

### **I AM FREE**

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following paths God made for me  
I took his hand I heard him call  
Then turned, and bid farewell to all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found my peace ... at close of play.*

*And if my parting left a void  
Than fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened ... deep with sorrow  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savoured much  
Good friends, good times  
A loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with grief  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wants me now ... He set me free.*

*- Anonymous*



### **PALLBEARERS**

Family and Friends

### **FLOWER BEARERS**

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### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

*The family of the late James Rudolph Daye wishes to express  
our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, phone calls, visits,  
and many other acts of kindness shown during our time of  
bereavement. May God keep and bless you!*



Services Entrusted to:

*Newman Mortuary*



114 Harper Dr ~ Ozark, AL  
(334) 774-1064

*Celebration of Life  
for*

***James Rudolph Daye***

March 29, 1931 ~ May 8, 2024



Wednesday, May 15, 2024

11:00 AM

Newman Mortuary

114 Harper Drive  
Ozark, Alabama

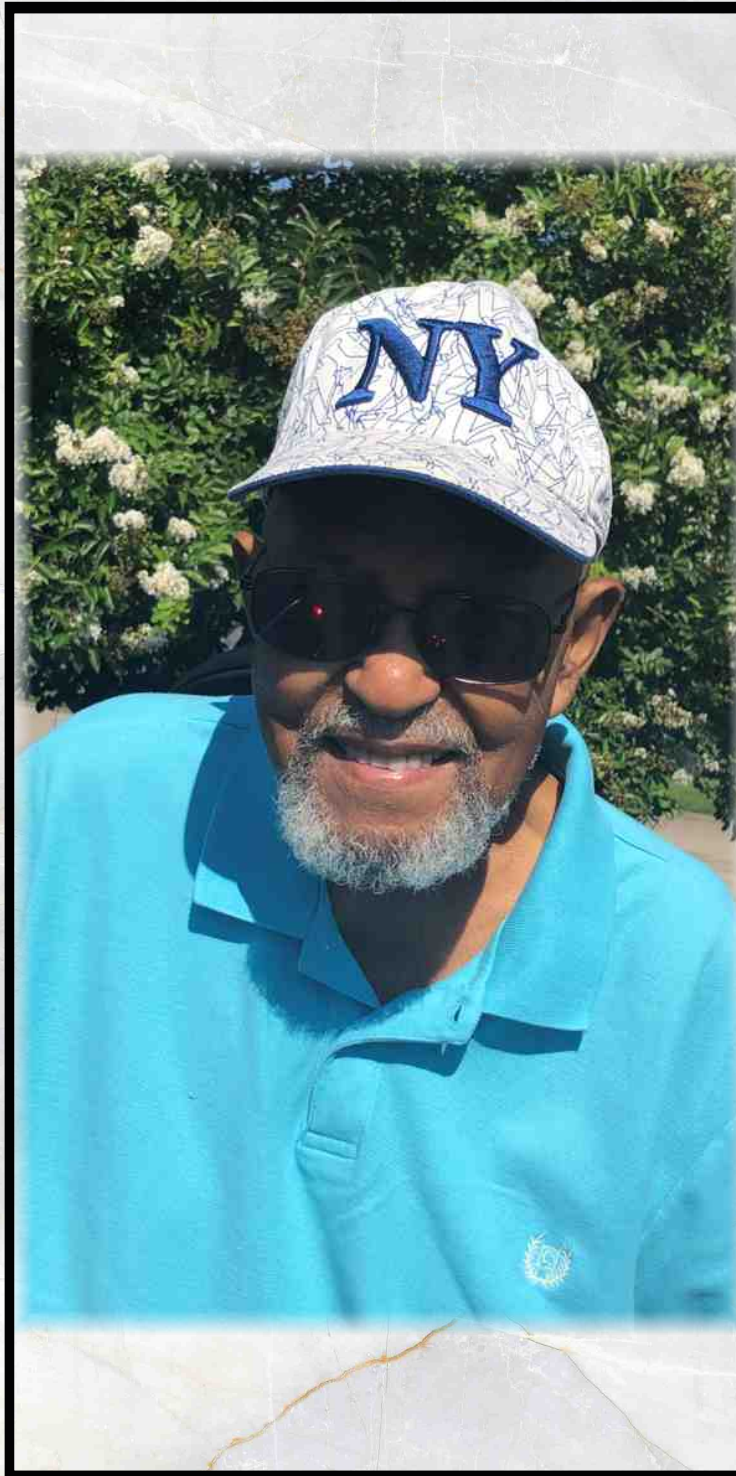
## OBITUARY

James Rudolph Daye, affectionately known as Rudy, Daddy, Papa, Grandpa and Pop-Pop, was born March 29, 1931 in the Elizabeth Quarters section of Tuscaloosa, Alabama to the late Bennie Day and Elizabeth Woods. At the age of 12, Rudy moved with his mother to Brooklyn, New York where he attended Alexander Hamilton High School. He quickly became childhood friends with Laura Harrell who would later become his adoring wife on April 22, 1950 until her passing in September 2002. Together they had three beautiful children, Alan J. Daye, Douglas H. Daye, Sr. and Laura A. Daye. In his earlier years, Rudy drove trucks around the boroughs of New York and later worked for a Ford dealership honing his skills for his love of cars performing his own auto maintenance and gladly assisting others. Later, Rudy joined the Mass Transit Authority (MTA) of New York as a conductor retiring in 1991. Shortly after retirement, he moved to Ozark, Alabama to care for his stepmother, Clara Day, until her passing.

To know Rudy is to LOVE Rudy. He was a man of many talents and hobbies and when he wanted to learn something, he simply taught himself! Photography, computer systems and Lord the man could cook (when he wanted to)! Idle time was never a problem for him as he spent that time reading or watching westerns, enjoying good times with friends or tinkering with anything he could put his hands on. Rudy loved to attend the Ethnic Dinner Club in Ozark that celebrated cuisine from different countries with his dear companion Jane. She devoted her days and nights caring for him and on May 8, 2024, God whispered in his ear to come to his heavenly home.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie Day and Elizabeth Woods; wife, Laura Daye; and son, Douglas H. Daye, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his good times and memories with devoted companion, Jane Matthews; children, Alan J. Daye, Laura A. Bruce (Howard), John R. Young, and Stephen J. Lester; grandchildren, Douglas H. Daye, Jr., Emily J. Daye, Sarah Holland (Stephen), and Leonard James Bruce. In addition, Rudy leaves a host of cousins from Tuscaloosa and Daphne, Alabama, and a multitude of other relatives and dear friends far and wide.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Minister and Family

Scripture (Old & New Testament)

Sarah Holland-Daye

Prayer

Pastor Charles Lewis

Dothan Community Church

Poem

Laura Bruce

Reflections of Rudy

Two minute time frame please

Obituary

Read Silently

Eulogy

Minister Howard L. Bruce

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## INTERMENT

Ozark City Cemetery (Racetrack)

Cemetery Street ~ Ozark, Alabama

## REPAST

264 Sharon Lane

Ozark, Alabama