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George "Harold" James was born on March 31, 1933, to the late Herschel and Novella Williams James in Cross Plains, Tennessee. Harold accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Oak Grove Baptist Church. He later transferred his membership to Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church where he was a committed member of the Usher Board and Male Chorus.

Harold received his formal education from Bransford High School, graduating in 1952 and attended Tennessee A&I (now Tennessee State University) from 1952 -1953. On May 27, 1953, Harold enlisted in the U.S. Army Armed Forces and served in the Korean War. Corporal James received an honorable discharge on May 26, 1955. After returning home from serving and protecting the country, he worked for several companies including Unarco, Kroger and Cheatham Park Elementary School, where he was so loved by the students and faculty.

Harold married Betty Jo Jones and to this union, three children were born, Leatha, Harold, and Mary. He later met Velma McKissick, the love of his life, whom he was with until the time of his passing.

Harold never met a stranger. His smile was contagious. He was quick to say, "I'm Harold James from Cross Plains." He was proud of his heritage. He was a member of the Pride of Springfield Lodge # 126 and was recognized for his outstanding service.

Harold James departed this life on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at the age of eighty -nine. He was preceded in death by his father, Herschel James; his mother, Novella Williams James; his sister, Ruby Lee Johnson; nephews, Harold Davis, James Thomas and Rayford Johnson; nieces, Bonnie Sue Crocker, Betty Jo Johnson, and Linda Johnson Battle; son -in -law, Sean Gano. He leaves to cherish his memories: his soulmate and life partner, Velma McKissick of Springfield, TN; son, Harold

"Stevie" James of Indianapolis, IN; daughters, Leatha Miller (Fred) of Indianapolis, IN and Mary Delores Gano of White House, TN; grandson, Michael James of Indianapolis, IN; granddaughter, Leah Gano of Eugene OR; great -grand - children, Jordan James of Indianapolis, IN and Mykell James of Huntsville, AL; step - daughters, Teresa McKissick of Nashville, TN and Evelyn Fykes of Huntington, WV; special nieces, Tiarra Johnson and Annette Leavell of Springfield, TN and a host of other family and friends