



James Beotis Green Jr.

May 2, 1959 - February 1, 2025

James Beotis Green Jr. lived with a vibrant spirit, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering resilience. His journey through life was one of redemption, strength, and an enduring passion for helping others.

Born on May 2, 1959, in Detroit, Michigan, James was the eldest of two children to James Sr. and Irene Green. Despite the challenges of growing up in a single-parent home, James stood as a protective big brother to his sister, Cheryl. As life unfolded, James grew not only as a sibling but as a compassionate soul, determined to make a difference.

In 1993, James made the life-changing decision to enter Narcotics Anonymous, embracing the 12-step program that would guide him to 20 years of sobriety. His transformation from struggling with addiction to becoming an advocate for others in recovery was nothing short of inspirational. James found purpose in the NA Fellowship and made a positive impact through his involvement in the “Jazzy Steppers” at the John R Community Center. His heart of gold shone through his actions, and he was a beacon of hope for many.

James worked diligently throughout his life, from odd jobs to a fulfilling career at Ford Motor Co., where his dedication and strong work ethic were admired. Though he never married or had children, James found a lifelong partner in Charmaine Evans, whose love and support were unwavering.

Throughout his life, James was known for his humor, his infectious laugh, and his ability to brighten any room he entered. His love for life, people, and

laughter was contagious, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

James leaves behind his sister Cheryl Green, brother Terence Thomas, stepfather Sumpter Thomas, stepbrothers Vincent and Michael Thomas, Cousin Gina Roberson, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

James's life was a testament to resilience, joy, and the power of redemption. His story will continue to inspire those who knew him, and his spirit will forever be felt in the lives he touched.

Rest in peace, James. Your love and light will shine on forever.

"I remember the First time we started talking. You were the reason I got my laugh back; The reason I fell asleep with a smile on my face. The reason I was motivated to do things again. You truly have made my life better by just being in it. You will always be my special person."

Love, Charmaine

"Bubby, you were a blessing, my big brother, so dear,
The love and memories we shared will keep you near.
Though you're gone, in my heart you'll forever stay,
Your love and spirit will never fade away."

Love, Your Sister, Cheryly Poo

"I would like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun; Of happy memories that I leave when life is done. Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die. I have sent up my gladness on wings, to be lost in the blue of the sky."

Previous Events

Family and Friends Hour

FEB 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

FEB 24. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of James Beotis Green Jr.*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 24, 2025 at 12:11 PM

SH

Soror Green. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. Your brother was so young. I pray peace and strength during this time. Soror R. Hollins

Soror Regina Hollins - February 24, 2025 at 06:18 PM

SL

Soror Green, Sending my sincere condolences to you and your Beautiful family. Keeping you lifted up in prayer during this difficult time.

Soror Sheryll Lamothe

Sheryll Lamothe - February 24, 2025 at 09:06 PM

RD

Soror Green, You and your family have my deepest condolences at this time in your life. Pray is a given, along with love and strength. These three things will help you through this moment: safe travels and a peaceful journey to Brother James .

*yours,
Soror Devereaux*

RoCoco Devereaux - February 25, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Beotis Green Jr.*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 24, 2025 at 12:11 PM

SB

“ *On behalf of myself and all of Cheryl's sisters in the Century City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in West Los Angeles, California, I am sending condolences to all who knew and loved James. Our hearts and prayers continue to be with you and may the peace that passeth all understanding rest with you. Hugs and love always....May he rest in paradise.*

Shonelle Blake - February 24, 2025 at 06:47 PM

VJ

“ *Much love to you Cheryl,
We know you will miss Bub. His fun nature, his gift of storytelling and all those cards/letters he mailed.
You will read back over them all and will smile/laugh remembering the BEST of the best memories!!!!
Rest in peace my brother
Keith and Val*

Valerie Jefferson - February 20, 2025 at 02:22 AM

AB

“ My deepest condolences and prayers my ▲
Sister Cheryl and James’s loved ones for your
loss. I remember your brother from quite awhile
back. He was so lively, fun-loving and could
light up a room. God rest his soul, R.I.P.
Sending Love & Prayers 🌹🙏🤝❤️



Audrey Brown - February 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM

CJ

“ Charlene Johnson lit a candle in memory of
James Beotis Green Jr.



Charlene Johnson - February 18, 2025 at 12:19 AM

TC

“ Teresa Cross lit a candle in memory of James
Beotis Green Jr.



Teresa Cross - February 16, 2025 at 07:55 PM

TC

“ Bud, you were truly loved. Forever FAMILY..



Teresa Cross - February 16, 2025 at 07:54 PM

KD

“ *Kimberly DeBose lit a candle in memory of James Beotis Green Jr.*



Kimberly DeBose - February 16, 2025 at 03:54 PM

RM

“ *My mellow a kind and cool friend who I had the pleasure to enjoy stepping lessons and participating in dancing and fellowship together I will miss him very much*

Richard McDonald - February 13, 2025 at 02:49 PM

LT

“ *Green my Friend..... I'm so glad our paths crossed we have had some good times laughing, dancing, & singing. Miss ya much 🙏💜*

Lynne Thornton - February 13, 2025 at 01:12 PM

SG

“ *Always Smiled When We Greeted Each Other , Happy to Have Met His Acquaintance ,Rest Peacefully James Green*

Sherry Gordon - February 13, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MB

“ *James was a very kind and good Man. He and I danced well together. I am going to miss seeing him at the Dance events. Rest in Peace James.*



Marie Brown - February 13, 2025 at 10:26 AM

ED

“ *Sending prayers out to the family and friends!
James will be truly missed!*

Ebony Daniels - February 12, 2025 at 08:33 PM

BF

“ *To the Family, my Deepest Condolence*

Bobby Leon Fields - February 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MA

“ *James was a snappy dresser. He love getting sharp and going out to dance. Right before we would go out, he would always ask me, how do I look? I would say,"James you look real good man. He would then say,"for real Milton? I say, hell yeah man. Then put that Big grin on face. Then we would proceed to go to the Dance.*

Milton Raynard Ashburn - February 11, 2025 at 11:06 PM