



*A Victory Service  
Honoring The Life Of*

*Sunrise*

May 29, 1948

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May 24, 2021

*Mr. James Curtis Mason, Jr.*

*Saturday, June 5, 2021*

11:00AM

*Coliseum Park Baptist Church*

101 Hub Ave.

San Antonio, Texas

*Rev. LaCarlton D. Stephens, Host Pastor*

*Rev. Alvin Smith, Officiant  
Pastor, St. James A.M.E. Church*

*Rev. Oscar L. Dean, Sr., Eulogist  
Pastor, Corner Gate Christian Church*



## *Life's Journey*

**James Curtis Mason, Jr.** was born, Johnny Lawrence Mason, May 29, 1948 to Lillie Delores Johnson and James Curtis Mason, Sr. He attended George Washington Carver Elementary-High School in Karnack, Texas. During his school years he was an all around athlete. He played football as a wide receiver, basketball as a guard, baseball in right field and pinch hitter and he ran track. He even had time to play the Tuba in the band. He was a very joyous and witty person that everyone loved being around. James united with Christ at an early age attending Pine Bluff Baptist Church. He loved fishing and would tell great fishing stories about the big one that got away.

In September of 1965 at the age of 17, James relocated to Dallas, Texas with his Uncle Earnest and Aunt Vada Mason. After relocating to Dallas he decided that he wanted to change his name to James Curtis Mason, Jr. after his dad. James went on to receive his CDL License and began driving 18 Wheelers cross country.

**James met Brenda Webb and they married in 1970. To this union two children were born. In 1979 he met the love of his life, Annie Rae Smith-Dean. On May 29, 1982 James and Annie married and he became a loving and devoted father to her two sons whom he called, His Boys. They relocated to San Antonio, Texas where James joined St. James AME Church. He soon began working for Sysco Wholesale Food Distribution Company where he held the first place record of 18 Wheeler Truck Rodeo for several years. April of 2019 James retired after forty years of service. During that time his truck he drove was also retired.**

**God called the roll and James heard his name and answered. God wrapped His loving arms around him and took him home on May 24, 2021. James was preceded in death by his parents, James Curtis Mason, Sr., Lillie Delores Johnson-Mason Conner, Henry Conner, Sr., special uncle and aunt, Earnest and Vada Mason, his siblings, Lillian Ann Conner, Lonnie Lee Mason, Clara Rethia Mason-Haynes and Artie Missie Conner-Osborne. James leaves to treasure his memories his loving wife of forty years, Annie Rae Mason, Converse, Texas; three sons, Kelsey L. Mason (Treneeka), Dallas, Texas, Yolanda L. Young (Everett), Dallas, Texas, Darryl T. Dean, Jr. (Eva), San Antonio, Texas, Oscar L. Dean, Sr. (Tomika), Schertz, Texas and Illianna Mason, Converse, Texas; five brothers, Henry Conner, III (Vita), Dallas, Texas, Robert L. Conner, Richard R. Conner and Rewa, Marshall, Texas, B-Lawrence Mason (Nora) and Michael Mason, all of Dallas, Texas; six sisters, Georgia A. Beasley (Kenneth), Dallas, Texas, Lottie B. Marsh (Daniel), Etherlene Silmon and Monie B. Robertson, all of Marshall, Texas, Gloria L. Conner (Patrick), Karnack, Texas, Helen D. Conner, Longview, Texas and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.**



## *Order Of Service*

*Prelude*

*Musicians*

*Processional*

*Clergy, Pallbearers and Family*

*Final Viewing*

*Prayer Of Comfort*

*Rev. Dominic Jones  
Pastor, New Birth Baptist Church*

*The Family Message  
Old Testament*

*Bro. Oscar L. Dean, Jr. (Grandson)  
Rev. Cynthia W. Rodgers  
St. James AME Church  
Min. James Clark  
Seeds Of Wisdom Church*

