



## James Elisha Carter, III

January 30, 1999 - October 1, 2023

Sgt. James Elisha Carter, III, a beloved son, brother, and friend was born on January 30, 1999, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to parents Harold Carter and Tanya Harding.

James accepted Christ as his Lord and personal Savior on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, while attending Brown's Chapel in Sylacauga, Alabama. Throughout his life, James exemplified strength and perseverance. He graduated from B.B. Comer High School in 2017 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army for five years. Following his active duty, James continued to serve in the Army Reserve while pursuing his passion for technology as an IT Specialist. He was an exceptional soldier and received numerous awards and commendations, including the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal, (22nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (4th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Driver and Mechanic Badge. At the time of his passing, he was employed with Project Management Information Technology Specialist Omya Agricultural.

James was a kind-hearted and talented individual who touched the lives of all

who knew him. He was a devoted son to his bonus parents, Brandan and Robyn Whittington who loved him unconditionally.

Outside of his military service, James enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He found solace in playing video games, keeping fit at the gym, and indulging in his favorite treats, twizzlers, and Nutella - he was a true lover of sweets. James also cherished his time with family and friends, creating lasting memories that will be forever treasured.

On October 1, 2023, in Lincoln, Alabama, Sgt. James Elisha Carter, III traded this walk of life for eternal rest. He was preceded in death by his mother, Tanya Harding.

James leaves behind a bonus family who loved him dearly, including his caring parents, Brandan and Robyn Whittington; his dear sisters, Cate Whittington and Carlee Whittington; uncle and aunt, Kermit Jackson and Yolanda Jackson; cousins, Kermit Jackson, Kendall Jackson, and Kameron Jackson; bonus grandparents, Anita and Jeff Karnes and Wayne and Laura Whittington; and a host of other relatives, friends, and his army soldiers.

Those who knew James will remember him for his warm smile, compassionate nature, and infectious laughter. His presence brightened any room he entered, and his genuine concern for others touched the hearts of many.

James Elisha Carter III will forever remain in our hearts and memories. May his beautiful soul find eternal peace.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Tribute Wall



“ *You will be dearly missed ..*



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**Angel Tomasson** - October 08, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Cecilie Henderson lit a candle in memory of James Elisha Carter, III*



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**Cecilie Henderson** - October 08, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *BBC Class of 2017! purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Elisha Carter, III.*



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**BBC Class of 2017!** - October 07, 2023 at 10:39 PM

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“ James was always the first person to crack a joke in any room. He could light up an entire room with that infectious smile of his. He stopped at nothing to guarantee that everyone felt safe and comfortable around him and he always made it known how much he loved and appreciated all his friends, family and fellow soldiers. He was truly far too good for this Earth. I first met James when I was in the 8th grade. I had just moved to Comer, and he immediately took me under his wing & became a very important person in my life. I remember all of the late night FaceTimes, the note passing in between classes at school, and how he would wait on me at the front of the school every single morning and wouldn't go inside until he got a hug from me. James was the most genuine person I have ever known, and his legacy of love and light will live on through everyone who had a pleasure of knowing him. Forever loved & always missed. ❤️🕊️



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Hannah Rains - October 06, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Elisha Carter, III.



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October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM

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“ James was always a smarty pants. He was always one to make others laugh with his goofiness, his smile was always one thing I remembered most. In middle school he'd walk me home some days because he didn't want me to walk alone. He was always such a gentleman and such a kind soul. I can go on and on of how good of a person he always was. I will forever miss seeing your jam sessions on Snapchat and us talking about the throwback music from back in the day. Everyone will miss you dearly James ☐

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**alicia** - October 05, 2023 at 11:50 PM