



## James S. Godsey

January 31, 1927 - November 5, 2015

Bluefield, WV – James Scharwood Godsey, 88 of Bluefield, WV passed away Thursday November 5, 2015 with family by his side.

He was born on January 31, 1927 in Bluefield, WV to the late Ruth Irene Roberson Johnson and Earnest Godsey. . He was married to the late India Lucille Godsey.

James was a lifelong resident of Bluefield. He graduated from Beaver High School in 1945. He enlisted in the Navy and took his training at The Great Lakes Naval Academy. He was deployed in California where he shipped out on the USS Hancock during World War II. He was a Bomb Technician for the aircraft and fueler. James was knocked from the ship when it was hit. He was one of the survivors and later returned to the ship. His ship docked two days after Japan was bombed. He remembered the horrible tragedy. The USS Hancock was in five major battles. James has several medals and awards from his Naval Years.

He was an engineer for N & W Railroad and worked for 55 years. After retirement, he was an avid golfer with several championships to his credit. He was a lifelong athlete. He will be missed by many friends and wonderful neighbors.

James is survived by his brother, Dr. Ralph Godsey and wife Brenda of Crewe, VA; his only daughter, Barbara Blankenship and husband David O. Blankenship of Bluefield, VA; three grandchildren, Ronnie Neal England, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, Jamie Grimm of Cross City, FL, and Kimberly Annis of

Tallahassee, FL; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.  
The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Sunday November 8, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday November 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Hersey officiating.

Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery where Ronnie Neal England, Jr., Chris Pedigo, Jimmy Evans, Billy Perry, David Shields, John Masandrea, Brandon David Blankenship and David Cardwell will serve as pallbearers. Military graveside rites will be provided by the Mercer County Veteran's Honor Guard.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. James Scharwood Godsey.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *James S. Godsey*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



Elizabeth Irene

“ *Papa was the other half of my heart along with my Nanny. Biz loves you so much Papa and I will forever miss you and my Nanny.*



Elizabeth Irene - November 08, 2015 at 09:33 PM



“ *Patsy and Freddie Peake and family. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James S. Godsey.*



Patsy and Freddie Peake and family. - November 07, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ *Anthony and Kelly Lattanzi, Jody and Pat Godsey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James S. Godsey.*



Anthony and Kelly Lattanzi, Jody and Pat Godsey - November 07, 2015 at 06:48 AM

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“ *Uncle Jim ("Unkie") made my childhood so much fun. He, Lucy, and Barbara coming to visit meant the world to me and my sister. Thank you for being a huge part of my childhood. Rest in Peace, Unkie.*

*Kelly Lattanzi  
St. Louis, MO*

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**Kelly Lattanzi** - November 07, 2015 at 06:07 AM