



James Olan Wadley

February 18, 2018

Oct. 20, 1940-Feb. 17, 2018

James Olan Wadley, affectionately known as “Pops,” passed away at home on February 17, 2018, at the age of 77.

He was born to James and Olivia Jackson Wadley on October 20, 1940, in Monroe, Louisiana. He attended elementary and high school at Little Flower Academy.

James was graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana and started his career as a Health and Physical Education teacher in Chicago and Detroit before returning to Xavier as Head Basketball Coach. He also was employed as an administrator at several universities over 30 years before retiring from James Madison University, in October 2005.

James married Phyllis Marie Brown in December, 1963. They have been active members at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in November, 2013.

A brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., he enjoyed playing basketball, golf, attending special events, and spending time at home.

James leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife Phyllis, sons Jared (Deanna) of Ypsilanti Township, MI, and James C. (Lisa) of Ewing, N.J.; grandsons Corbin, Jordan, Devin and Cairo; and many other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Ida O. Williams, and brother, H. P. Webb.

Visitation will be Friday, February 23, 2018 4-7:00 p.m. with Alpha Phi Alpha

Omega Omega Services 6:00 p.m. at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel,
funeral services Saturday 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church 6149 Hill
Avenue, Father Mike Brown celebrant, interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Parkinson
Foundation of Northwest Ohio – 150 W.S. Boundary, PMB #202, Perrysburg,
OH 43551 (1-800-438-5584), in memory of James O. Wadley.

Tribute Wall

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“ I believe that James officiated basketball games back in the day. I remember his being an engaging, classy, kind man. My sincere sympathy on his passing...Ed Heintschel

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“ Phyllis, Jared, and family, my prayers are with you and may God provide you with comfort and peace during this time of reflection and precious memories of a good and faithful servant! Blessings Phyllis from your Toledo Children's Hospital Foundation Board, Rhonda Sewell and family

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“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of James Olan Wadley.*



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“ *Phyllis and Family, James had a life well lived!. His contributions to academia are immeasurable. What great memories we have over our many years of friendship. I'll never forget James laughing and participating with us as we took those selfies. God will give you comfort like no one else can. My sincere condolences. Elvah.*

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