



## James Elijah Bethune

August 24, 1932 - February 11, 2021

James Elijah Bethune, age 88, of Bridgeport, CT. Husband of Annie L. McKinnie, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb 11, 2021.

James affectionately known as “Eli” was born on Aug 24, 1932, in Boswell Bull (Bumidge County), AL. To the parents of the late Mary Jane Grider & James Bethune. Eli worked at Jenkins Values of BPT, CT for more than 30 plus years before his retirement. He also drove school buses for many years which included driving for the First Student Bus Company for well over 10 years.

His hobbies included fishing (which he loved); baseball, New York Mets and football, the New England Patriots. Along with spending time with his Children and Grandchildren.

He is survived by seven (7) Children, Three (3) Daughters, Gloria A. Bethune of Meriden, CT.; Glenda D. Bethune White of Hamden, CT; and Brenda R. Moore of New Haven, CT Four (4) Sons James E. Bethune Jr. (Marquetta) of Douglasville, Georgia and Louis L Bethune (Christina) of Charlotte, NC; Dale A. Bethune (Trena) of Meriden, CT and Apostle Moses T. Bethune (Patricia) of Hamden, CT. 22 Grandchildren, 12 Great grandchildren and a host of Nieces and Nephews and Friends. A special Niece Mildred Burke.

He is predeceased by five Brothers and two Sisters; George Bell, Alfred

Pennington, LA King, James L. King, Henry King; Sisters Laura Sheppard and Clara Mae Grider.

A special thank you to those caregiver who took care of our Dad! NEMG; Kenneth Nori, M.D.; Charles Staples, M.D.; and Richard L. Taikowski, M.D. Kathleen R. Bonaventure, APRN

Services Entrusted to Mcclam Funeral Home, New Haven, CT. Viewing and Interment will be Private.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Elijah Bethune*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Sincere prayers & condolences to the entire Bethune family. WORD OF FAITH MINISTRIES, QUINCY, FL.*

**Overseer Mildred Baker** - February 25, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Bethune family.*



**Ernestine Jones Bush** - February 24, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Sister Glenda & Family*  
*Sending you our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. You have our support and love from your Faith, Hope & Charity church family. Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday. If you are in need of anything we are here for you.*  
*Pastor Calvin & Brenda Vaughan*

**Pastor Calvin & Brenda Vaughan** - February 24, 2021 at 01:35 PM