



## Ms. Ella James

June 19, 1950 - May 18, 2025

Ella Mae James, daughter of the late Freddie Lee James, Sr. and Willie Marie Peterson James, was born in Gainesville, FL on June 19th, 1950. As a child, she attended Church of God by Faith under the leadership of the late Bishop James E. McKnight, Sr.

Ella attended Alachua County Schools and graduated with the Class of 1968 from Lincoln High School. She attended Santa Fe College for a short while before relocating to Miami, FL in 1971. Ella worked several jobs before finding her niche with the Miami Dade School system where she would work for over 30 years. While in Miami she attended Shiloh Baptist Church where she met numerous friends and built wonderful relationships. Ella returned to Gainesville early in 2020 where she remained until the Lord called her home.

In addition to her parents, two brothers Greg Whitehead and Freddie Lee James, Jr. preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn one son and the love of her life, Milton Bernard Coney, Jr. (special friend, Raven) of Gainesville, FL; two grandsons, Milton Jr. and Mehssyuh Coney of Miami, FL.; eight brothers, Freddie Dexter (Verlie) of Tuscaloosa, AL, Vernon James(Shirley) of Houston, TX, Willie Jeff James, Lorenzo James (Gladys), Ronald James, Kenneth James, Sr., Kenneth Whitehead, Darryl Whitehead all of Gainesville, FL; five sisters, Lucille James,

Ramona Gaile James, Vetrice Allen, all of Gainesville, FL, Cheryl Williams (Berlin) of Atlanta, GA, and Kimberly James of Rochester, NY; one aunt, Jessie Mae Robinson of Gainesville, FL; special nieces: Brandy Coney of Decatur, GA and Erin James Robertson of Gainesville, FL; special nephews, Lorenzo "Toot" James, Kwone Robinson, and Kamari James of Gainesville, FL; bonus grandchildren, Fabian, Phillip, and Nasir of Miami, FL; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Grove Cemetery

401 SE 21st Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32641

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Pine Grove Cemetery  
402 SE 21st Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32641