## Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter throughout the years.

A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure.

- Author Unknown

#### **Pallbearers**

Family and Friends

#### **Interment:**

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery Seville, OH

## **Acknowledgements:**

The family of James O. Stoves would like to thank each and every one of you for your love and support during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.

Arrangements Entrusted to:
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# **James Oliver Stoves**



## Thursday, November 7, 2019

Sunrise: December 11,1924-

Sunset: October 30, 2019

Wake: 4:30PM Funeral: 5:00PM

Lee Road Baptist Church 3970 Lee Road Cleveland, OH. 44128

Rev. Dr. James P. Quincy III Officiating Minister

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

**Family Visitation** 

Congregational Hymn

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## **Obituary**

## "THERE IS A TIME FOR EVER YTHING" ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8.

#### A TIME TO BE BORN AND A TIME TO DIE

James Oliver Stoves was born December 11, 1924 in Jefferson County Alabama. He was one of nine children born to the late Merritt and Lemma Stoves. James answered the call to eternal rest on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. He was preceded in death by his late wife Lettye, his parents, his brothers, and sister.

#### A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO UPROOT

James attended public schools in Birmingham, Alabama. At a young age, he was inducted into the United States Army and obtained basic training at Fort Benning, GA. During World War II, James was in a secret society outfit known as *The Red Ball Express*, serving as a truck driver delivering needed supplies to the troops. He was very proud of his service to our country and loved to talk about his experiences.

After being honorably discharged from the United States Army, he returned home to Birmingham as a decorated soldier. Dissatisfied with work prospects, he relocated to Cleveland, OH. where he met and later married his sweetheart, Lettye. They were united in marriage on June 23, 1951. He secured a job with the United States Postal Service in the Motor Vehicles Department until he retired. Their children, James Jr. then Cassandra were born shortly thereafter.

## A TIME TO SCATTER STONES AND A TIME TO GATHER THEM

James was baptized and joined Lee Road Baptist Church in 1964. He was a humble servant of the Lord, with a quiet but cheerful nature. James maintained the church, volunteered with the Boy Scouts, was a dedicated usher, choir member, church board member, and member of Lee Road Baptist Men. He was a Master Mason at Eureka Lodge #52 in Cleveland. He also became a Shriner El Hasa 28. James was an avid bowler that participated in a league well into his 90's. He traveled extensively with his wife, family and friends. James and Lettye loved to entertain in their home. As a creative handy person James completed many home projects himself, he LOVED duct tape and superglue.

### A TIME TO MOURN AND A TIME TO DANCE

He was a devoted husband, father, and friend. He leaves to cherish his memories: a son, James Jr and a daughter, Cassandra; four grandchildren: Amanda, Erica, Wallace Jr. and Candace, three great-grandchildren: Deja, Courtney and Dallas, many nieces and nephews, and other family and friends.

