



Mr. James Samuel McDowell

February 1, 1955 - May 7, 2026

James Samuel McDowell, age 71, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on May 7, 2026. He was born on February 1, 1955, to the late James McDowell and Corelee Spalding.

James was a devoted father, grandfather, brother, companion, and friend who touched the lives of many with his love, wisdom, and presence. He leaves to cherish his memory his longtime devoted spouse, Fontella Forrest; his children: Kimberly Moore, James McDowell Jr.(Tinisha), Michael Barber, Kenya Moore (Juan), Eric Davis Sr., Corey Davis (Crystal), James Brown, Jashon Moore (Clara), Lamar Seavers, Christopher Seavers, James McDowell Moore (Janine), Jason Seavers (Kori), Jarode Moore (Jennifer), Justin Seavers, Jamee Seavers, Jessica McDowell, Jordan McDowell, Jerricka McDowell, and Jerrick McDowell; his beloved sister, Gail McDowell; more than 30 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Norman McDowell; his sons, Cedric Seavers, Ronnie Moore, and Kenneth Moore; his daughter, Shavon Brown; and his parents, James McDowell and Corelee Spalding.

James will be remembered for the love he shared, the strength he carried, and the lasting impact he made on everyone blessed to know him.

A Celebration of Life honoring James Samuel McDowell will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Greater Israel Baptist Church, 1509 Magazine Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 12:00 noon.

The family kindly requests that everyone wear red and black in honor and remembrance of James.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadows Cemetery

3800 Shanks Lane
Louisville, KY 40216

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Greater Israel Missionary Baptist Church
1509 Magazine Street
Louisville , KY 40203

Funeral

MAY 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of James McDowell. He was my neighbor for the last 20 years. His yard always showed his love of flowers and he definitely had a green thumb. He was the neighborhood yard beautification master.and he worked diligently to make that happen.. James will definitely be missed.

Ilah Grant - May 12 at 11:52 PM

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“ I'm so lost with out James, he has been a member of my family for over 50 years, I also knew where to go when I needed that right CD, his knowledge of the music world will never be forgotten, sending my condolences to all of the family, shout out to fontella as well.....
Liz Kimbrough

liz Kimbrough - May 10 at 08:38 AM