



Brother James Edward Butler Jr.

January 28, 1943 - January 5, 2025

SAVANNAH - Brother James Edward Butler, Jr., 81 husband of Mrs. Idonia Butler, passed away, Sunday, January 5, 2025, at Candler Hospital. James was born to the parents of Deacon James Edward Butler, Sr. and Lucille Decosta Butler on January 28, 1943, in Savannah, Georgia.

He is preceded in death by both parents, two sisters, Mary Butler Ward, and Mildred Butler.

James was a member of Liberty City Church of Christ for many years.

James attained his early education in the Savannah Chatham County School system. He was a graduate of Alfred Ely Beach High School, Class of 1960. After graduation, he went on to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1964 from Savannah State College (now University).

During his time at college, he met and married the love of his life, Idonia Mobley, the two were married in May 1965. In 1972, one son was born, James Edward Butler III.

Shortly after graduation, both moved to New York where he worked for the City of New York Health and Human Services as a Food and Health Inspector.

James worked as a Biological Technologist for the City of New York until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1968. They later relocated back to the Savannah area while serving in the Army.

James served during the Vietnam Era and served his country for over twenty years, retiring in 1984 with the Rank of Captain in the United States Army.

After his military discharge, he began working with Memorial Medical Center as a Laboratory Technician. He later began a career in the public schools of Chatham County where he taught students at Tompkins High School and Jenkins High School and retired in 2003. Shortly after retirement, he started teaching students at Hardeeville High school, SC where he remained until retiring in 2009. He was also employed by the City of Savannah as a Food Health Inspector.

He was deeply devoted to making a difference in the lives of those around him.

James will be deeply missed by all who knew him and especially by his family and many friends.

James leaves to cherish his memories; devoted wife of fifty-nine years, Idonia Mobley Butler of Savannah, GA, one son, James Edward Butler III of Buda, TX, Three grandchildren, Damario, Dymaris and Jizella Butler; two great grandsons, Matteo and Cario Butler, several sisters-in-laws; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins' other relatives, church family and friends.

Funeral service will be live streamed on Sexton Hall Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

8819 US Highway 301 North
Glennville, GA 30427

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Sexton- Hall Funeral Home
5 Birkenhead Road
(21 South Coastal Highway)
Port Wentworth, GA 31407
(912) 964-4336
sextonhall@att.net
<https://sextonhallfh.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Christ-Liberty City
1709 Staley Ave
Savannah, GA 31405-3833
(912) 236-3201

Interment will be held 1:00 pm, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I know that this happened a few months ago now but I still miss you so much grandpa and may you rest in peace. ☐🟪

Jizella Butler - May 03, 2025 at 11:53 PM



“ Wow! I just got the news of Mr. B's passing. What a great mentor with such a kind soul. Thank you for pouring into me and countless other students at HVJ! Rest easy gentle giant. 🙏☐💪

Erwin Driessen - February 26, 2025 at 10:06 PM

DM

“ I have very fond memories of Mr. Butler as my science teacher at Jenkins High School. My prayers and sympathy are with his family and friends at this time.

Dawn Marshall - February 06, 2025 at 08:10 AM

PS

“ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Butler family. Bro. Butler was a true and kind gentle man. Faithful to doing his church duties as well as having a wonderful passion for teaching. He will truly be missed.



Paul & Nikki Screen - January 18, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JA

Sincere condolences to his family.C/78 HVJ

Janice Gadson Anderson - February 05, 2025 at 01:00 AM

CJ

“ Sorry we are not at the funeral in person but know are always with you and Doni. James and Charles had many years of adventures through out your lives and Charles and I certainly treasure the memories of your being
In our wedding almost 50 years ago. Rest in peace our friend. Our prayers are always with
Your family. Charles 'citizen' and Joenellè Gordon

Charles and Joenelle - January 17, 2025 at 05:56 PM

CS

We couldn't be there for your home going celebration but our hearts and spirits were with you all the family. We baptized you both into Christ many many years ago, oh what a wonderful day and blessing that was, so there is a Spiritual Bond in the Lord that can never be broken. Thank you for the Love shared and the many precious memories that binds us together in Christ. May we see each other again in Heaven. Love In Christ- The CHISLOMS

Chislom Sandra - January 20, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brother James Edward Butler Jr..



January 16, 2025 at 08:32 PM

JH

“ Jeraldine Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Brother James Edward Butler Jr.



Jeraldine Hamilton - January 16, 2025 at 02:49 PM

RJ

“ My deepest condolence to the family, brother Butler Butler there’s a friend of mine. I remember working on the bus with him to 2 o’clock in the morning. And we got the bus running so the ladies could take a trip for ladies day. We drove there. Take your rest. 🙏🏾🙏🏾”

Rufus Bright. Jr - January 10, 2025 at 08:33 AM

MC

“ Mr. Butler my favorite teacher, cool, smooth, laid back. Anyone who knew you would speak highly of you. This hurt my heart seeing you have passed. Last time we saw each other is when u graduated from Jenkins 2003. It’s been years I will never forget you. Take your rest. Job well done.”

Marketa Sutton “HVJ C/03” - January 09, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MC

Typo: “I Graduated”

Marketa Sutton “HVJ C/03” - January 09, 2025 at 07:18 PM

RT

“ Bro. Butler never met a stranger. He always had a smile for everybody. He was a faithful member of the church of Christ where he volunteered to do whatever was needed. God knew bro. Butler needed rest so He called him on home. Much love and sympathy to his faithful and caring wife, son and other family members. Regina Thomas”

Regina Thomas - January 09, 2025 at 08:40 AM

SC

Condolences to the Butler family. I didn’t get a chance to see cousin James and I donia too often, except at some family events. But I will always remember his smile and caring ways. Rest in peace, James.

Sylvia Coats - January 14, 2025 at 07:22 PM

MS

“ *Condolences to the family of James Butler. He will be missed by many. Rest in Heaven job complete here on earth. You gave it your best.*



Mac Singleton - January 08, 2025 at 05:41 PM

RS

Butler, was family to the Stell's. We grow up in the same neighborhood. We're on 44th St. and he was on 45th. What a great friend. I remember he had a 1957 Chevrolet and he would drive down Anderson Street at a high speed and go airborne at at the railroad track on Anderson Street going east! All is well, the Shepherd as delivered Butler, to live with the Lord Forever.

Ralph and Dr. Delma Stell

Ralph L. Stell,Sr. - January 17, 2025 at 11:03 AM