



## Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr.

May 29, 1940 - November 22, 2022

SAVANNAH - Mr. James Clark Carthon, Sr., affectionately known as “Jim”, “Mr. C” and “Uncle Carthon”; 82, of Savannah, GA transitioned from his earthly vessel to take his place into eternity on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 surrounded by his loved ones. James was born in Thomaston, GA, on May 29, 1940, to the late Geraldine and Johnny Lee Carthon. James was the 2nd of 11 children. He spent much of his early youth, living in the Miller Park community. Despite his humble surroundings, James’ family was close knit and found comfort in the presence of their hard working mother.

Preceded in death by: Wife Miriam Carthon, son James Carthon, Jr, parents Johnny Lee Carthon, Sr and Geraldine Carthon, siblings William Carthon, Johnny Lee Carthon, Jr. and Elosie Capers.

James was a diligent student who later became a skilled football player at Drake High School. After seeing his potential on and off the field, his coach eagerly encouraged him to use his football skills to assist him in pursuing a higher education. To help James’ better understand the impact that college might have on his future, the coach arranged a day trip to visit Savannah State College This would be a critical step that would transform the trajectory of James’ life and it created a ripple effect in his family.

At Savannah State College, James played football and took traditional classes while settling into his new city. He went on to join the school’s prestigious

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in April of 1963. However, outside the classroom is where James would later find himself becoming an essential piece of his new community. By the time James graduated in 1963, he had found his true passion which would lead him on a lifelong journey of improving the lives of his family members, the Black community & the business landscape of Savannah.

In 1964, James married Miriam Collins. Miriam was ambitious, hard working and had an unconditional love for her family, which were qualities he looked for in a spouse.. They created a cozy home in Carver Village and then moved to Eleanor Street in Cloverdale. In 1978, they built their forever home on Bel Aire Drive. Throughout their journey, their home was always a “gateway” for family members that needed love, support and stability.

Together, James and Miriam began to create the foundation for their family legacy. First, establishing the Carthon Realty Company where he developed land, built housing & supported the buying & selling of real estate for over 45 years. He expanded his business empire by opening CDC Package & Quick Shop, Jim’s Barbeque, Forest City Laundromat, and later Jim’s Beverage Center, all in the historic Carver Village community.

Over the decades, James continued to be a leader for change. He fought for fair and equal housing, employment, improvements in public transportation, fought for the rights for senior citizens and the disabled, for equal representation on business boards and was a strong advocate for the completion of Bowles C. Ford Park and the Kennedy Park recreation building. Additionally, he donated land to the City of Savannah that was used to build the Forest City Library in the Cloverdale community.

James became the the first Vice President of the local NAACP and served diligently on the Housing Authority of Savannah Board, The Chatham County

Zoning Board of Appeals, as a Chairman of the Political Advisory Council, on the NAACP Board of Directors, on the Chatham -Savannah Metropolitan Planning Committee, on the Save the Charity Hospital Committee and was the Treasure of St. John Baptist Church Housing and Development board.

In addition to pursuing his professional endeavors, James' greatest role was being a father to his five children. He was a caring and supportive brother, uncle and friend to anyone needing guidance and unconditional support. He is survived by... Children: Michelle Carthon (McDonough, GA), Johnathan Carthon (Chicago, IL), Iris Carthon (Savannah, GA) and Megan Carthon (New York, NY); Grandchildren: Marquise Goldwire (Atlanta, GA), Dasia Hagins and Tiye Carthon (McDonough, GA); Siblings: Anne Green (Detroit, MI), Johnnie Mae Russel (Atlanta, GA), Mitchel Carthon (Albany, GA), Virginia Dixon (Savannah, GA), Angela Bedell (Thomaston, GA), Rita Smith, Paula Carthon and Paulette Carthon (Thomaston, GA), host of nieces, nephews and life-long friends.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Baptist Church  
418 West 38th Street  
Savannah, GA

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ *Cartoon Family,*

*"No one knows what is coming." -  
Ecclesiastes 10:14*

*Mr. C. was always apart of the Community, from the Package Shop to the Convenient Store. He let my nephew Larry "Scooter" Wall use the side of business to sale Barbecue. Mr. Carthon was a "stand up Kinda" guy, RIP.*



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**Edna Beaufort** - December 26, 2022 at 10:55 PM

SB

“ *Sylvester Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James Clark Carthon Sr.*



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**Sylvester Brown** - December 05, 2022 at 08:10 AM

LM

“ *LESLIE MANNING lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr.*



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**LESLIE MANNING** - December 03, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr..*



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December 02, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr..*



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December 02, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr..*



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December 01, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of their loved one...My you sleep in sweet peace.*

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**Levon Anderson** - December 01, 2022 at 04:53 PM

LA

“ *Levon Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr.*



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CM

“ *Charles McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr.*



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**Charles McMillan** - November 29, 2022 at 05:17 AM

DP

“ *Deborah Myers Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Clark Carthon Sr.*



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**Deborah Myers Powell** - November 28, 2022 at 08:12 PM