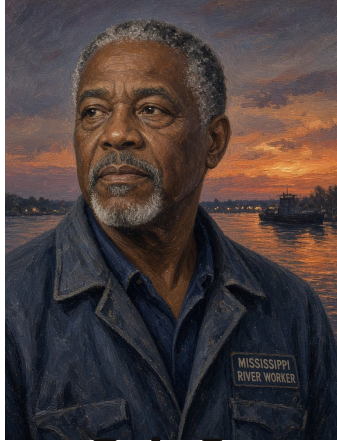




James Otis Langford

March 27, 1955 - August 31, 2026

Jackson, Mississippi

James Otis Langford died in Jackson on August 31, 2026. He was seventy-one. Born there on March 27, 1955, he grew up knowing the river as a workplace, not a backdrop, and he learned a line before he learned a campus. A tow, he said, is a kind of sentence: it has to hold or the whole story is wet.

He spent twenty-seven years on tugs and then a few more ashore keeping engines alive that other men only blamed. He did not romanticize the work. He said the river was beautiful from a bluff and dishonest from a deck, and that both facts could be true before breakfast. He taught younger men that a line is not a suggestion, and that you do not leave a job for the next watch to find in the dark.

He married Denise Langford in 1978. They raised a daughter and a son in a house that needed storm windows and a porch that never lacked an extra chair. Denise taught first grade. James grilled on Sundays and considered catfish a civic obligation. After he retired he still came out when a cousin's truck would not start, moving slower, swearing with more precision.

Friends remember a man who wiped his hands on a rag that had already done too much, who could sit through a long offering without checking a clock, and who hummed while he worked as if the engine were a conversation. He loved the river at evening, a plate he did not finish, and the particular quiet after a repair holds. He died in Jackson, the city he never wanted explained to strangers. The water is still working. Someone else will take the next watch.

Services

A funeral in Jackson with one familiar hymn. A gift to a river-workers' fund or a church pantry suits him.

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