



## James H Tassin Sr

February 8, 1931 - November 27, 2022

James H. Tassin Sr. was born to Leodes Tassin and Oshebee Brown on February 8, 1931 in Alexandria, Louisiana. James was 1 of 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. He accepted Christ at an early age at the Rose of Sharon Church and attended Peabody High School both in Alexandria, Louisiana. After graduating he went straight into the workforce at Barnum and Bailey's Circus, often enjoying traveling to many cities. He also began working as a carpenter part-time under Mr. Bodette in Palestine, Texas. This would also be where James would meet the love of his life, Ella M. Bean, through mutual friends. At a friend's home, Ella was providing musical gospel prelude through piano and song which immediately he was hooked. After discovering she didn't have a piano of her own, by the next week he had taken her to pick out her own red piano custom designed with glass front and top and bought it for her that day. The rest, as they say, was history. James and Ella were married in Ella's mother's home, gave birth to 3 beautiful children, and have been married for 68 years. They gave birth to their first child, Diane, in Texas. After a few years they moved to California, the land of hopes and dreams, where he worked on his craft of carpentry. He and Ella also gave birth to their other two children in California:

Cathy and James Jr.

He then started working at GM (General Motors) after being referred by Bro G.Dobbins and Bro E.

Malone. James proved to be a very competent worker and GM offered him a promotion in Nevada,

but being the family man that he was, he felt it best not to uproot them.

Deciding to put his family

first, he turned down the offer and decided to go into business for himself as a carpenter full time.

Throughout his carpentry career he worked on countless buildings and projects throughout

Texas, Louisiana, and California. At the age of 9 James Jr was trained and worked on many

projects with this dad. He was very proud. He even aided in the remodeling of this very church,

Zion First Church of God in Christ. James traveled back to LA, where his daughter Diane

accompanied him. At the age of 82, his final work of carpentry was the labor of love to his daughter

Cathy, son -in-law, and grandson, by renovating their home of his own accord. He was an avid reader and was constantly improving his craft, often teaching himself.

Despite his vast array of knowledge, he always would humbly accredit God for blessing him with the

knowledge. He loved people and could make friends with almost anybody. He was a man who

dedicated his life to working his fingers to the bone in order to provide for his family. No matter what

time of day or night his home was always open to his family.

You were an excellent example of what it means to provide for your family, to be there with

a firm love that was unshakeable, and we will continue to honor your legacy.  
We love you very

much James Tassin Sr. and will always remember you. James Tassin Sr. is succeeded in death by both parent Leodes Tassin and Oshebee Brown and Joel Booze Jr, Andrew Booze (brothers) Alexandria, LA, Ruthie M. Green (sister) Alexandria ,LA. He is survived by his wife Ella Tassin and his 3 children: Carrol Diane Martin , Cathy Baker & Dion Baker Sr. (son-in -law), and James Tassin Jr. all of Oakland, Ca.

His grandchildren LaShonda Martin of Pittsburgh, Ca, Archie C. Martin Jr, of Lawton, OK, Marcus A. Ma

rtin, Dion Baker Jr. Gwendolyn Tassin, Brittany J. Tassin.all of Oakland, Ca.

His great grandchildren: Anastasia Martin - Ealy of Decatur, GA, Asia D.

Stanley of Oakland, Ca, Dontate Jones Jr, Dachau L.Dupree, both of

Antioch, Ca. Jaymir Tassin (Moodah -Scootah) and Ja'siah L. Mitchell (Booda)

both of Oakland, Ca. Lizzie B. Brown (sister) Alexandria, LA. and a hot of

other relatives and friends, too numerous

to name here.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Zion First Church of God in Christ  
1451 8 th St  
Oakland, CA 94607

## Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (PT)

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1451 8 th St  
Oakland, CA 94607

## Interment

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (PT)

Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
4100 Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, CA 94803

# Tribute Wall



“ Hay dad as I type this I don't really know what to say it's really strange walking in the house not seeing you there anymore or hearing your voice asking me am I ok you will be truly missed, all of the laughter and all of the conversations, I just thank God for letting you be here for 91 years and looking after us for that long, I don't know if i ever told you this but you are biggest superhero and always will be, I love you Daddy well i will end this for now if you want to talk to me or come to me in my dreams as you would always say( Well you know were I will be) JR

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**James Tassin** - December 08, 2022 at 06:39 PM

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“ My father was a hardworking, honest man. A man of integrity, kind, caring, and compassionate. He loved his family. He loved sharing his faith with anyone he came in contact with. Daddy, you will truly be missed. I love you.



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**Cathy Baker** - December 08, 2022 at 05:56 PM