



- Acknowledgements -


As our family navigates this difficult transition, we'd like to express our sincerest gratitude for the prayers, thoughts, kind words, and moments of comfort. A special thanks to Marlan Gary Funeral Home for kindly accommodating to our family, and to everyone who has offered assistance as we mourn the life of our beloved James, and celebrate the unique life that he led.

With love,
The Witcher Family

- Arrangements -

The following arrangements have been ordered for James:

Evergreen Burial Park
1401 Woodland Ave
Columbus, OH 43219



Celebrating
The Life Of



James L. Witcher

May 12, 1945 - June 2, 2023


Saturday, June 17, 2023

Visitation 9:00 am - Funeral 10:00 am

Chapel of Peace - Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

5456 E. Livingston Ave

Columbus, OH 43232





- Obituary -

James Leon Witcher, prayer warrior, brother, and friend, peacefully departed this life on June 2nd, 2023, in Columbus Oh. He was 78 years old. Entering this world in Sharples, West Virginia. James was born on May 12, 1945 to William and Ida Mae Witcher as the second of 8 children. At the age of 10, James' family moved to New Jersey, and finally ended in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 16. Growing up, James always favored the color red, as evidenced by his red cowboy hats he used for Cowboys & Indians, and his red long johns as he pretended to be a Superhero. James always had a very creative imagination, and entertained others by his spectacular Solo performances. He was a jokester, and had a superb gift of picking unique treasures for himself and others. James was extremely generous and caring, and he strategically trick or treated in the wealthiest of neighborhoods, only to return home to share his treats with his siblings. James' large burlap bag was always an exciting symbol during the Christmas Holiday for the unique treasures he collected for each and every family member.

As a young adult, James dedicated his work life to Mount Carmel East as a Nurse's Aide and in the Dietary Fields accumulating 40 years of devoted service. James proudly maintained a very intimate and personal relationship with God. It wasn't unusual to catch James in fervent prayer as he continuously sought direction and guidance from God. James completed Enon Bible School and received his Doctorate and Ministry License. Eventually, James became a member of Church of Christ, followed by Higher Ground, and Triedstone Baptist alongside his loving brother, Reverend Ellis Ray Witcher.

James led a very tranquil, frugal, and solitary life - in his free time, you could likely find James thrifting for unique treasures and extraordinary finds - items that he proudly collected or gifted as an extension of his bestowing spirit. And when James wasn't thrifting, you could likely find him at Golden Coral enjoying buffet meals with his beloved Brother Ray, as they entered Golden Coral likely dressed in Cowboy boots (James) and a fancy hat with matching cane (Ray). James was unique in everything he did, from being a Tailor and artist, to an inventor of games, and a crafty poet.

Asked to express our Beloved James in one word, and you'd likely respond with: Unique. This was James' favorite word, which accurately and beautifully describes the special bond he had with each one of his siblings. It also describes his relationship with God, and his outlook on life.

Our unique and heavily loved Brother James is preceded in death by his parents Bishop William Ford Witcher Sr., Mother Ida Mae Wither, Sister Patricia Ann Witcher, unnamed Baby Boy Witcher, William Ford Witcher Jr., Brother Ellis Ray Witcher, and Brother Curtis Eugene Witcher. Left to remember him in love are Sisters Joyce Elaine (Norman) Jones, and Sheila (Bob) Waters, a host of nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, Cousins, Aunt Betty Cooper, Aunt Eleanor Cooper, Aunt Naomi Epps, and close friends.



- Order of Service -

Prayer of Comfort

Minister Roshawn Cole

Scripture Reading

Sis. Terissa Cole

Testament Readings

Elder Bob Waters (Old) & Bro. Caleb Cole (New)

Song Selection - It is Well With My Soul

Sis. Jacqueline Dade

Poem Selection Written by Brother James Witcher

Sis. Maraya Cole

Formal Reading of Obituary & Unique Life Tribute

Sis. Toiana Tucker

Eulogy

Minister Roshawn Cole

Benediction

Minister Roshawn Cole

Recessional



- Pallbearers -

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| Norman David Jones | William Troy Tucker |
| Billy Ray Almon Jr. | Rodriccos Alpriez Williams |
| James Charles Tucker IV | William Witcher |
| | Brady Taylor Jr. |