

In Loving Memory of
James E. Bell



Sunrise:
December 9, 1988

Sunset:
April 4, 2023

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 - 11:00 AM
Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

James E. Bell, affectionately known as 'Jay Roc' and 'Lil Spud' was born in Newark, NJ, on December 9, 1988 to Sheila Bell-Boggs and the late James E. Harris. At a young age, James was baptized at Ben Hedgebeth Temple Church of Christ Disciples of Christ.

James attended the Newark Public Elementary School System. At this time, he took interest in karate, cars, and playing the drums. As a skilled pop locker and Michael Jackson fan, James also took part in a few dance performances. Known and loved by many of his peers, James was crowned Prom King in eighth grade at William H. Brown Academy. James went on to attend Malcolm X Shabazz High School and received his diploma in 2006.

Over the years, James worked multiple jobs ranging from moving companies to auto body shops. With his passion, knowledge, and love for cars, he eventually went on to become owner of Bell Brothers Auto Repair.

In 2017, James suffered a great loss when his father, James 'Spud' Harris gained his wings. As a way to represent and continue his father's legacy, James began to ride motorcycles and hang out with his dad's biker family, Bounce Squad. By the year 2020, James was an official Bounce Squad member.

James was extremely passionate about riding. When he wasn't riding, James would be all over the place visiting family & friends, near & far. James found a way to spend time with everyone he loved and would be sure to bring joy and endless laughter. He was always the life of the party. To know James was love to him.

James departed this life on April 4, 2023 & will be deeply missed.

James was preceded in death by his Brother Elijah Bell and Aunt Jewel Harris.

James' exceptional life and memories will forever be cherished by his Grandmother Elder Rose Chow. Grandmother Florence Harris, Grandfather Willie Lewis(Donna) His mother Sheila Bell-Boggs, Father Otis Boggs. His children, Imani, Semaj, Malasia, Kaylee, & Baby Elijah James(unborn). His three sisters Courtney, Bianca, & Jy-skalin. Three brothers Demetrius, Maurice, & Darone. Six Aunts, Mildred, Wanda, Mary(James), Ruqayyah, Patricia(Keith), & Donna. Nine Uncles Michael(Fern) Andrew, Jerome(Sharlene), Keith(Felice), Travis, Oscar, Michael(Stacey), Jerry(Hope), & Surrell. And a host of other relatives and friends who loved him tremendously.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Readings
(Old Testament)
(New Testament)

Prayer Of Comfort

Musical Selection
(Brittany Bell)

Obituary, Poem, & Acknowledgements
(Waynette Williams)

Remarks
(2 minutes please)

Eulogy
(Bishop Eugene Lee)

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Arlington Cemetery
Kearny, New Jersey

You Never Said Goodbye

**You never said I'm leaving,
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.**

**A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.**

**In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.**

**It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.**

Author Unknown

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