



## James Edward Garrett III

October 21, 1957 - March 29, 2018

Homegoing services for Mr. James Garrett of Alpharetta, Georgia will be held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Methodist Church, 3000 Webb Bridge Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30009. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home GWINNETT Chapel (770) 338-5558

James Edward Garrett III Was born to the late James Edward Garrett, Jr. and Mary Houston Garrett on October 21, 1956 in Winston-Salem, NC. He departed this life on March 28, 2018 at his home. James graduated from Richard J Reynolds High School in 1976 in Winston-Salem, where he served as captain of the football team. An accomplished football player, he was awarded an athletic scholarship to attend Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC. James left Livingstone to attend and graduate from Winston-Salem State University with a BS degree in Biology. He worked briefly for NC Court Volunteers, where he offered support to young, troubled teens. James began his professional career in sales for Philip Morris where he set up store displays and serviced vendor accounts. He continued to advance in the company, putting his talents to work in management. James moved from Detroit to New Jersey, again climbing the ranks in management. He eventually moved to Atlanta where he assumed the position of District Manager. He worked for Philip Morris until his retirement in 2012.

James became a member of St James Methodist Church in Alpharetta, GA

where he sang in the men's choir. His larger than life personality and infectious smile won over everyone he encountered. His distinctive laugh was unmistakable, most especially when he laughed at his own jokes. We fondly remember the way he would recite poems by W.E.B Dubois, make jokes, and was always the "professional supervisor". James was a leader, and as such he lovingly provided "oversight" to his brother, sister, mother, and anyone in proximity. He was a generous, compassionate soul. A very gifted cook and grill master, he was known in the family as our "cookologist." Everyone enjoyed James's colorful anecdotes about how to season food and prepare his signature ribs; stating that "ribs is [are] people too." James enriched our lives with so much love, support and laughter. He was a cherished gift, free to all. His sense of duty, responsibility, commitment and love was generously shared with no expectations.

James is survived by his wife Seneca M. Garrett; a son James Edward Garrett IV, of Georgia; step-daughters Brooke Goldman, Jordan Travis and a step-son, Mark Travis. His mother, Mary Houston Garrett of Lowgap, NC; a brother, Charles (Ann) Garrett of Whiteville, NC; a sister Wanda (James) Peck of Winston-Salem, NC ; two nieces, Laticia (Karl) Adams of Grayson, Ga and Natasha Peck, Baltimore, MD; an aunt, Barbara Garrett; a nephew Samuel Garrett; two great nephews, Garrett and Grayson Adams of Grayson, GA; Cousins, Wayne (Harolyn) Rorie, Kashemi Rorie, Okanecia Rorie, Ellis (Pap) Mack and Ella Mae Murchison and a host of relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Love Always, Lucy Gibbs and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of James Edward Garrett III.*



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**Love Always, Lucy Gibbs and Family** - April 06, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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“ *James and Seneca have been long time friends of mine. I am so very sad for your loss! Whenever I was around James, I always loved his laugh! It made ME laugh! And he could make a mean sandwich! Lifting you all up in prayer during this sad time. Love you, Seneca!*

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**Connie Cunningham** - April 05, 2018 at 07:30 PM