



James Pervis Cason

May 18, 1934 - June 26, 2017

Colonel (Retired) James Pervis Cason departed this life peacefully at home, for his new life in glory, on June 26, 2017. He was born in Anderson County, South Carolina on May 18, 1934.

He was the first born of five children to the marriage of the late Reverend Willie Cason and the late Deaconess Conyers (Williams) Cason. He was also preceded in death by his four brothers:

John, Maxie, David, and Joseph Cason.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 16, and joined Mount Jezreel

Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. James attended and graduated from Alexandria

Elementary School and Parker Gray High School. After graduating from High School, he

attended West Virginia State College, serving as a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,

completing U.S. Army Officer Corps training, and graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics.

James married his college sweetheart, Janice Camilla (Smith) Cason (an Educator and

Entrepreneur) in 1957. They celebrated 60 years of marriage on January 19, 2017. From their marriage, they welcomed five children into their home: Steven B. Cason, Craig M. Cason, Sheila L. (Cason) Gregory, Anthony B. Cason, Sr., and Reginald J. Cason, and taught them Christian values. James was a strong and loving father who encouraged his children to do their best and to pursue their God-given purpose.

After graduation from college, James was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served 30 years of continuous active duty as a Field Artillery Officer in command and staff positions in the U.S. and overseas, achieving the rank of full Colonel. He was a highly decorated combat veteran who served two combat tours in Vietnam. James earned a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He was also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies.

James retired from the Army in 1987 and subsequently began a successful 22-year second career with the Maryland General Assembly as an Administrator and Chief of Staff. James joined the New Hope Baptist Church (NHBC), Forestville, Maryland in 1987, where he served for many years as a Sunday School Superintendent and as the Chairman of the Deacon Ministry. James was apt to teach. He regularly volunteered his time to teach Christian Leadership courses, and Deacon Ministry ordination and refresher courses for

NHBC and other churches throughout the region.

James was humble, friendly, and generous. He enjoyed the fellowship of family and friends, whether it was at a family gathering, a church event, a baseball game, or a vacation travel destination. James was always willing to go the extra mile to help others. He personified the motto passed down to him from his parents: "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice."

James leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 60 years Minister Janice C. Cason; five children, Deacon Steven B. Cason (Linda), Minister Craig M. Cason (Rhonda), Evangelist Sheila L. Gregory (William), Pastor Anthony B. Cason, Sr. (Tawanna), and Deacon Reginald J. Cason (Linda); 19 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will be held on Friday July 7, 2017 at Southern Friendship Baptist Church

4444 Old Branch Ave, Temple Hills, MD 20748

Visitation 10 am Service 11 am

Interment: Maryland Veteran Cheltenham

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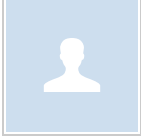
Tribute Wall

“ I met Colonel Cason in 1972. We were assigned to 6th Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, Giessen, Germany. He was the Battalion Commander; I was his driver. Colonel Cason was the most compassionate, humble person I have ever met. He was a Soldier's Soldier, and that includes officers and enlisted. I would pick him up from his quarters around 0530 hours each morning. Oh, some of the stories he shared with me... I was an 18-year-old Private First Class. I was from Sumter, South Carolina and he from Anderson, South Carolina. During one of our many conversations, he is talking and I'm listening, he shared that he loved fish and grits. We were a few months from going to training in Grafenwohr, where we had gone more times than I would like to remember. Because I was his driver, I had lots of free time. At that moment I made up my mind that when we arrived at Grafenwohr, I was going to catch him some fish and have our beloved Mess Sergeant, SFC Donald Bell, make him some fish and grits. We arrived at Graf, and about three days later I went out on my fishing mission. Unbeknownst to me the area I decided to fish in was the German's Trout hatchery. I was raking in Trouts almost as fast as the hook touched the water. After about 12 Trouts the German Game Warden pops up and told me I was fishing in the hatchery. He gave me a ticket, allowed me to keep the Trouts, and told me to get out of there. I immediately went to the mess hall, gave the Trouts to SFC Bell, and asked him to have fish and grits ready for the Colonel for breakfast the following morning. I told Command Sergeant Major Gentry Blair what happened, and he allowed me to break the news to Colonel Cason. I waited until the following morning, after he had eaten the fish and thanked me for catching them before I broke the new. He looked at me, shook his head, and said with the kindest voice only a father would say to his child; Son, don't do that no more. That was just one of my fondest memories of Colonel Cason. I spoke to him around 2010, and he was shocked that I located him. I reminded him of the Trout story, and he laughed. I know the Lord had a place waiting for him. He was my Guardian Angel. Rest In Peace my friend!