*New Testament*

*Solo*

*"There's Not A Friend"*

*Sis. Vickie Shelton*

*Resolution(s)*

*Remarks (Limit Two Minutes Please)*

*Family and Friends*

*Clergy Remarks*

*Rev. Steven Owens, Sr.  
Pastor, Lilly Of The Valley Baptist Church*

*Solo*

*"I Shall Wear A Crown"*

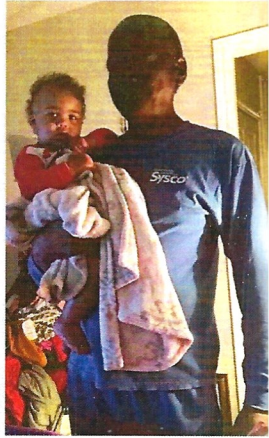
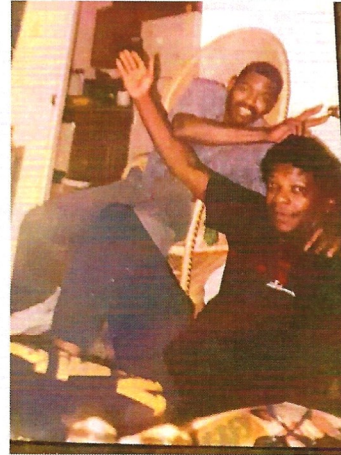
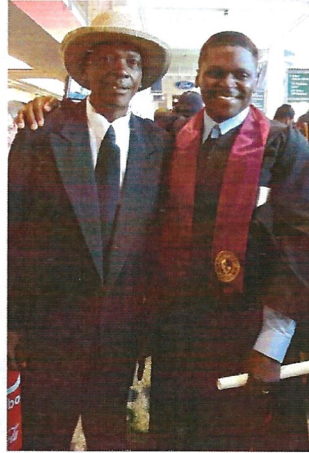
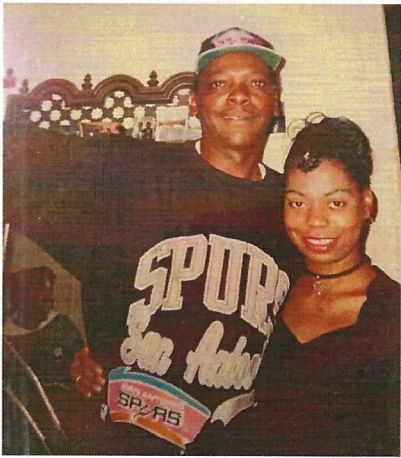
*Rev. Cynthia W. Rodgers*

*The Spiritual Message*

*Pastor Oscar L. Dean, Sr.*

*Recessional*







## "Brother"

*You gave no one a last farewell..*

*Nor ever said goodbye..*

*You were gone before we knew it, and only god knows why..*

*A million times we will miss you..*

*A million times we will cry..*

*If love alone could have saved you..*

*You never would have died...*

*In life we loved you dearly..*

*In death we love you still..*

*In our hearts you hold a place no one else can fill..*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God took you home...*

*We will meet again someday..*

*We know in a better place.*

*We thank God he made you our brother while you were here on earth.*



## **In Loving Memory Of A Dear Brother**

You're a brother who's irreplaceable.

You'll always be dearly missed.

This loss is indescribable

Nothing could have ever prepared us for this...

You meant so much to us

You were a brother

Who was special indeed...

We remember the years we spent together.

We'll treasure them in our memories forever...

You made us laugh, you made us smile.

You brought joy and happiness into our lives.

Rest in peace dear brother.

You're unforgettable to us...

You were a truly wonderful brother

We'll cherish our memories of you.



