthur McDaniel, Dracy Love, Henry Hobson and Jimmie Smith whose friendship stood as a testament to loyalty, shared memories, and unwavering connection. In addition, he leaves a host of loving cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who will continue to honor his memory and cherish the indelible mark he leaves upon their hearts.

Sleep on now, James Morris. Take your rest in the arms of the Savior. Your work on Earth is finished, your crown awaits, and your memory shall forever live among us.

# Cemetery Details

## Greater New Friendship MB Church Cemetery

755 Shiloh Road  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Family Hour

FEB 20. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel  
745 Hwy 468  
Brandon, MS 39042

## Homegoing Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Greater New Friendship M. B. Church  
755 Shiloh Road  
Brandon, MS 39042



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Ray Morris*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - February 20 at 02:24 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



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**Patricia Jones** - February 21 at 06:58 PM

LG

“ *I am praying for the family . May the Lord , continue to comfort . Latecia Thompson Gregory . 🙏*



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**Latecia Gregory** - February 21 at 12:56 PM

LG

“ Lesia Gipson lit a candle in memory of James Morris



Lesia Gipson - February 21 at 12:14 PM

GA

“ Gerri A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Ray Morris.

Gerri A. - February 21 at 07:20 AM

MR

“ Myra Ransom lit a candle in memory of James Morris



Myra Ransom - February 20 at 06:12 PM

ES

*My heart is sooo broken when I receive the news of BOY FROG, sometimes we want to ask the question why but within our hearts we know that GOD knows best and never ever make a mistake 🙏 To the Family God will see you through, I Love each and everyone of you ❤️ Always in my heart and prayers 🙏*

Earnestine Steele - February 21 at 09:57 AM

DK

“ We are truly going to miss you Boyfrog ☐!  
Praying for our families strength 🙏🙏🙏



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**Dorothy Keys** - February 20 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Ray Morris.

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February 20 at 03:22 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Morris.



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February 20 at 03:22 PM

KT

“ From the Clara Jean Evans White Family. Our condolences



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**Kimberly Terry** - February 20 at 02:53 PM

ES

“ *Our Condolences and Prayers to Family.*



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**Earl & Byshia Smith** - February 20 at 01:42 PM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



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**Evelyn Young** - February 20 at 09:44 AM

CM

“ *We'll miss you on this side. Rest well my friend. Prayers sent to the family* 💙

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**Carol Melvin-Mack** - February 20 at 04:31 AM

MB

“ *Myra Boone lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



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**Myra Boone** - February 20 at 01:33 AM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - February 20 at 12:10 AM

LC

“ *Condolences to the families sorry for your loss. May Bro. James rest in Peace*

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**Lloyd Collier** - February 19 at 08:05 PM

LC

“ *Lloyd Collier lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



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**Lloyd Collier** - February 19 at 08:03 PM



“ *Praying from Diane Proctor McIntyre and Family..*



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**Jennifer McIntyre** - February 19 at 07:03 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the family and friends of James( Boy frog) he will truly be missed. May GOD give you peace like only he can, during this difficult time □□□



Janice Moore - February 19 at 06:51 PM

JD

“ Jaki Diaz lit a candle in memory of James Morris



Jaki Diaz - February 19 at 05:10 PM

CH

“ James was always real ,and genuine. A great guy. The world needs more people like you. Praying for the family.



*Praying for the family*

Christopher huffman - February 19 at 05:09 PM

JD

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jaki Wilson Diaz - February 19 at 04:40 PM

CR

“ My friend and classmate, I remember the conversation we had just a few weeks ago. Keeping your family and friends in prayer during this time of your transition.

Cedric Robinson - February 19 at 03:35 PM

MG

“ Always a gentleman with a sweet spirit. James will be missed. Praying for his family and friends.

Monica Green - February 19 at 11:20 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Morris.



February 19 at 11:18 AM

JK

“ Rest in Heaven James, you will be truly missed



Janet Keys-Taylor - February 19 at 10:29 AM

JD

“ Im saddened to here of my classmate and friend. We lost a good man here on earth but heaven gained a warrior. You gonna be missed my friend. See you one day in heaven brother

Jimmy Daniels - February 19 at 10:26 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Morris.



February 19 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Ray Morris.

February 19 at 09:34 AM

DJ

“ This breaks my heart, such a fine man! Great memories from days at PHS, Pirate Pride!  
Prayers for the family during this time of loss!

dana Tanner Jones - February 19 at 09:04 AM

AM

“ *Our sincere condolences to my family during this difficult time. May God comfort and strengthen us.*



Anthony Myles - February 19 at 07:48 AM

FW

“ *My Prayers and Deepest condolences to the family. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you all during your time of bereavement*



Frances Wallace - February 19 at 06:20 AM

PK

“ *Thank You for being such a good and faithful friend to my son Jimmy Smith for many many years. Your presence in his life will be missed. Love and prayers for your family!*  
*Peggy Kousek*

Peggy Kousek - February 19 at 05:53 AM



“ *Jennifer McIntyre lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



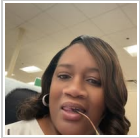
Jennifer McIntyre - February 19 at 12:19 AM

LH

“ *Lakeshia Holmes lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



**Lakeshia Holmes** - February 18 at 11:05 PM



“ *You're truly going to be missed, but definitely not forgotten.*



**Maxine Spann** - February 18 at 09:43 PM



“ *Jacqueline McGee lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



**Jacqueline McGee** - February 18 at 09:26 PM

CL

“ *Crystal Larkin lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



**Crystal Larkin** - February 18 at 04:25 PM

KL

“ *Kecia Love lit a candle in memory of James Morris*



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**Kecia Love** - February 18 at 11:07 AM

RJ

“ *Ralph & Daisy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Morris*



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**Ralph & Daisy Johnson** - February 18 at 09:14 AM

NK

“ *Prayers for the family during this difficult time.*



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**Natalie Keyes** - February 18 at 08:45 AM

JB

“ *Jonathan Boone*



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**Jonathan Boone** - February 17 at 07:58 PM



“ *Claxton Van Gipson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Morris*



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**Claxton Van Gipson** - February 17 at 07:18 PM



“ *Vergie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Morris*



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**Vergie Jackson** - February 17 at 05:20 PM