



James C. Raper

April 15, 1934 - July 19, 2023

James Clarence Raper 89, of 835 Mix Avenue, Hamden, CT. entered eternal rest on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. James was born on April 15, 1934 to the late Albert Raper and Aline Jones of Highpoint, North Carolina and was reared by his dad, Albert and step mom Lizzie Yokely. James was educated in the Winston Salem, North Carolina school system. After relocating to Connecticut, James was employed by High Standard Company and Winchester U.S. Repeating Arms. James met and married the love of his life, Lillie Dale Washington.

James truly loved his family and enjoyed a special relationship with his mother-in-law, Apostle Martha Green, calling her "Ma". Our family will hold dear the fond memories and his sense of humor. James enjoyed fishing, gardening, feeding the squirrels, trips to Walmart, and a honorary self-appointed President of the Lombard Street Block Watch. James will be remembered as a man of few words and a gentle spirit. Especially when gathered at family reunions and cookouts, he would say "How you doing Cuz". As a proud husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather, he was known for giving nicknames to his wife, children and grandchildren (Chicken, Red, Nina, Scooch, Strawberry, Bam Bam, Cherry, Blue, Mookie, Mack, P-nut, Frog and Cookie), just to name a few.

Left to cherish those memories is his wife Lillie Raper of 67 years, loving mother-in-law Apostle Martha Green, and children: Joyce Raper, Janet Raper-Edwards (Dennis), L. Denise Raper, Staff Sergeant, Kevin Raper (Loura) and

Martha Raper-Driffin (Richard), 19 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

James was predeceased by his only son, Staff Sargeant, Kevin James Raper, and Father-in-law, (the best Deacon in the city) Deacon Willie Jessie Green, 4 sisters: Hazel, Alberta, Odessa and 4 brothers: Charlie, Raymond, Beau, and Clyde.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's UFWB
266 Shelton Avenue
New Haven
New Haven, CT 06511

Homegoing Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Raper*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Dear Raper Family,
I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. He seemed to be a quiet and gentle soul. May God comfort you during this time.*

*Love,
Rhonda Lyles Ferrebee*

Rhonda Ferrebee - August 13, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ *Praying for comfort and strength for you all. May God continue to keep you !
Love & Blessings,
James(Peter) & Shirley Daniels
Greenville North Carolina*

James Daniels - July 28, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James C. Raper.*

July 28, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James C. Raper.*



July 28, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *To: The Raper Family,*

Please know that you are near in heart and that you and your family are in my prayers.

Jacqueline Coleman

Jacqueline Coleman - July 27, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ *Denise Senior lit a candle in memory of James Raper*



Denise Senior - July 27, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Mr. Jim, it was so good being able to work with you at Winchwster, running the same machine you nights and me days. We may have been like passing ships in the night, but a simple hello, how are you was all it took. Take your rest Mr. Jim, God will carry you from here on.*

Betty Godley - July 27, 2023 at 08:45 AM

JB

“ *To: The Raper Family:
We were saddened to hear of the passing of your husband and children's father.
Learning of his death at a later date, will not permit us to join you for the services rendered.
However, know that heartfelt sympathy is being extended to each of you as God help you to tunnel through the difficult days that lie ahead.
We will continue to pray for the family.
May God wrap his loving arms around each of you.
Dr. & Mrs. Timothy Benjamin, (Joyce) Cousin of Greenville, N.C.
27858*

Joyce A. Greene Benjamin - July 26, 2023 at 09:18 PM

FB

To the Raper family, so sorry to hear of your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Frances Belton and Family

Frances Belton - July 27, 2023 at 06:42 PM

DC

To the Raper Family, you have my condolence on the loss of Brother James Raper you are in my partes. Dennis Cannon Durham North Carolina

Dennis Cannon - July 28, 2023 at 04:19 PM

ED

“ *Sleep in peace cousin Jimmy*



Evadale Daniels-Smith - July 26, 2023 at 05:41 PM