Obituary

Mr. James Samuda was born October 29, 1925 in Boston, Massachusetts to A James and Iris Huey Samuda. James Samuda transitioned peacefully from this earthly life to his heavenly home on Sunday July 13th, 2011.

James Samuda grew up and was educated in Boston. He was awarded a full scholastic scholarship to Howard University where he received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. He later pursued advanced studies in engineering at George Washington University. He was a licensed engineer in Massachusetts, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the District of Columbia Society of Professional Engineers.

James loved people and was dearly loved by all those having the pleasure of being in his presence. James was very proud, very private, gentle, and at all times a gentleman. He was a good conversationalist, capable of holding one’s attention in lively discussions on a variety of subjects. James was well travelled, an impeccable dresser and an enthusiastic golfer. He dearly loved his fraternity Omega Psi Phi and was a life member. Moreover, he deeply loved his “Little One” Leona Jane Samuda. Together, they shared nearly twelve years of marriage during which they happily loved and cared for each other until the end.

James was a member of First United Presbyterian for many years and an Elder there. James leaves to cherish his life and memories his “Little One”: Leona Jane Samuda; his daughter: Maria Ann Samuda of Washington D.C.; Stepsons: Jeffery Fernander, Timothy Fernander, Paul Fernander, Clayton Fernander and Michael Fernander; one Stepdaughter: Vonya Albury;
Adopted sons: Ricardo Dean and Aaron Knowles; two adopted daughters: Nelly Strachan and Karen Bethel; one sister-in-law: Pauline Elizabeth Frazier and five brothers-in-law: Delbert Bethel, Edward Bethel, Patrick Johnson, Patrick Brown and Allen Frazier; other friends and relatives including: The Rt. Hon. Hubert Alexander Ingraham-Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Sir. Allington Butler and Lady Butler, Hon. Paul L. Adderly, Hon. Alvin Smith, Oscar and Sylvia Johnson and family, Mrs. Martha Delaney and family, Bishop and Mrs. George Battle, Jr. and family, Mrs. Gwendolyn Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pettis and family, Mrs. Maggie Morrow and family, Mrs. Gloria Martin and family, Dr. Thelma Adair and family, Mr. Charles Jackson and family, Hiram Johnson and family, Mr. Edwin Archer and family, Mrs. Eunice Fenty and family, Mr. Devard Ferguson and family, Mr. Charles Jackson and family, Mr. Joe Appling and family, Ryan Bethel and family, Ms. Myrtis Newbold and family, Mrs. Peggy Branch and family, Dr. Alma Adams and family, Mr. Michael Florih Lippesman and family, the Brown family, the Hutchison family, the Pinder family, the Bethel family, Mrs. Rose Bailey Thompson, Mrs. Cyril Carey and family, Mrs. Agnes Albury and family, Roselyn Williams and family, Mrs. Tiny Seymour and family, Mrs. Constance Mackey and family, Mrs. Joyce Bain and family, Mrs. Erma Deleveaux, members and administration of First United Presbyterian Church, the entire staff and residents of Camden Grandview and Golden Living Center, "the Nikki’s Group", "the Breakfast Crew" at McDonalds- Oakes Field, Bahamas and other friend and relatives in the United States and abroad.