



James H. Lawrence III

July 31, 1959 - June 7, 2014

James H. Lawrence III was born on July 31, 1959, in Detroit, MI to the late Brother James H. Lawrence II & Janice Clawson Lawrence.

Best known to family as "Little Jimmy", he attended public schools in Prince Georges County, graduating Largo Sr. High (class of 77). Jimmy followed in his father's footsteps and attended North Carolina A&T State University (NCA&T). Brother Lawrence received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Finance. In keeping with his "legacy", Brother Lawrence was initiated into the Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. on March 31, 1979. Along-side his line-brothers, Walter McLaughlin, Louis Ramseur, Teddy Armstrong, David Pollard, Mike Bellamy, Keith Wynn, and Gerome Stinson, they were formed into the "pledge-line" known as the "8th Wonder of the World"; with Brother Bobby Henry serving as their "Dean of Pledges". It was during his pledge-period that the infamous nickname, "J.R. Ewing or JR" was given which stuck with him throughout the remainder of his life.

Upon graduation NCA&T, "JR" embarked on a career in accounting and finance that would span almost 30-years, in both Government and Private sectors. First employed by the Federal Government, U.S. Treasury Department in 1984, JR served as staff Accountant in the Bureau of Public Debt; eventually ending-up with Internal Revenue Service as a Tax Auditor. In the fall of 1985, JR accepted a position with the D.C. Government's Office of the Controller, as an Employee Benefits Accountant within DOES for 2 years.

During this period, JR also "Partnered" with his fellow "Aggie" and Frat-brother, Mr. Jonathan Nesbitt, to establish a tax accounting firm known as "Red Diamond" Associates, which still exists to this day offering tax accounting services for individuals, partnerships, and corporations.

JR officially retired from the District of Columbia Government's Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB) as Chief Financial Auditor and Examiner on May 31, 2014.

JR was always in constant motion as he thoroughly enjoyed entertaining his friends and family. You could always count on him to prepare a feast, have a good time and letting you know when the party was over! He loved anything with a motor which was evidenced by his ownership of cars, motorcycles and a boat. Also he was an avid golfer. Oh, yes he was a die hard Washington Redskin fan. Even if they had a losing season, he always looked forward to at least beating the Dallas Cowboys!

JR is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Corliss Banks-Lawrence who he affectionally called "Bucky"; sister, Kimberly Lawrence of Belmont, NC; brother, Kyle Lawrence of Upper Marlboro, MD; niece, Ashley Tolson of Belmont, NC; beloved brotherly cousin, Jabbar Stackston of Fairfax, VA as well as a host of aunts, cousins and other relatives and extended family friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Monday, June 16, 2014 at Reid Temple A.M.E. Church, 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale, MD with a 2 hours viewing from 9 AM – 11 AM and Kappa Alpha Psi Ceremony will be from 10 AM – 10:30 AM. Rev. Gerome Stinson will officiate. JR will be laid to rest on at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery Cemetery. Pope Funeral Homes are in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Reid Temple A.M.E. Church
11400 Glenn Dale Boulevard
Glenn Dale, MD 20769

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James H. Lawrence III*



Simons Mortuary - June 12, 2014 at 01:14 PM

TM

R.I.P JR! To soon my brother.

Theo Moton - June 16, 2014 at 04:22 AM



“ *James H. Lawrence III*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *James H. Lawrence III*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

CL

“ I know that you are in heaven and at peace. No more chemo, radiation, blood work, sadness, fearful nights. So why do I cry for you. It's because I miss you and the good times we shared. Not a day goes by without missing you. Memories are all that I have of you and I thank God for you.



Corliss Lawrence - February 06, 2015 at 10:54 AM

CL

“ Corliss Lawrence lit a candle in memory of James H. Lawrence III



Corliss Lawrence - February 06, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ My hearth still aches from the loss of a wonderful friend...YOU ARE TRULY MISSED....MY LOVE TO THE FAMILY...