*In Loving Memory Of A Special Husband*

*The day you left and gained your wings*

*My Health just broke in two.*

*I wish you could have stayed with me*

*But Heaven needed you.*

*You left me with the memories*

*And I love you dearly still.*

*No matter how much time goes by*

*You know I always will.*

*You were a very special person*

*With kindness in your heart.*

*And the love we had together*

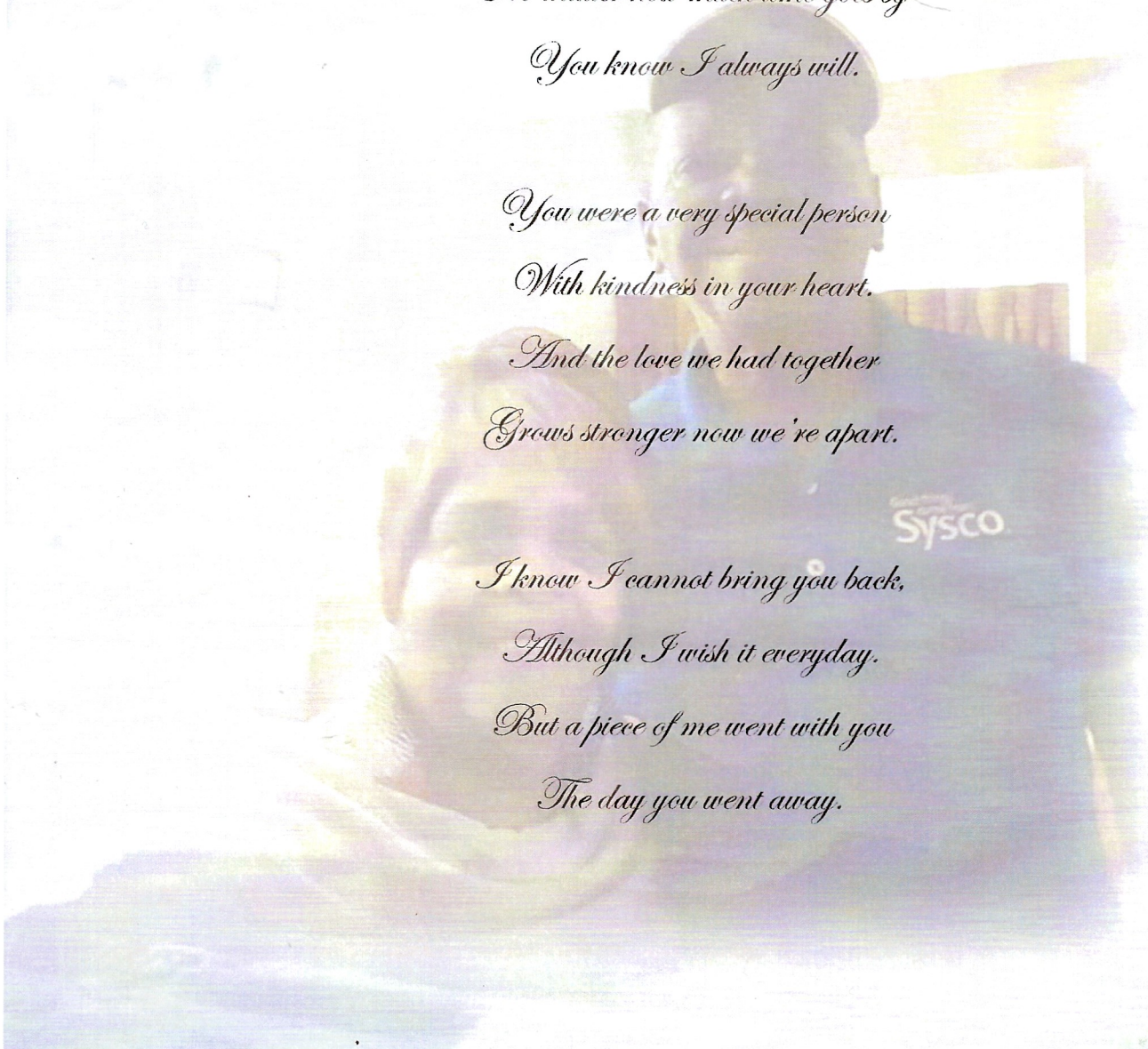
*Grows stronger now we're apart.*

*I know I cannot bring you back,*

*Although I wish it everyday.*

*But a piece of me went with you*

*The day you went away.*





## *Tributes Of Love*

### **Dad**

If we could write a story it would be the greatest ever told.  
Of a kind and loving Dad who had a heart of gold.  
We could write a million pages but still be unable to say,  
Just how much we love and miss him every single day.  
We will remember all he taught us, we're hurt but won't be sad,  
Because he'll send us down the answers and he'll always be MY DAD.

### *In Loving Memory Of A Special Grandad*

*Grandad, we're leaving this little card  
And these heartfelt words to show,  
How much we love and miss you...  
...more than you could know.*

*Even though we've lost you  
You're not that far away  
Our hearts are full of memories  
You're in our thoughts each day.*

*You were so kind and caring  
And a truly loyal friend  
You were always there for us  
Right until the very end.*

*Life without you is not the same  
And sometimes we feel sad  
But we know that we've been truly blessed  
That you were our Grandad.*



### *Active Casket Bearers*

*Lance Franklin  
Malcom Sanders  
Shawn Thompson*

*Jerrime Gardner  
Carlos Rodriguez  
Cameron McDuffie*

### *Honorary Casket Bearers*

*Sysco Foods Drivers and Fleet*

*Peter Conner  
Richard Conner  
Robert Conner  
B. Lawrence Mason  
Kirby Hickman*

### *Final Resting Place*

*Meadowlawn Memorial Park  
San Antonio, Texas*

### *Family Acknowledgement*

*No words seem adequate enough to express our gratitude for the care shown during this trying time. Your prayers, phone calls and visits have been immeasurable. We sincerely thank you.*

*Mrs. Annie R. Mason and Family*

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