

James Crow was born September 7, 1923 to Bertha Crow in Union County, North Carolina. He was the fourth of five children. He transitioned to eternal rest on Sunday, June 21, 2020.

Jimmy received his formal education in the Union County Public Schools. At nineteen he enlisted and served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945. Following his discharge from the Navy he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps August 19, 1946 and trained at the Montford Point Training Facility near Jacksonville, NC., becoming the first of nearly 20,000 Black men to desegregate the Marine Corps. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific and Korean Area. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in September 1951 with rifle sharpshooter qualifications. Wounded in action in the Hangnyong area, Korea, he received two Purple Hearts, WWII Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal and Presidential Unit Citation



MR. JAMES CROW

Mr. James Crow (affectionately called “Jimmy”) was a very special person to all who knew him. He was a long-time resident of Waxhaw, a devoted husband and a person who had an exceptional gift of befriending everyone.

Congressional Gold Medal Recipient

The Congressional Gold Medal will be presented on Saturday June 27, 2020 during the private ceremony by Charlotte Chapter #40, Montford Marine Point Association.



In 1941, James married his bride of 75 years, Annie Faye Massey Crow. He was a loving and dedicated husband until Annie Faye’s passing on February 16, 2016. From their union they had one child, Helen Gwendolyn.

After discharge from the Marine Corps, Mr. Crow went on to have a long civilian career at Trailways before retiring. He then worked at Harris Teeter Stores until his second retirement. He was also a member of the Waxhaw Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Crow was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church, Waxhaw for many years. He served on the Deacon Board, the Presbyterian Men and the Usher Board. Ushering was his passion because that was where he could meet and greet.

Mr. Crow remained a respected and admired member of the Waxhaw community. He enjoyed restoring vintage automobiles, adding special accessories to the modern ones, working in his yard and engaging in conversations wherever he dined. We will miss him for his love of life, laughter, kindness, sharp mind and the joyful memories.