



James Emanuel Wells III

November 15, 1984 - July 24, 2025

James Emanuel Wells III was born James Sinclair Rich on November 15, 1984, in Columbia, South Carolina, to parents Stephanie Rich and John Roberts. At the age of four, he was adopted by Emma Lee Wells and James T. Wells Sr., who gave him the name by which he would be known and loved as James Emanuel Wells III.

Emanuel attended East Clarendon High School and later continued his education through Job Corps, where he earned both his high school diploma and his chef's certification. He eventually settled in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he met and married the love of his life, Jessica Bostic Wells. Together, they share a beautiful daughter, Alana Sinclair Wells. Emanuel is also the proud father of Alasia Durant and was a devoted stepfather to Alexia White.

A passionate fan of the Carolina Panthers and the Los Angeles Lakers, Emanuel loved to travel, create beautiful artwork, and immerse himself in video games and Anime. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family and took immense pride in being a "Girl Dad"; always putting his daughters first.

Emanuel is preceded in death by his birth father, John Roberts, and his adopted father, James T. Wells Sr.

Emanuel will be remembered for his dedication, creativity, and the deep love

he has for his family. Emanuel leaves behind his loving wife: Jessica Bostic Wells of Charlotte, NC; daughters, Alana Wells of Charlotte, NC, Alasia Durant of Lake City, SC; stepdaughter, Alexia White of Charlotte, NC.

He is also survived by his birth mother: Stephanie (Lee) Sharp of Columbia, SC, his adopted mother, Emma Lee (James) Wells of Turbeville, SC, sisters; Monique (Fernandez) Thompson of Columbia, SC, Betty Wells of Sumter, SC, Robyn (Ricky) Jacobs of Sumter, SC, and Dianna Wells of Turbeville, SC, brothers; James Wells, Jr. of Sumter, SC, John (Nancy) Player of Dorchester, MA, Antwain (Monica) Rich of Columbia, SC, Shawntel Wells of New York, Ishmael Wells of Columbia, SC.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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