



## James Dimery Jr.

February 22, 1948 - June 22, 2020

James Furman Dimery Jr departed this journey of life to his eternal resting place on June 22, 2020 after a brief battle with brain cancer in Yale New Haven Hospital at the age of 72.

Furman Jr, as he was known to most, was born in Kingstree, SC and was the oldest son of the late Willie Meta and James Furman Dimery Sr.

Throughout Furman Jr's life, he was groomed to be involved in his family's funeral business, Dimery & Roger's Funeral Home, working there as early as the age of nine years old. Over time, his responsibilities grew from answering calls to driving for funerals and first call runs until he chose to pursue his own aspirations.

Furman Jr graduated from Tomlinson Highschool in Kingstree, SC in 1966 where he was active on the Yearbook Staff, football, basketball and baseball teams and was voted as the Best Looking in his senior class. Furman Jr was so good in sports, he tried out for the major league baseball team, The Pittsburgh Pirates.

One of Furman Jr's historical moments was having the honor of being the driver for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he visited Kingstree, SC in 1966 for a speech to urge black residents to vote.

He continued his education at Morris College before he was enrolled in the

US Army in 1968 and did his tour in Vietnam.

In 1967, Furman Jr met and dated for only nine months, Barbara Jean Dimery, before making her his wife of 52 years. During their union, God blessed them with three beautiful children, Joy F Dimery-Neal (Darren), Rita J Dimery and James F Dimery III. They were further blessed with two amazing grandchildren, the late James F Dimery IV and Skylar R Dimery. He moved to New Haven, CT in 1968 and made this his permanent residence with his family, but he always had Hemmingway and Kingstree in his heart and took his family there every chance that he could.

He made his mark in Connecticut and worked as a tool & die maker and welder at Newton Die Casting for 38 years. During his tenure, he served as a union steward for 20 years always advocating for his fellow co-workers and was coach for the company baseball team.

In 1977 Furman Jr was accepted into Widow's Son #1 Lodge PHA and continued his path in his masonic journey and became a 32nd degree Master Mason and held the office of Dean of Instruction.

Furman Jr enjoyed carpentry, working on cars, engaging in national, historical events and going to the casinos. He loved to debate political views and sharing his knowledge of wisdom through experiences and stories, being known for having a humorous, sarcastic charisma about him.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

## Service

JUN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church  
285 Dixwell Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Dimery Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of the Dimery family upon arriving in Conn. I became homegirl after I was from SC. We all arrived here at about the same time. Jimmy & Ernestine McKnight Jean Brantley and many others we shared as a family. My Prayer will be with Barbara not only your wife but your ROCK.  
Saundra Stephenson*

**Saundra P. Stephenson** - July 19, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss and we are praying for you all.  
The Corey Family,*

**corey** - July 09, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *Edith Hundley Rawls lit a candle in memory of  
James Dimery Jr.*



**Edith Hundley Rawls** - June 30, 2020 at 04:12 PM

BH

“ My heart and condolences go out to all the family. A few years ago, I was a guest in Furman Jr.'s home in New Haven with his cousin Jean Brantley. And he and his family treated me like royalty then and every time I saw him thereafter. May he rest in peace and power.

Bhakti Larry Hough - June 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM

EA

“ Hi, this is Easter sister of furman, when we were children I was about seven years old and furman was a baby and we were at grandpa's and grandmas house on the porch. I had you in my arms when I stumbled and I held on to you as we fell and I didn't let go. I fell on the ground and you didn't because I shielded you

Easter - June 27, 2020 at 08:27 AM

QT

“ A good memory I had with uncle furman was when I was around 10 years old he had a dog named reign and uncle furman gave me and his dog the nickname Spider-Man and spider dog. We will forever share that moment

Quentin Thomas - June 27, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Dimery Jr..



June 26, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Dimery Jr..* ”



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June 25, 2020 at 09:34 AM