



Mr. James F. Hines

December 12, 1961 - April 5, 2024

James Fonda Hines was born December 12, 1961 and passed on Friday, April 5, 2024. He was born in Long Island, NY to Charles Porter and Rosalee Hines. James was the third child in the line of five children. James was a fun and loving person. James had this very infectious laugh and Magic “Earvin” Johnson smile.

James had many friends who he admired and hung out with during his growing years. James attended Public School 46 from grades 1-6. After leaving P.S 46 James attended Sands Junior High School. After graduating Sands Junior High School, James attended the Food and Maritime High school located in Manhattan, N.Y. For a period of time, James played on the Food and Maritime Junior Varsity Basketball Team.

James grew up in the Walt Whitman Houses in the Fort Greene Section of Brooklyn, New York. Growing up there was rough and tough. Only the strong survived. As a child, James went to the “Fresh Air Fund Camp” on 2 different occasions. James loved the summer go-away experience. The people James lived with, loved and adored him as part of their family.

When James was about 8 years old, I (Edward) took James to see the Jackson 5 (with Blue Magic and the Hues Corporation) at Radio City Music Hall. James loved the concert and later told me it was one of the most cherished and appreciated concerts of his young life. And would never let me forget it.

During the summer months James loved to play basketball with his friends in

the park and talk about sports, food, clothing, and girls. James best friend growing up was Slicky. They were close like brothers and had many good times hanging out together. James daughter Najaah, would send James old school music to listen to. He loved soul dance music. His favorite music artist was Freddie Jackson, Teddy Pendergrass and Blue Magic. James always wore fashionable clothes. James took after our Father Charles Porter Hines. James loved to take cruises to the Caribbean, Alaska, Canada, and other destinations. James was loved very much by family and friends.

James was married and later divorced.

James worked several jobs over the years, most notably, at the New York City FISA agency as a mail room postage clerk. After leaving the Agency, James went to work for the New York City Department of Transportation as a Highway repair Technician. During the 911 era, for 6 months James was part of the World Trade Center clean up. The Dept of Transportation crew performed tasks such as transporting the World Trade Center garbage, debris, waste, and glass powder to the Staten Island waste facility for disposal. During this time James was exposed to toxins and poisons. Because of the illness he acquired from the World Trade Clean-up, James retired from the Dept of Transportation. After a time, James decided to buy his first home in Greenville, NC where the grass is greener and the air much cleaner.

At his home, James loved to have family, friends, and guests over to share his BBQ cooking skills. There was a swimming pool for guests to enjoy and stay cool. James favorite foods was BBQ ribs, cooked ham, and pork chitterlings with hot sauce. James loved to watch action shows, westerns, and CNN.

Three days before the end of his final cruise. James was diagnosed with pneumonia. During his hospital stay family and friends comforted him and prayed for his healthy recovery. James was hospitalized from November 2023 to April 2024. James Medical status did improve over the 5 months, However, in April of this year his health status took a turn for the worse and he succumbed to his illness.

James passed away on Friday, April 5, 2024 at ECU Health Hospital Center in

Greenville, NC. James was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Rosalee Hines and brother, Gerald Hines

James leaves behind his four daughters, Sabrina, Shadequa, Najaah, and Tameika; six grandchildren, Ameer, Amor, Cameron, Adriaunna, Jamari, and Jamiya; three siblings, Edward, Stephany, and Vivian; three nieces, Takeya, Tiffany, and Fatima; four nephews, Dennis, Shadow, Little Earl, and Shamik; James leaves behind his life partner, Clara Henderson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

James Fonda Hines will be missed by his family and many friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
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Celebration of Life Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Congleton Memorial Mortuary - April 22, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DS

“ *Denise Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James F. Hines*



Denise Sanders - September 25, 2025 at 12:32 PM

LL

“ *Neighbor and Friend Linwood & Kim Lane*



Linwood Lane - April 20, 2024 at 09:24 PM

PF

“ *Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James F. Hines*



Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family - April 19, 2024 at 12:56 AM

GG

“ *Greta Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James F. Hines*



Greta Gardner - April 17, 2024 at 05:24 PM

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“ *Greta Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James F. Hines*



Greta Gardner - April 17, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BT

“ *Byron Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James F. Hines*



Byron Tyson - April 13, 2024 at 05:01 AM

PF

“ *Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James F. Hines*



Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family - April 09, 2024 at 12:55 AM

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“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.

Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - April 08, 2024 at 06:03 PM