

# ROBERT JAMES MORRIS

November 16, 1944-August 19, 2023



1944 A Great Man 2023.

James Robert Morris, 78, of Homewood, passed away unexpectedly at Squirrel Hill Rehab on Wightman Street, on August 19, 2023. Mr. Morris was born in Headland, Alabama, and was the son to the late Arthur Lee Jones and Bonnie Hollis. He attended Peabody High School, in East Liberty. His uncle George Hollis taught him how to box and he became a golden

gloves champion, he was also a singer in an R&B band with his uncle Aubrey Kirkland. After he met the love of his life, Irene Claytor-Morris, (pictured far right), he became an independent contractor and gave back to the community by employing the youths from Homewood, East Liberty and Garfield to work for him so they could save money for college, or live a good life by learning a trade. Mr. Morris was preceded in death by his wife Irene; son James "Jame Boy" Morris; sisters, Betty Morris and Louise Morris. He is survived by his children, Lavel Claytor, Stormie Morris, Irene Marbury, Pastor John Morris, Elijah Morris, Jerome Morris and Joshua Morris; thirty grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren. His uncle Aubrey Kirkland; brothers and sisters, Sergeant Donald Morris, Kenny Morris, Melvin Morris, Bernice Alfoxe, Barbara Pendleton. James and Irene taught their children how to read from the Bible and that is a good start.