



Minister James Muhammad / James Warren Knuckles

July 12, 1957 - November 6, 2013

Brother James Muhammad was born James Warren Knuckles on July 12, 1957 to J. C. McCrary and Jacqueline Knuckles in Greenville, South Carolina.

The elder of five children, James took on responsibilities and developed leadership qualities at an early age; often overseeing the daily well-being of his siblings. His family relocated to Great Neck NY in 1969, and on to Highland Park, New Jersey in 1971 where he graduated Highland Park High School.

After graduating, James began to work tirelessly in the community. He committed himself, and joined the Nation of Islam (NOI) in 1989, becoming a registered member at the Muhammad Mosque of Islam No. 25 in Newark, NJ. Shortly thereafter, he became study group coordinator under the direction of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, later taking leadership as Student Minister James Muhammad of Muhammad Mosque No. 85, New Brunswick, NJ.

He began volunteering within adult correctional facilities for a number of years, then became employed with the Amer-I-Can program, founded by Jim Brown, and later with Life Skills Academy, traveling throughout NJ to numerous correctional facilities to counsel and uplift inmates. All the while, also working independently within the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP).

He was currently employed as Chaplin at the Hudson County Correctional Facility for over 10 years. During which time he was embraced and loved by the Islamic community, as well as all denominations.

James was a dedicated Minister, husband, son, father, brother, friend, and so much to so many. May Allah be well pleased with

Brother Minister James Muhammad returned to Allah on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. He is predeceased by his father, J.C. McCrary and his son, Jameel Lands. Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Faith Muhammad, Mother Jacqueline Hallman, Father in-law, Arthur Robert Cullen; Children: Naikera Sirmans; Christopher Cullen (Kimberly); Ramiesha Gutierrez (Christian); Shakiyah Ingram; Craig Cullen (Vanessa); James Hampton (Asia); Jihad Alexander; Jamera Sirmans. Siblings: Venus McCrary, J.C. (Pee Wee) McCrary Jr., Serena (Toni) May, Audrey Hallman, Yolunda (Nikki) Jones; 17 Grandchildren, 1 Great-grandchild, and a host of In-laws, Uncle's, Aunts, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Park

104 Deans Rhode Hall Road
Monmouth Junction, NJ

Previous Events

Service

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Service
201 Sandford St.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 545-7312
<https://www.andersonfuneralservice.net>

Tribute Wall



“ *Minister James Muhammad / James Warren Knuckles*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Minister James was a great grandfather, ever since I was 11/12 he would tell me to cherish the days I have with him I won't ever know when he's gone. I always ignored him but I always listened. So whenever he called me on Sunday mornings I would answer and he would since brother Charles to pick me up, car loaded with my cousins. I miss you pop*

warren mitchell - December 13, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *James was a dear friend of mine many years ago. It was not until recently that I heard of his passing. My heart felt condolences to his family. Especially his sister Venus. He had an old soul and was a very wise man.*

Shamaine DuPree - February 08, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ *Peace be upon my beloved brother and may Allah bless and rest his soul. He is truly missed. It's been a year yet it 's as if we've just lost you. Again, peace Nasir S. Muhammad*

Tony L James - November 05, 2014 at 10:04 PM

KM

“ Bro. Min James I will miss so much. I remember when I first met you and bro. Joseph I was only 17 but that day I know I wanted to be an F.O.I. and though the the years you were like a father or an uncle to me I am so sad that I had to hear about this so late. I just also want to say you taught me a whole lot as in being a man and a human being may ALLAH be pleased with you Peace bro. Kyle Muhammad

Kyle D. Muhammad - April 13, 2014 at 11:07 AM

BD

“ Peace. I am still in shock of Min. James passing. Browsing the internet, I was listening to an interview of Min Khadir and thought to goggle Min James name. Anyway, I had become unemployed in New Jersey, and that brother found a place for me to live. He employed me at the Kaba resturant which enabled me to have food to eat. Although he did not know me, he vouched for me and helped a brother that was in awful need of help. May Allah be pleased with him and grant all of his friends and families comfort in their time of loss. Peace, Bro Darrel

Bro Darrel - April 04, 2014 at 11:45 PM

 Freedom Free

“ Allah NEVER Waste the Work of a WORKER
Job Well Done, We Stand on Your Shoulders
Mr. Fine Example of a F.O.I Soldier !!!
APDTA, Long Live Muhammad

Freedom Free - November 11, 2013 at 08:10 PM

B8

“ A true FOI made in Amerikkka and always carried the spirit of Islam with him. Those who read the Quran know there is no death for the righteous, just adress changes....and Allah is The Ever-Living!

