



*Pallbearers*

Olabamiji Idowu Jr.  
Earl Lee Jr.  
Brandon Lee  
Robert Alvarez  
Omotayo Idowu  
Miguel Garcia

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Harrison Lee  
Edward "Crockett" Lee

*Acknowledgements*

Special thanks to the Southside Church of Christ funeral Committee  
The Southside church of Christ leadership  
The Elleby Family  
The Entire family of James R. Lee  
Greenwood Funeral Home

*The Burial of James R. Lee*  
Monday, March 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM  
Tahoma National Cemetery for Veterans  
18600 SE 240th St.  
Kent, WA 98042

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Sgt. James Robert Lee, Sr.*

Sunrise: July 8, 1927 - Sunset: February 29, 2016

*Funeral Service*  
Southside Church of Christ  
12200 59th Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98178  
Bro. William Harper, Officiating

## Obituary

James was born on July 8, 1927 in the city of Eddy, New Mexico to the late Daniel Lee and Estella Scott. James was the third of ten children. He was a very strong child growing up and often talked about how his grandfather taught him the skills necessary to do all kinds of trades he was able to fall back on through life. He often shared stories about when he was growing up, and how he drove the family car from Texas to the Northwest when he was only 13 years old. He also reminisced about the days when he was a boxer and how strong he was and all the fights he won overseas. During the Korean War he served as a sergeant for Two years. After serving in the military for many years, he returned home to continue to work hard and help his family, and marry the love of his life, Mitzi Hobbs on June 3, 1949.

As a result of their marriage they had 13 children. He provided for his family and spent his free time with them taking them on various outings that allowed them to bond. When he was offered to go to Alaska, he declined the offer because family was more important than money to him. James was so talented, resourceful, and most importantly, generous. He never turned family away when they were in need. Holidays were a time to get together with the people he loved and cherished. He loved to cook, play dominoes and be hospitable. Having people in his home was an honor. James welcomed anyone that the kids or grandkids would bring home for dinners during the holidays.

He was well respected in the community and was always sharing stories about how he helped to build many landmarks in Yakima. James was a member of the board of directors of the African Village outside of Yakima at the Firing Center where he had a barbeque business. He helped to build the African Village and did most of the work in laying the circular bricks and roof on the African Village. He was one of the original board members and many of his children performed with the Afro-American Players by dancing, reciting poetry and playing African drums. He was a very talented singer and had a quartet/band and went on the road, performing. He really loved to sing and had the honor of performing with Marion Anderson. He grew up singing in the church and had a love for good music.

Although James has always had a relationship with the Lord, He renewed his relationship in 2014 when his son passed away and rededicated his life to the Lord publicly at the memorial service. James Robert Lee, Sr., age 88, passed away on Monday, February 29, 2016 at Yakima Regional Medical Center Emergency Room from cardiac and/or respiratory arrest and manner was natural. James was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel Lee and Estella Scott, his wife, Mitzi Hobbs-Lee, two brothers, Charles Lee, Daniel "Bob" Lee, one sister, Lucrecia Burke, and one son, Alphonso R. Lee.

James leaves to mourn him, his siblings, Ben Esther Rivers, Wilma Jean Duke, Harrison Lee, Pauline Brown, Edward "Crockett" Lee and Ruby Faye Pleasant. The twelve surviving children are Gale E. C. Lee, James R. Lee, Jr. (wife Pam), Lana T. Frazier-Turner (husband Thomas), Earl S. Lee (wife Linda), Anthony C.B. Lee (wife Sylvia), Marta R. Idowu (husband Olabamiji), Eric H.L. Lee (wife Lupe), Aaron Lee (Debbie), Wilma E. C. Bridges, Phyllis J. Lee, Jacqueline E. Lee (finance' Brett), and Tiefa K. Bickham (husband Charles). He also leaves to cherish his memories a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including his best friend Elgin Knox. James will be dearly missed and he will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Lastly, James wanted to let his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren know that he loved you all very much and proud of your accomplishments. Remember the importance of family values and what you've been taught. Do great things, forgive and love each other as a family.

## Celebrating the Life of Mr. Lee

Musical Prelude

Processional

Viewing /Closing of the Casket

Welcome

Scripture reading

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Poem

Congregational Song

Obituary / Acknowledgements

Eulogy

Slideshow presentation

Reflections (2 mins please)

Hymn

Closing Prayer

Music

"Devotion"

By Earth, Wind and Fire

William Harper

Herman Snoddy

Psalms 30:1-6

2 Corinthians 2: 1-4

Samuel Garner

"All My Trials"

Southside chorus

"I'm Free" Noris Daniel

Kenneth McCoy

"Mansion, Robe and Crown"

Carolyn Tolbert

William Harper

We Love You

Share memories, stories, songs

"Everyday Lord"

Southside chorus

Tresvan O'Neal

"Keep your Head to the Sky"

Earth Wind and Fire

Please join us after the ceremony for food and fellowship in the MPX room. Family time was always valued by the late James R. Lee. *Let's enjoy time together.*