

James Darren Fryar, son of Annie Stevens and Virginous Fryar, and raised by Ruby Fryar from four weeks old, was born on July 6, 1960 in Clinton, North Carolina. He departed this life suddenly on February 22, 2007. James was also the loving and devoted husband of Carol Hairston Fryar.

James who was born with rickets disease which was a very bad nervous condition which made him shake uncontrollably at times was a master musician. His mother, Ruby after seeking numerous treatments by all types of doctors finally found a specialist who suggested that James take therapy using his hands by playing with such things as a typewriter and a piano. His mother immediately went out and bought him a second hand piano after visiting her mothers' home finding that James liked to play her mother's piano. She also quickly found a piano teacher who would come to her home to give him lessons. Remarkably, during his first lesson he went through the entire book nonstop.

James as well as the teacher were so amazed that he continued to take lessons from the age of six until his twenties. At the age of six and half, the late Mrs. Mabel Curtis of East Orange, New Jersey would come to the house to give him piano lessons, later giving him organ lessons as well. At the amazement of his teacher and family they found out that the piano lessons were fundamental and a tremendous help with his coordination. In the midst of his teachings James performed in many recitals, programs, banquets, church and family functions throughout the state of New Jersey.

At an early age, James and his family attended the Shiloh Baptist Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey where the late Rev. George L. Harris was the pastor. James always loved church and the family rarely missed a Sunday. He was a member of the Sunday School, junior choir, junior usher board and the junior deacon association.

Another great accomplishment came for James at the age of eight, when Shiloh Baptist needed an organist; everyone knowing how well he could play encouraged him to try out for the position in which he got. He played for Shiloh until he was twelve years old, during such time many area churches had heard him play and were interested in him playing for them. James really wanted to play for other churches especially in the Newark area because he felt they had more choirs and sang better songs. Keeping in mind that James was only twelve years old his mother allowed him to accept a position at the Abyssinian Baptist Church where he played for about 5 years, moving on to Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church, Mt Pleasant Baptist Church and then returning back to Shiloh Baptist Church where Rev. David Jefferson was the pastor. James after playing for many different churches and pastors came back to the Abyssinian Baptist Church in which he felt was really his church home.

James attended Arts High School in Newark in which music was his major course of study. After performing at Symphony Hall on several occasions and other venues, he decided to give up playing classical music totally and dedicate all of his talents to religious music. James felt that since God had given him his gift to play, he only wanted to play music that would glorify God and only God. After finishing high school, he got a job as a taxi driver and later as a bus driver because anyone who knew him knew that he had a knack for giving people directions that would help them get from point A to point B.

James got the nick name of "Re-Run" from the numerous people whom he had driven over the years and up until his death there were people who still called him Re-Run. Although, James had other jobs church and playing remained his first love and he continued to be faithful to his church and his services there.

James was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Jocelyn Coleman and Jasmine Wilson. James was later married on Christmas Eve of 2005 to Carol Hairston in which he always bragged, that she was everything he had ever wanted in a wife, telling his mother on many occasions that Carol made him very happy and that he thanked God all the time for sending her to him. Although they had no children together he had two step children. Ella and Lisa which he adored.

Despite how James felt, whether he was up or down, he always carried a smile and rarely complained about his health.

James Darren Fryar leaves to cherish fond memories, his wife, Carol Hairston Fryar, Five children, Jocelyn Millender, Jasmine and Elaine Wilson, Ella Adams and Lisa Hairston. His mother Ruby Fryar, three sisters, Teresa, Joyce and Virginia, two brothers, Reuben and John, three aunts, Dorothy Philip, Mary and Linda Moore, two uncles, Bobby K. and Willie Moore, nieces and nephews, Quiana, Dywann and Andrea Fryar, Shakeena and Jason Ross, Joseph Marquife Taylor, Lakisha Tenner, Elaine and Cameron Wilson, one great nephew, Jeremiah Cheeks, a son-in-law, Bryan, a sister-in-law Veronica and an abundant amount of cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional & Viewing	Clergy & Family
Invocation	Rev. George Mitchell
Opening Hymn	Mass Choir
Old Testament	Rev. Reginald Jackson St. Matthew AME Church
New Testament	Rev. James Eaddy Israel Memorial AME Church
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. John Regan
Selection	Mass Choir
Reflections	Rev. Carl F. Hunter Rev. George Mitchell Deacon Earl Williams Sis. Dorothy McClendon Min. Ileathern McLeod
Solo	Mr. Lawson
Acknowledgement & Obituary	Church Clerk
Solo	Beverly Cox
Eulogy	Dr. Perry Simmons, Jr.
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends

**Internment:
Rosemount Memorial Park,
Newark, NJ**