



## James Willie Hollins Sr.

March 28, 1953 - November 26, 2017

James Willie Hollins (JW), was born in Indianola, Mississippi on March 28, 1953, to Willie James and Evelyn Hollins. He was the 3rd of 5 children. Leroy, Mary Agnes, Shirley, and Damon. Damon preceded him in death. By the age of 10, JW moved to St Louis, Missouri with his family where he was enrolled in Cote Brilliante Elementary School and Sumner High School.

JW received an early degree to pursue a career in the armed forces. JW accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at North Cherubim Missionary Baptist Church on St. Louis Ave, where Reverend Butler was the pastor. He would later join God Praises Tabernacle, where Bishop Mary A. Finch and Pastor Arneatha Thompson serve as pastors.

While in the military, he married his longtime sweetheart Marilyn Murphy. To this Union, 4 children were born. James Jermaine, Damon DeAndre, Derrick Lee and Ebony Marie. Damon and Ebony preceded him in death. JW was a “jack of all trades” and had a successful career in many fields. A foreman in the factory business, a high ranking armed security officer earning a law officer license from Watterson Career Center and a beloved football coach. Affectionately known as “Coach Jay.”

Later in life, JW met Sherry Hayes and this union produced 5 children. Tia, Jamie, Shernice, Travis, and Jayson. Many knew JW as the life of the party.

He always had a joke to tell, a dance move to break out, or a tune to croon. His stylish fashion and fancy cars had many referring to him as The O.G. JW transitioned from his earthly dwellings on November 25, 2017. He leaves to cherish his memory, his children James Hollins, Derrick Hollins, Jameka Tipler, Tia Woods, Shernise Hollins, Jamie Hollins, Travis Hollins, and Jayson Hollins. His siblings, Leroy Byas (Carol), Mary Agnes Finch, Shirley Day, Kelvin Finch, Patricia Finch, Tameka Hollins and Willie Hollins. A host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. All of whom he loved dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road  
Saint Louis, MO, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist  
8629 Halls Ferry Road  
St. Louis, MO 63147

## Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Mr. Hollins,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you find comfort from God's word  
The Bible. For just a little while longer and death will be no more.  
Rev 21:4*

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**S. Troupe** - December 22, 2017 at 10:00 PM