



## Mr. James Dean

July 19, 1959 - January 4, 2026

James was born July 19, 1959, the son of Cora Hoye and James Pettis. He attended South Natchez High School and later became an entrepreneur and the owner of Dean's Flooring. He was a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church. In his spare time, James enjoyed fishing, grilling, horses, and spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grandmother, Matilda Dean; and brothers, Byran Keith Hoye, Charles Hoye, and Curtis Hoye.

James leaves to cherish his memories: sons, James T. Dean, Jr., and Shedrick Green; daughters, Sabrina Butler-Brown, Najee (Jeremis) Herrington, and Denise (Ronald) Felton; brothers, Frankie Hoye and Michael Hoye; sisters, Brenda Hoye, Jacqueline Hoye, Vanessa Pettis-Lockhart, and Mary Pettis-Paul; special friend, Tracy Myles; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Pry's Temple Baptist Church Cemetery

411 Tate Road  
Natchez, MS 39120

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **9**. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)  
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street  
Natchez, MS 39120  
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## Funeral

JAN **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Jerusalem Baptist Church  
1349 MLK Jr. Road  
Natchez, MS 39120

## Burial

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JAN 10 (CT)

Pry's Temple Baptist Church Cemetery  
411 Tate Road  
Natchez, MS 39120

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Shirley Mazique sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Dean



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**Shirley Mazique** - January 10 at 06:46 PM

TD

“ You will be truly missed



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**Tosha Davis** - January 09 at 11:34 PM

BE

“ Barbara EVANS lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean



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**Barbara EVANS** - January 09 at 09:44 PM

KF

“ Krystal Luss & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Dean.



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**Krystal Luss & Family** - January 09 at 05:09 PM

LF

“ My sincere condolences to the Dean family. I’ve known James since elementary school. During our younger years he even rode my mother’s school bus. He was always full of energy and enjoyed joking and pulling pranks at school. James never forgot anyone and would often ask about people whom we hadn’t seen in years. Later years I oftentimes I would saw him at our neighborhood store (Daisy Street Grocery). He had a way of telling a story that only he could tell. His gestures and facial expressions kept everyone laughing. I can only say that Heavenly angels can get ready for some James Dean laughter. Rest In Paradise. Lorraine Fleming-Franklin

Lorraine Fleming Franklin - January 09 at 05:06 PM

AW

With deepest sympathy and condolences to the his’s family,I’ve known him for many years he was my Mother friend and floor guy she loved her Dean, now they’re in the heavenly place together ☐, may he rest in eternal peace from this earthly body and no more suffering, R.I.H.Dean 🙏❤️☐😊!!!!

Audrey Woods - January 10 at 11:09 AM



“ Maxine Railey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Dean



Maxine Railey - January 09 at 04:06 PM

DM

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the Family... sending special prayers to Brenda and Jackie. I pray you all find comfort in God.*



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**Deedra Madison** - January 09 at 01:16 PM

BJ

“ *Our condolences to the family. Brenda and Johnell Jarvis*



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**Brenda Jarvis** - January 09 at 01:00 PM

KW

“ *Kathryn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean*



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**Kathryn Washington** - January 07 at 06:07 PM

NE

“ *The Ferriday Housing Authority extends our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family of James Dean. Mr. Dean has been a great asset to our flooring renovations for 20+ years. We will truly miss him.*



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**Netrina England** - January 07 at 03:48 PM

PH

“ *PEARLINA HILL lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean*



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**PEARLINA HILL** - January 07 at 09:52 AM

ED

“ *Elizabeth Dunham lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean*



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**Elizabeth Dunham** - January 07 at 09:11 AM

VC

“ *To the Family of Mr. James Dean.  
From: Victoria Beamer-Carson*

*I grew up in the same community with Mr. Dean and family members.*

*In my experience around Mr. Dean, he was always helpful and showed good manners. My sincere condolences to all the Family members.*

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**Victoria Carson** - January 06 at 12:52 PM

CE

“ Praying for the family in their time of grief.



Charlene Easley - January 06 at 10:27 AM



“ Jennifer Minor-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Dean



Jennifer Minor-Johnson - January 06 at 09:24 AM

FW

“ Freddie & Bettie Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean



Freddie & Bettie Ward - January 05 at 08:38 PM



“ Kathy Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Dean



Kathy Allen - January 05 at 07:54 PM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean*



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**Georgia Green** - January 05 at 11:54 AM

WH

“ *West Gate Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dean*



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**West Gate Funeral Home** - January 05 at 11:08 AM