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Oliver James Edwards, a beloved husband, father, brother and friend, passed away at his home in University Place, WA on July 8, 2005. Oliver was born January 31, 1952 in Bluffton, South Carolina to the late Estella and John Henry Edwards. He graduated from Michael C. Riley High School in Bluffton, South Carolina in 1970 and enlisted in the United States Army, which would bring him and his wife to Washington. Oliver retired from the United States Army in 1981 and later received a degree in Computer Science from Pierce College. After retirement from the Army, he was employed and later retired from the American Lake VA Hospital in Tacoma, WA. Oliver married his wife of 28 years, Mary, on July 2nd, 1977 in Beaufort, South Carolina. Their union was filled with love, caring and support of each other. They were blessed with one daughter, Malaika, who was the joy of his life. She was truly daddy's little girl. Oliver's retirement years remained very active. He loved to cook, garden, golf and fish. In his last major endeavor, he took classes to become a floral designer at Clover Park Technical College. Oliver was a strong and dedicated family man. To his friends, he was a man of his word and generous to all. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Malaika; close family friend Billie Carter, and numerous family and friends. Viewing will be held from 1p-8p on Tuesday at Mountain View Funeral Home. Services will be held on July 15, 2005 at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Bluffton, South Carolina. His final resting place will be in Beaufort Memorial National Cemetery in South Carolina. Flowers may be sent to Marshel's Wright-Donaldson Funeral Home, 1814 Greene Street, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902. 800-525-6628 or 843-524-3755.



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Anonymous posted:

We Love you Loraine and Malaika, We are here for you anytime. If you need us call us. Love You Always theEdwards Family of Bluffton, South Carolina##imported-begin##Edwards Family##imported-end##

July 17 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Annette Harmon##imported-end##

July 15 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mary, My caring thoughts are with both you and Malaika in your time of sadness and shock. May your loving memories of Oliver bring you comfort. Please hold each other close and take care. With love, Linda Chambers##imported-begin##Linda Chambers##imported-end##

July 13 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mary and Malaika:Living across the street from you all these years, it has been easy to see what a dedicated husband and father you had in Oliver; he was truly a good man. Our daughter, Brieann, sends her condolences from New York City. I had so many nice conversations with Oliver, but the funniest was when I asked him to help me get some beauty bark for my yard. I asked Oliver to "mention" to my husband, Gus, that it really looked like we needed some new beauty bark over here. Oliver thought it was pretty funny that I was conspiring to get beauty bark!You are in our prayers. Karen, Gus & Brieann##imported-begin##Karen Fant##imported-end##

July 11 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of our VA friend and colleague, Oliver. I retired one year ago after serving 20 yrs civil service. Oliver and I worked in the same American Lake VA buildings. Oliver was always a gentleman and pleasant to everyone who knew him. What a dear sweet man. He often spoke of his pride in his family. We will miss him.Blessings and Hugs to his family.Robin from the VA##imported-begin##Robin Sutton##imported-end##

July 10 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Oliver, you have been my loyal friend for 17 years. I read your obituary which revealed what I already knew. That you are a good man who not only loves and cherishes his family, but also loves to cook, fish, and work in the garden. Ollie, your passing leaves me with regret about what should have been but didn't. You know my friend what I'm talking about. You have called me time and time again over the past 2 years to go fishing as we had done for so many years together. Each time I had a reason for not going, mostly not having my boat and truck ready to go and external family concerns. You never gave up on me and as recently as 2 weeks ago we had this discussion with the same outcome but this time I made a promise to you that I would get the truck and boat ready for fishing. Ollie, I got the truck done last Saturday. I didn't know at the time that you took that final journey the day before. You reminded me with your passing that nothing is guaranteed and that missed opportunities can become lost opportunities. Could it be that this is what you believe and why you never gave up on me? Ollie, I will be seeing you again and we WILL go fishing.##imported-begin##Winston Johnson##imported-end##

July 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mary and Malaika, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My deepest condolences are with you during this sad time, and you two are in my prayers. Although I never met him, I know he was a good man because he is reflected in you.##imported-begin##Meagan Hovis##imported-end##

July 10 at 6:00 PM



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