



## Francis James Bland

January 17, 1950 - December 13, 2024

### Obituary

Francis James Bland passed away on December 13, 2024, at the age of seventy-four (74). Born on January 17, 1950, he was the son of the late James "Nassau" Bland and Elsie Cottman-Bland of Pocomoke City, Maryland.

Francis was a proud 1968 graduate of Worcester High School in Newark, Maryland. He served his country with honor in the United States Army, where he developed a strong sense of duty and patriotism that remained with him throughout his life.

After returning home from his service, Francis worked at Moore's in Snow Hill, Maryland for many years, where he became a beloved member of the community and made many lifelong friendships. He was known for his warm smile, hard work, and dedication.

A true sports enthusiast, Francis was a lifelong fan of the Dallas Cowboys. His passion for the team was matched only by his love for motorcycles and Corvettes. As a man of adventure, he spent countless hours fishing, finding peace and joy on the water.

Francis will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His legacy of kindness, humor, and love for life will continue to inspire all who knew him.

He is survived by Kim, Art, Josh, Alicia, Leslie, Lanette, Millie, Shirlena, Tony, Jerry, Jeff, Jessie and Jerome and a host of other relatives and friends. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Submitted With Love,  
The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Beginnings Outreach Ministries (Pocomoke, MD)  
1541 Ocean Highway  
Pocomoke, MD 21851

## Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - December 19, 2024 at 05:06 PM

TW

“ *My friend that I( Thomas Williams)grew up with, R.I.H.P....I'll never forget those memories, when we roamed the streets of Pocomoke... You, Jessie W. Wilbur W., Willie C., Robert B.,Robert J.and myself(Thomas W.) My prayers 🙏 and condolences to the family. My heart is 💔*

**Thomas Williams** - December 23, 2024 at 04:07 PM

ER

“ *My buddy...one of my favorite patients. His face would light up every-time I came in his room. Even when I wasn't assigned to him I made sure I stopped by to see him and we would talk junk to each other. I send my condolences to the family 💔*  
*Love,*  
*Erika*



**Erika** - December 23, 2024 at 08:18 AM

DM

“ *Diane Waters Mewborn lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



**Diane Waters Mewborn** - December 21, 2024 at 12:24 PM

PW

“ *Percy And Myra Mills Watts lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Percy and Myra Mills Watts** - December 21, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RA

“ *Ruth Anne lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Ruth Anne** - December 21, 2024 at 06:09 AM

DB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Francis! He was such an awesome guy.. always smiling and saying words to make others smile. Rest In Peace.*



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**Doretha Bounds Burrell** - December 20, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BM

*I knew Francis from Worcester high school. He was a few classes ahead of me but I remember him playing basketball and kidding around. Rest in peace!*

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**Brenda Marshall** - December 20, 2024 at 11:23 PM

BS

“ WORCESTER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 68. REST N PEACE  
FRANCIS MAY GOD CONTINUE 2 BLESS THE FAMILY

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**Betty schoolfield** - December 20, 2024 at 11:40 AM

BS

“ *Betty Schoolfield lit a candle in memory of  
Francis James Bland*



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**Betty schoolfield** - December 20, 2024 at 11:37 AM

DW

“ *Dolly Wharton lit a candle in memory of  
Francis James Bland*



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**Dolly Wharton** - December 20, 2024 at 10:01 AM

WM

“ *Wanda Mumford lit a candle in memory of  
Francis James Bland*



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**Wanda Mumford** - December 20, 2024 at 08:51 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - December 20, 2024 at 07:25 AM

EB

“ *Edward Blake lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Edward Blake** - December 19, 2024 at 11:31 PM

RA

“ *Reverend Adams lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Reverend Adams** - December 19, 2024 at 06:15 PM

AC

“ *Amanda Collins lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Amanda Collins** - December 19, 2024 at 03:59 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Bailey lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Cassandra Bailey** - December 19, 2024 at 02:32 PM

JM

“ *Jeanie Mason lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Jeanie Mason** - December 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM

VH

“ *Vicki Harmon lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Vicki Harmon** - December 18, 2024 at 09:05 PM

MH

“ *Mable Holden lit a candle in memory of Francis James Bland*



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**Mable Holden** - December 18, 2024 at 08:36 PM