



## Mr. Anders,

February 23, 1919 - January 15, 2013

James Anders, Sr was born February 23, 1919 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Estelle and Joseph Archie Anders. When he was two years old, the family moved to Omaha, Nebraska where he grew up near the South Omaha meat packing plant and attended Westside Elementary and South High School. James left school at an early age and joined the New Deal Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) on an assignment in Oklahoma. He later returned to Omaha and in 1939 married Frances Paris. This union gave birth to three children, a daughter and two sons.

James served in the U.S. Army about 1941 - - 42 during WW II. An adventurous young man, he reminisced about experiencing the life of a "hobo" riding the rails. He recalled deciding to stay in St. Louis simply because the train happened to have stopped there. He would live the rest of his life in St. Louis.

Soon after arriving in St Louis, James met Thelma Hill the mother of three daughters and two sons. They were married in 1953 and were blessed with one more daughter.

James was employed at the Bank of St. Louis where he began working as a janitor and ended as a computer processing supervisor. He also worked various service jobs including taxi driver and airport shuttle driver.

James accepted Christ September 9, 1959. He gained an appreciation of his wife's long-time devotion to Christ. He enjoyed citing Psalms 1 his favorite scripture.

His interests varied from Cardinal baseball to ballroom dancing to horse races to riverboat gambling to reciting poems that he had learned years earlier in South Omaha schools. During his retirement years, he loved meeting friends at White Castle for coffee and a sweet roll.

James went to his heavenly rest January 15, 2013. He was preceded in death by Thelma his wife of 58 years, parents Estelle and Joseph Archie Anders, brothers Joseph and Glenn Anders and sister Stelle Mae Stamps. James leaves to cherish his memory children Shirley Hicks, Barbara (Jesse) Bowdry, Joan Hill, Sharon Casey (Joe Stewart), Alvin Hill and Michelle Anders all of St. Louis, MO.: Joe (Linda) Hill, Chicago, IL, Carole Woods Harris, Tega Cay, SC; James Anders Jr. (Esia), Little Rock AR; Dale Andres (Marcia), Berkeley, CA. and Barbara Elaine (Andrew) Thompson, Clarksdale, MS. In addition he leaves 35 grandchildren, 60 great grandchildren, 69 great-great grandchildren, 8 great-great-great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends including nephew Michael (Alive) Anders, of St. Louis, MO.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are missing you so much Poppee! In this lost and dying world, I remember you saying, “God runs it, and we just run around in it.” So true Poppee! And, nothing is new under the sun. I am so very happy that you rededicated your life to God, on 8-16-1998 with your son James Jr. How precious it is to know we will see you again in the presence of God! Much love...Esia

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