Bro Kenneth 8X - November 11, 2013 at 07:06 PM



“ *In The Name Of Allah, I met Brother James and Sister Faith in 1989, he was the study group coordinator when we use to have study group at the barber shop. Brother James has such a kind and loving spirit and is sincere in his Love for the teachings of TMHEM and THMLF. I am so sadden to hear of his passing and I am so going to miss seeing him as Saviour's Day and when I visit my first NOI family in New Brunswick. I have been so connected to Brother James and Sister Faith even though we are miles away and don't get to see or even talk to each other often, but the Love that I have for them is branded in my heart. May ALLAH be pleased with you Brother James, I know he will and May ALLAH wrap HIS arms around Sister Faith and hold her closer than ever, so that she can feel the tightness of HIS hug and squeeze her with comfort and Peace.*

Colleen Muhammad - November 11, 2013 at 04:17 PM

RM

“ *Every time I saw Bro. James. He always had a warm smile and humbling presence. He also had kind words to share and he always made me feel welcome. I'm going to miss his physical presence. But he he will always live in my heart. PBTA*

Ronald Muhammad - November 11, 2013 at 04:02 PM

SF

“ As a representative of the NOI in the early 90s, Brother James had a major impact of the lives of many African-American students at Rutgers University. Under his direction, The New Brunswick Study Group assisted many college students in understanding the NOI Teachings--- as well as escorted many college students up to the Newark Mosque #25. He spoke on campus in lecture seminars quite a few times as I was present. Many of us saw his passion--the NOI and his wife Sister Faith, and children. I could go on & on speaking of his positive characteristics & contributions. May the universe cradle his soul. Peace.

Stowell Roux-Toussaint Fulton - November 11, 2013 at 12:12 PM

BM

I bear witness because I was there. It was not only a benefit to myself in being a direct recipient of his dedicated service, but it was beautiful to be close and see Bro Min James Grow himself as a servant of Allah! We go on with the work! May Allah Be Pleased.

Bro Christopher Fabor Muhammad - November 11, 2013 at 01:01 PM

VM

I never really had the opportunity all my brothers behalf we have shared so many memories taught me a great deal over the years. He definitely was iconic big brother even to this day 2024 I still remember all the lessons I miss him conversations and his guidance and today which is November 6 2024 I never wrote on this but I just happened to Google his name and I was reading all of the comments. Brother James brother minister I know you are with God I know you have so greatly you have given all that you had to give and you also endure a lot I'm grateful to Allah God we're having such a great brother like yourself so it doesn't hurt anymore because I understand you had lived for this moment to return back to your creator you even told me in the hospital I believe Allah calling me home and I do not want anything to interfere with that so much respect that for you for your courage for your choices and your determination to enter Paradise the Allah continue to bless you in Paradise give you peace. You are so many things to me a big brother a friend my minister my counselor and also a good handyman cuz you know used to help I love you brother James I love you peace brother

Venus Mccrary - November 06, 2024 at 12:45 PM

MS

“ *Maryanne Sirmans lit a candle in memory of Minister James Muhammad / James Warren Knuckles*



maryanne sirmans - November 10, 2013 at 09:25 PM



“ *Brother James, you always showed respect, dignity and grace to everyone. It never mattered the person's social status, age, race or anything else. You always loved people for just being people. I will miss you and honor your memory. R.I.P.*



In HIS hands,

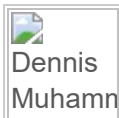
*Bruce S. Morgan, President
New Brunswick Area Branch NAACP #2094*

Bruce Morgan - November 10, 2013 at 07:02 PM

KM

“ *May Allah bless you and your family at this time. Please know that we are here for you.*

Kevin & Toy Muhammad - November 10, 2013 at 04:57 AM



When we look up the the word.. "Soldier" Bro .James picture would pop up.. We will mis this wonderful and beautiful F.O.I Soldier for God..

Dennis Muhammad - November 11, 2013 at 12:28 PM

VE

I have yet to settle my heart Dear Brother for your going home to Allah i known you are in peace i truly miss you. I'm so grateful for having a brother like you, we share so many things i only wish i would be able to have spoke on your behalf.. I love you and will always have a special place in my heart for you, My Allah be please with your life work. Amen;

venus - October 16, 2017 at 12:49 AM

MA

Please, I first met brother James fresh out of prison. I came to the study group above the elks and set in the front row after the meeting. I introduced myself and he said brother you followed instructions of the most. Hon.Elijah, Muhammad to report to. The local Mosque or study group when released from jail. After that I joined the mouse received my X. And I stayed with the Mosque until I moved to Maryland, I was sad to hear of minister James passing. May Allah be, please with you. Mustafah Shabazz, a.k.a. Brother Marlon.

Marlin - January 23, 2024 at 01:36 AM