

Celebration of the Life
and
Homegoing of
James Elvis Lynn, Sr.

*"But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave
for he shall receive me."*

Psalms 49:15



- Service -

*SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1988
1:00 O'Clock P.M.*

MARLIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*Rev. Dennis Everett, Pastor
Eulogist: Rev. A. C. Franklin, Pastor
Zion Rock Baptist Church, Highbank, Texas*

Active Hallbearers

Scottie Henderson

Alfred Richardson

Marion Humphrey

Bennell Kirk

Malcom Williams

Bobby Redd

Honorary Hallbearers

NAACP Branch Presidents

Hopeful Lodge No. 78

Deacons of Zion Rock Baptist Church

Other Affiliations:

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| 1980-1985 | Board of directors
Economic Opportunities
Advancement Corporation |
| 1983 | Appointed by Governor Mark White to serve as a member, Heart of Texas Region Community Development Block Grant Review Committee |
| 1987 | Reappointed by Governor Clements to the above named commission |
| 1987 | Received the first Black Citizen of the Year Award |
| 1986 | Instrumental in establishing the single member districts in the Marlin Independent School District |

James also served in various civic, economic and religious organizations.

He leaves to celebrate his victory: a loving and devoted wife, Zona; one son, James Elvis Lynn, II of Houston; two daughters, Wanda E. Mathews, Dallas, Texas and Kathryn A. Jones, Mesquite, Texas; three grandchildren, Mischa Lynn Mathews, Adriam Lynmon and Ronika Rochell Jones; three sisters, Mrs. Tommie L. Washington, Marlin, Texas, Mrs. Ernestine Lynn Evans, San Francisco, California, and Mrs. Lillian Deaver, Odessa, Texas; two brothers, Cecil Lynn, Sr., Marlin, Texas, and Carl B. Lynn, San Francisco, California, a host of devoted nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Words He Lived By

*"The race needs workers not leaders.
Such workers will solve the problems
Which race leaders talk about."*

. . . Carter G. Woodson

*"I guess my formula for success is picking attainable goals,
then achieving them. Once you have achieved one goal,
the success will give you the confidence to reach the next."*

. . . John H. Johnson

*"You can't hold a man down without staying down with
him."*

. . . Booker T. Washington

*"My job is to knock down every barrier that prevents blacks,
other minorities and women from enjoying the fullness of
American freedom. Our fight is to make this system work
for black people as well as it works for anybody else."*

. . . Benjamin L. Hooks

*"We should devote time into the training of our youth in
order that they may reach their fullest potential to become
our nation's future workers and leaders."*

. . . James E. Lynn, Sr.

Order of Service

PRELUDE Soft Music
"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN Zion Rock Baptist Church
"Near the Cross"

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Rev. R. J. Lewis

New Testament Rev. Dennis Everett

PRAYER Rev. William Johnson

RESOLUTION Zion Rock Baptist Church
Mrs. Annie Williams

REMARKS (Limit 2 minutes, please)

National Representative

State Representative

County Representative

City Representative

NAACP

National

Regional

State

Branches

REMARKS FOR THE COMMUNITY

MUSIC "If I Can Help Somebody"

WORDS OF COMFORT Rev. A. C. Franklin

RECESSIONAL Solo
(by a devoted niece, Stephanie Smith)

His Life Journey

James Elvis Lynn, Sr. was the third child born to John Lynn and Irene Estelle Burch Lynn on February 16, 1920 in Highbank, Texas.

He accepted Christ at an early age at Zion Rock Baptist Church, Highbank, Texas. He faithfully served as a deacon and Sunday School Superintendent until his Homegoing.

He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Marlin, Texas, received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, and his Master's Degree from Prairie View A&M, Prairie View, Texas.

James served in the armed forces from 1942 through 1946.

James and Zona Mae Hunnicutt were united in Holy Matrimony on March 9, 1952. To this union one daughter and one son were born.

As an educator, James taught Science and Math, and later became principal of Booker T. Washington Jr. High School, Marlin, Texas. During this time, he served as Scout Master and worked with various academically related activities. He later became high school counselor, Hubbard Public Schools, Hubbard, Texas.

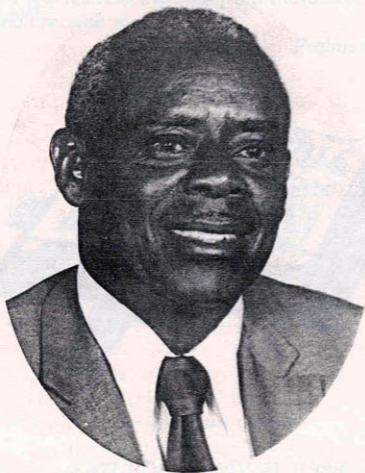
In 1978 James was instrumental in forming Precinct 2 in order that Blacks would have a greater voice in County Government. As a result, he became the first elected Black County Commissioner in Falls County. He was serving his third term at the time of his death.

James was very active in the NAACP and served many years as President for the Falls County Branch.

He was extremely supportive of those who were striving to reform social injustices on local, state and national levels.

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

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February 16, 1920 — May 16, 1988

Acknowledgment

It is quite comforting for others to share one's sorrow. Mere words cannot express the gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one.

Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers, visits, food and prayers, and any other expressions of condolences.

The Family

Interment

Peaceful Rest Cemetery
Military Honored

Arrangements by:
DORSEY-KEATTS FUNERAL HOME
Marlin, Texas