



James B. Parham

December 6, 1942 - December 30, 2019

Lt. Colonel Ret. James B. Parham of Stone Mountain, GA was born in Chattanooga TN on December 6, 1942 to James W. and Pearl McGhee Parham, both deceased. He attended Saratoga Springs High School, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Dr. Parham lived a life of leadership, mentoring and global education. His career began as a commissioned officer of the U.S. Army where he served two tours of duty during the Vietnam War and was ROTC Commander at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Following his honorable discharge with distinction, Parham was degreed with a doctorate in business administration from University of Michigan.

A professor and Dean of Business at several colleges including University of Pittsburgh, Hampton University, and Troy State University. Parham was dedicated to graduate education and most noticeably support of students of HBCU's.

He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Parham was also a certified landscape architect and master gardener.

Dr. Parham is survived by his wife Loretta O'Brien-Parham; sons Scott, Trace, and Quantrell Parham, step-sons Perry and Aaron O'Brien, and daughter

Francia Parham Greer and brother-in-law Cleve Randle, several great grandchildren, grandchildren and cousins. He is predeceased by several aunts, uncles and step-daughter Leah L. O'Brien.

Parham passed on December 30, 2019 at home among family members. A cremation memorial service will be held at 11am, January 10th at the Friendship Baptist Church of Atlanta GA.

Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library, Archives Research Center, 111 Brawley Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30314.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church-Atlanta
80 Walnut St SW
Atlanta, GA

Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Raeyven Keli Thomas lit a candle in memory of James B. Parham*



Raeyven Keli Thomas - October 05, 2020 at 05:50 AM

AT

“ *Antoinette Tubbs lit a candle in memory of James B. Parham*



Antoinette Tubbs - January 09, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James B. Parham .*



January 08, 2020 at 04:04 PM

FJ

“ *From Ernest (Butch) Bonner, Jr. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James B. Parham*



From Ernest (Butch) Bonner, Jr. - January 08, 2020 at 11:05 AM

IB

“ *Iris Britt lit a candle in memory of James B. Parham*



Iris Britt - January 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

DS

“ *Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of James B. Parham*



Dixie Smith - January 06, 2020 at 09:38 AM

YC

“ *Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of James B. Parham*



Yolonda Cross - January 06, 2020 at 09:38 AM

IB

“ To Loretta and Family my memory of James was the friendship and loyalty he gave and his ability to tell you the hard truth and provide that “push” when you needed it most. My friend would say: I’d like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways of happy times and laughing times. I’d like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave when life is done. Dear friend your life was love and labor and I will remember you always.
Iris Britt

Iris Britt - January 06, 2020 at 07:34 AM

JM

“ Jettie Matlock purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James B. Parham .



Jettie Matlock - January 04, 2020 at 03:59 PM