Willie (Joe Joe) Burgess

First Sergeant (Retired)

Willie Burgess - May 07, 2023 at 06:05 AM



“ *James Pervis Cason*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *James Pervis Cason*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM

CJ

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Col. Cason's passing. I was his adjutant, a mere 24 year old lieutenant in his command, 2 doors down from him. He was a great mentor, much respected by the troops he commanded, and set an example for all to follow. Two distinct things I remember...when answering the call to come to his office since he needed a paper clip (and of course, I didn't have one), he confided "Adjutant, a good officer always has a paper clip". And from that day forward, I ALWAYS had a concealed paper clip tucked away on my uniform. Second memory was of him calling his two bachelor lieutenants to his office, locking our heels together, and proceeding to read us the riot act (in a nice way) about not even thinking about "messing with his girls" the 4 female troops being assigned to the Battalion HQ. He quietly reminded us that we were officers first and foremost and "fraternizing" with the female enlisted soldiers was a surefire ticket to a very short military career.

You can bet we both said our "yes sirs", gave a snappy salute and exited the door. Rigby and I just said..."looks like the old man ain't fooling around"!

He was a quiet professional and so happy to see all the family pictures.

My condolences in his passing.

CHRISTEN JANKOWSKI

Christen Jankowski - March 28, 2022 at 05:06 PM

CJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Giessen, Germany CDR, 6th Bn/ 9th Artillery 1973*



Christen Jankowski - March 28, 2022 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Condolences to the Cason family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With Love from the Family of John Thomas Broady (son of Sally Bell Smith Broady) and Dorothy Broady*

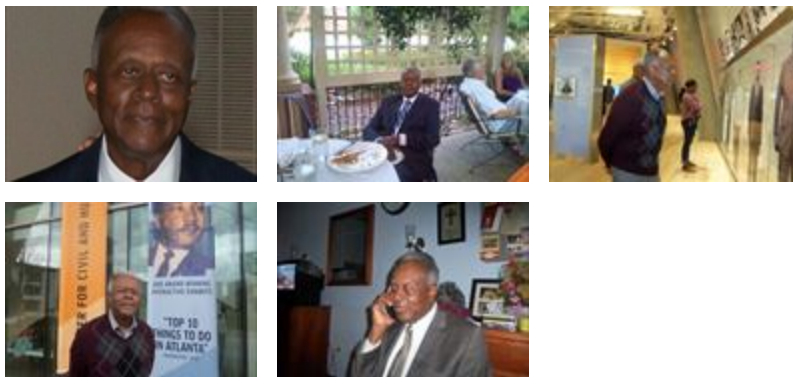


*Neisha "Nee-Nee" Thomas
Broady/Thomas Family*

Neisha "Nee-Nee" Thomas - July 10, 2017 at 10:39 AM

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“ 9 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Rhonda Cason - July 05, 2017 at 01:55 PM

YB

“ *Cousin James was a walking epistle for me. He demonstrated how a man is to lead his family. As a teenager, I saw he was a father of consistency, strength, and compassion.*

As a young adult, I saw his shining example in his relationship with his wife, Cousin Janice. He was her best friend, listening to her and gently talking with her.

From him I learned the way to have a close friend, be a close friend.

I take comfort in knowing he is now in the presence of our Savior until we believers are united when His kingdom comes.

God bless.

Yvette (Smith) Bagley - July 04, 2017 at 07:51 PM

RC

“ *56 files added to the album New Album Name*



Rhonda Cason - July 03, 2017 at 08:57 PM

CC

“ *The Castleberry Family sends support, love and courage to the entire Cason family during this time of loss. Reggie, stay strong my friend.*

With deepest sympathy,

Damond and Charmin Castleberry

Charmin Castleberry - July 03, 2017 at 09:18 AM

BA

“ *Barbara lit a candle in memory of James Pervis Cason*



Barbara - June 30, 2017 at 06:03 AM