



Leonard Douglas James Jr.

December 5, 1971 - February 22, 2026

Link to view funeral program: <https://www.flipsnack.com/alcbf/leonard-james-jr-funeral-program>

Homegoing Celebration of Leonard “Tiger” D. James, Jr.

Sunrise: December 5, 1971 Sunset: February 22, 2026

Leonard D. James, Jr., affectionately known as “Tiger,” was born on December 5, 1971, to Leonard D. James, Sr. and Kathy L. James. He was the first born of their union.

Leonard accepted Christ at an early age at True Light Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, where he was actively involved in Sunday School and the Royal Ambassadors. As an adult, he later joined Great Works Baptist Church (G.W.B.C.), under the leadership of his father, Pastor Leonard D. James, Sr. Leonard faithfully worked alongside his father in the development of the church’s seven-acre property and recently assisted with improvements to the church grounds. He was passionate about reaching people beyond the church walls, sharing his faith and the power of prayer with all he encountered.

Leonard was the proud owner of L.J. Transport, LLC. He was an avid

fisherman whose upbeat personality and warm spirit left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He traveled the world, but most of all, Leonard was a devoted family man. He loved his family deeply and treasured every moment spent together. Affectionately known as “Papi” to his grandchildren, Leonard spent countless hours playing, guiding, and laughing with them. Being “Papi” brought him great joy, and he embraced that role with love and pride.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Catherine Johnson and Deacon Edward and Rosa Doyle.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving parents, Leonard and Kathy James; his children, De’ Jaunique James and Tierra Brown; and his beloved grandchildren: Darius Deshawn Brooks, Da’Rius Dejawn Brooks, De’Ari De’Shawna Brooks, Erest Jo’Lynn Scott, Jaliyah Denae Turner, and Tatum Douglas Turner. He is also survived by his three sisters, Tonya James-Allen (William), Bernetta Gratten (Richard), and Tina Gash (Wilton); a host of god-siblings; his chosen brother, Andre Silvera; his close-knit brother-cousins, Cedric Muhammad, Robert Muhammad, Charles Bender, Sr., Larry Walker, and Anthony Doyle Sr; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends.

Leonard’s life, faith, and joyful spirit will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. James Baptist Church
3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Austin, TX 78721

Celebration Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ My respect to Leonard and my condolences to his family! Leonard was All-American. He earned my respect years ago. Leonard looked you in the eye. He said yes sir and yes ma'am. Leonard always kept it real, always spoke directly on the first sentence. Leonard had a sense of humor. He was a hardworking man and knew the value of a day's work. I just heard this very sad news today. To anyone reading this - Leonard was a good man! Rest in peace brother! -Andrew Clements 512-653-8537

Andrew Clements - April 06 at 08:02 PM

TM

“ Tara McKinley lit a candle in memory of Leonard Douglas James Jr.



Tara McKinley - March 05 at 10:28 AM

KB

“ Kizzie Brown lit a candle in memory of Leonard Douglas James Jr.



Kizzie Brown - March 05 at 06:53 AM

TH

“ *Tiffinie Harris lit a candle in memory of Leonard Douglas James Jr.*



Tiffinie Harris - March 03 at 06:19 PM

DZ

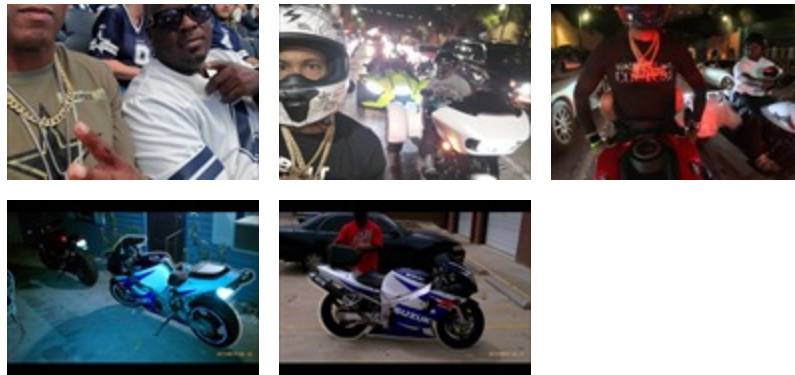
“ *Deric & Tracye Zies purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leonard Douglas James Jr..*



Deric & Tracye Zies - March 03 at 03:55 PM



“ *Going to miss you kinfolk. Look down and pray and smile . Until I see you again. It can't rain forever .*



Howard Johnson - March 01 at 10:57 PM



“ Howard Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leonard Douglas James Jr.



Howard Johnson - March 01 at 10:54 PM

BG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Bernetta Gratten - February 28 at 01:33 PM

BG

“ Our most recent conversations and video talks I cherish wholeheartedly. Brother I miss you and appreciate our time. Always my love big sister Bernetta

Bernetta Gratten - February 28 at 01:26 PM

PO

“ Uncle you hurt us deep!!! You was a real stand up man. We will miss you & cherish all the memories and gems. ☐💔

Pooh - February 27 at 02:12 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Janis - February 27 at 10:24 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Douglas James Jr..



February 26 at 03:17 PM

CB

“ Tiger will be missed!! Prayers are lifted for the family.

Cynthia Burdett - February 26 at 11:10 AM

TH

My heart truly aches hearing this news. Tiger was a meaningful part of my life, and I will always cherish the memories. I'm sending love and sincere condolences to your family during this time of loss.

Tiffinie Harris - February 26 at 04:07 PM

JD

Pastor James and family, friends, Community, Church my deepest condolences to each of you my each of you lean on the Power,Peace, Strength of our Divine God at this Time 🙏🙏🙏

Joyce Daniel - February 26 at 05:09 PM

DB

Tiger was a friend of many years and there's family ties, my prayers go out to Mr and Mrs James, Tonya and his child/children. We must look to the hills which cometh our help, and pray God sends peace that surpass all understanding of our human hearts. Much love always.

Dometra Batts - February 26 at 08:35 PM

MG

Condolences cousin I love you

Mary Griffin - February 27 at 10:44 AM