Angela Gore - October 29, 2014 at 08:38 AM

CI

“ You will be missed greatly by so many people that you touched their lives in one way or another. May the good Lord grant the members of your family the fortitude to bear your departure. I will always remember the so many conversations we shared during the Maryland CDS regarding your favorite team, the Washington Red Skins. Your genuine smile and kindness touched so many of us you met here on earth. True that you may have left us behind, but your memories will remain with so many who knew you. RIP JR!

Charles Igwilo

Charles Igwilo - June 17, 2014 at 01:52 PM

FW

“ JR was my first roommate in Scott hall. We spent a lot of time together during our freshman year. We became close throughout our time at A&T and when came to DC for conferences I made it my business to connect with him. My heart is saddened for his loss. I am forever grateful to have met and known James JR Lawrence. One Love Aggie Love. Aggie Pride World Wide. Frank White former Attorney General 1980-1983. RIP my friend

Frank White - June 15, 2014 at 08:47 PM

LO

“ Jimmy "JR" Lawrence III will be missed by many. One of the all time most iconic members of Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi (NCA&TSU), JR was always full of personality, zest, and comrodery...a truly unique soul!

Although JR's light has flickered and faded from our view, the fond memories of his life with us will live on in my mind's eye always. Brother Lawrence, you have reached the Golden Shore way too soon...farewell my dear brother, enter into God's rest!

With sincerest condolences to the Lawrence family,

*Lance A. Ollivierre
Alpha Nu Chapter
Fall '83*

Lance Ollivierre - June 15, 2014 at 12:29 PM

ZS

“ Jimmy you will be missed. I will miss our annual plot conversations at NCAT homecomings. You were a soldier until the end. To the family of James Lawrence, our prayers are with you during this time. Please know that you are in our thoughts. Zeke and Bonnie Simmons

Zeke Simmons - June 12, 2014 at 09:59 PM

PB

“ Not only were James and I fellow Aggies, but our families were very close. Actually, my great-grand mother, Sallie Heath Alexander and his grandmother, Carrie Lawrence, were best friends. "Goodnight dear friend, take your rest".....love and prayers of comfort to the Lawrence family. "Your Home-Girl ~P."

Sincerely,
Pam McCorkle Buncum & Family

Pamela M. Buncum - June 12, 2014 at 04:02 PM

RP

“ I loved "JR" like he was my blood brother. Over the last few years, our bond became closer, as he would call me every time he came thru Greensboro. I will truly miss seeing him at the "GHOE" NC A&T State University's Homecoming. Job well done thy good and faithful servant !

Reggie Perkins - June 12, 2014 at 03:11 PM

RM

“ It truly saddens me to hear that we have lost Brother James Lawrence. I didn't have an opportunity to fellowship with him in our adult years but I do remember him while at A&T. I had the pleasure of being one of his big brothers while he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi. I will never forget on one occasion while he was on line and a group of brothers including his father were visiting A&T. Bro. Jimmy told me that I just need to be "cool" and everything would be alright. We shared a "moment" later that day that some of the brothers will remember. Our loss is heaven's gain. God bless the family.
.....Rev. Ruben McElrath, alias "The Incredible Hulk", Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Nu Chapter, Fall 1977



Ruben McElrath - June 12, 2014 at 03:01 PM

CJ

“ To the family of James H. Lawrence III, look to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at this time, and always, for you will find comfort. Earth has no sorrow Heaven cannot heal. I love James as he is my brother in Christ and in fraternity. May God bless his family and may he now enjoy eternal rest and peace in Heaven.

Chester Jenkins

Chester Jenkins - June 12, 2014 at 02:49 PM

CJ

“ May the peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with the family of James H. Lawrence III at this time and always. JR, I love you as we are brothers in Christ and in fraternity. Eternal rest and peace be with you. To the family, know that earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Turn to God for comfort at this time and be blessed.

Yours in Christ and Kappa Alpha Psi,

Chester and Bobbie Jenkins

Chester Jenkins - June 12, 2014 at 02:30 PM