



## Mr. James H. Killion

May 8, 1944 - December 6, 2022

Alton - James Harrison Killion III, 78, of St. Louis, strong family man, visionary leader, and community advocate, transitioned on December 5, 2022. Born in Alton, Illinois on May 8, 1944, he was the firstborn child of the late James Harrison Killion, Jr. and Hazel Walker Killion.

James (Jim, Jimmy) was educated in the Alton Public School System and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Killion enjoyed a dynamic career in sales as Vice President at Maritz, LLC and held executive positions at General Electric Capital IT Solutions and Xerox Corporation.

Jim championed human and civil rights through his engagement in numerous boards including the Miles Davis Memorial Project. He was also a founding member and president of the Friends of the 60's/Alton Black Alumni Association, a Life and Golden member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and a member of Trinity A.M. E. Church in Alton, Illinois. His honors include the Alton High School Distinguished Alumni Award, Elijah P. Lovejoy Human Rights Award and he is featured in Who's Who in Black St. Louis. In 2022, Jim published a book of letters written by his father, James Harrison Killion Jr., during World War II, entitled "A Black Soldier's Letters Home", co-edited with Eugene Jones Baldwin. Killion's efforts resulted in the letters being archived in the renowned National World War II Museum in New Orleans,

Louisiana.

James Harrison Killion III is survived by Darla, his loving and devoted wife; children, James Harrison IV (Kamarrah), Kimya Ware, Corey Brownlee, Morganne Brownlee, Erin Thompson; grandchildren, Sasha, Harrison, Zachary, Elyse, Alana, Devin and Cherrish.

He also leaves to cherish his memories, sisters, Carol Killion Hudson, Dr. Cheryl Killion, and Michele Killion Keeper; nieces and nephew, Erica Hudson, Nikole Boykin (Wade), Mitchell Keeper, Jr, and Myla Keeper Williams; great nephews, Wade IV, Nelson and Karter.

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Rd  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater St. James Baptist Church  
2016 Belle Street  
Alton, IL

## Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to Darla and the Killion family. We will always remember the smile Jim shared with everyone he met. We will also miss Brother Killion coming to Carbondale for the Black Alumni Reunions over the year. My prayers and request that God's peach with the Family in this difficult time.*

**CARL Flowers** - December 12, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James H. Killion.*



December 12, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James H. Killion.*



December 11, 2022 at 04:20 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Killion family. Remember James as a gentleman who always greeted you with a smile and a pleasant greeting. Played a little basketball with James. He will be remembered with admiration, May He Rest In Peace. Buck Hord. Palm Bay, Florida*

**Buck Hord** - December 09, 2022 at 10:15 AM

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“ To Carole and the entire Killion family, please know that my prayers of condolence are with you during this extremely difficult time. Praying that God's Holy Spirit will comfort you and bring you peace, now and in the difficult days ahead, in the name of Jesus.  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Jim-George (nee, Wagner)

BARBARA JIM-GEORGE - December 08, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ Going to miss this smiling nice black man. So clean, I always told him that he looks like my father lol❤️❤️❤️🙏#Jesus



Ryon Williams Sr. - December 07, 2022 at 01:25 AM

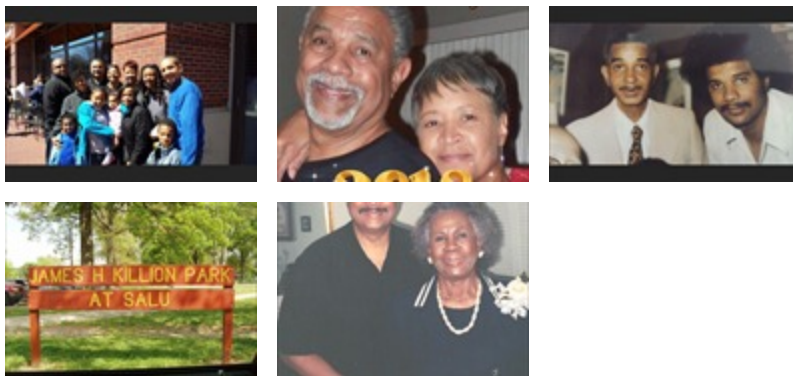
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To the entire Killion Dynasty....my heart grieves with you all. Jim leaves a great legacy. He leaves a giant foot print in the history of Alton. May the Killion legacy live on in this wonderful family.

Luttis Puttis - December 09, 2022 at 09:13 PM



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Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - December 06, 2022 at 12:29 PM