



## Rita James

April 21, 2022

Rita June James, 58, passed away on April 21, 2022. She was born on August 5, 1963 in Darlington to Bobby and Shelby James. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 26th at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home from 6-8 pm. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

She graduated from Mayo High School, class of 1981. She worked many years at Honda in Timmonsville and as a dispatcher for 911 and the South Carolina Highway Patrol. She enjoyed good food, reading her Bible, doing puzzles, the color purple and relaxing in her pool/ her happy place. She loved to talk about Jesus and her smile and laughter lit up a room. She was the life of the party & never met a stranger. She loved her “furr-babies” Camo and Barkley. She was “May-May” to her 3 grandbabies and loved them to the moon and back. She was “Wee Wee” to her siblings and her daddy’s shadow. Surviving are her daughter Lori Butler (Tim); Father, Bobby H. James; brother, Timothy D. Frye; sisters, “Older Sister” Rhonda James Calcutt (Andy); “Baby Sister” Stacey James Howle (Danny); 3 grandchildren, Linsey Butler, Alison Butler, and Arabella Butler; nieces, Sarah Howle, Kathryn Howle; nephew, Gabriel Howle. Rita was preceded in death by her mother Shelby Frye James “Doodle”; brothers Steven C. James and Bobby H. James II “shel”.

A special thanks to the wonderful staff at McLeod CCU, “In her words, y’all are awesome”; Vickie Thornton, Caroline, Victoria, Mary Miles Faulkenberry and Scott Bennet. You exemplify the nursing profession and a true servant’s heart.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home  
315 Pearl Street  
Darlington, SC 29532

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. She was a sweet soul and had the prettiest smile. She loved her family deeply. Thoughts and prayers for the family.



Renee Odom Howle - April 27, 2022 at 06:17 PM

CS

I just saw Rita's Obit ! I am so sorry ... Prayers for Bobby and family. She was a "Daddy's Girl" RIP beautiful Lady...

Carolyn Seitman - April 27, 2022 at 10:22 PM



Candace Jones

“ Lori,

I'm so sorry, sweet friend. I love you and am forever here for you. May the God of all comfort keep holding you and your family close to His heart as you continue navigating this new normal.



Love you girl,  
Candace A. Jones (formerly Chapman) and family

Candace Jones - April 27, 2022 at 03:19 AM

RA

“ *Ruthy Brewer Amerson lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



Ruthy Brewer Amerson - April 26, 2022 at 09:45 PM

CC

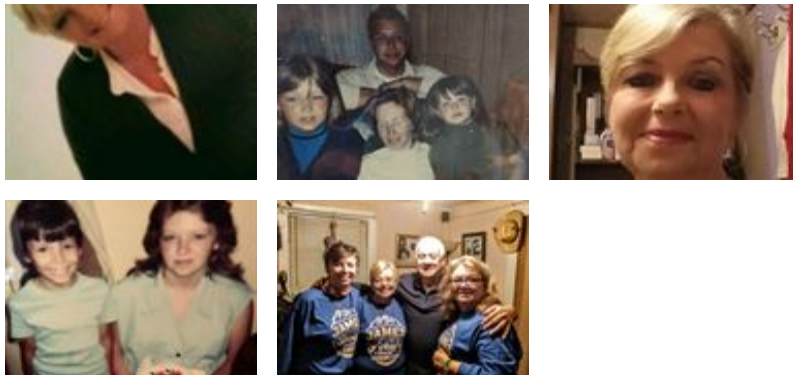
“ *Clarence Chapman lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



Clarence Chapman - April 26, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ *63 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - April 26, 2022 at 04:20 PM

DA

“ *David & Debra Andrews lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



David & Debra Andrews - April 26, 2022 at 04:10 PM

EW

“ *Ellen Watkins-Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



Ellen Watkins-Wilkes - April 26, 2022 at 03:10 PM

EW

*I'm so sad we lost touch over the years- Rita was such a joy to be around. Her laughter was contagious and I'll never forget all the fun we used to have and the memories we shared 💕 Rest In Peace my sweet friend 🌸🙏🌸*

Ellen Watkins-Wilkes - April 26, 2022 at 03:17 PM

MW

“ *Mike and Laura Wesley purchased the Pretty Ple ase for the family of Rita James.*



Mike and Laura Wesley - April 26, 2022 at 12:46 PM

PY

“ Pam Yates sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita James



Pam Yates - April 26, 2022 at 10:19 AM

MR

“ Matt & Michelle Robinson lit a candle in memory of Rita James



Matt & Michelle Robinson - April 26, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita James.



April 26, 2022 at 09:29 AM

LR

“ Lisa Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rita James



Lisa Richardson - April 26, 2022 at 03:03 AM

LR

*Lord I can't believe this. Ever since I heard. It's just heart breaking. You and and dale split a long time ago as man and wife but you always kept us as family. That never changed. Love you. ❤️ you*

**Lisa Richardson** - April 26, 2022 at 03:09 AM

MA

“ *Myra Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



**Myra Anderson** - April 25, 2022 at 10:39 PM

LC

“ *Lynn Coleman lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



**Lynn Coleman** - April 25, 2022 at 10:26 PM

EM

“ *Sending my condolences to Rita's family. I am her classmate, class of 1981 Mayo High school Golden Bears. Ernestine Greene McKay. Rest in peace dear Rita 🙏*

**Ernestine Greene Mckay** - April 25, 2022 at 10:19 PM

JR

“ *Jeff Rowland lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



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**Jeff Rowland** - April 25, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DD

“ *Sorry to Rita passing she was mine and my brother Gary classmate. RIP. May God be with her family*



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**Donna & Gary Dabbs** - April 25, 2022 at 07:22 PM

PS

“ *Paula Griggs Stork lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



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**Paula Griggs Stork** - April 25, 2022 at 04:50 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Baker lit a candle in memory of Rita James*



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**Lisa Baker** - April 25, 2022 at 03:15 PM

DW

“ *Such a sweetheart with a loving spirit! I am thankful to have had the opportunity to get to know her during our dispatch days and make memories that will last a lifetime. My prayers go out to Lori (whom she talked about often with such love and admiration) and the entire family. She was a beacon of light that will never be put out.*



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**Devin Winburn** - April 25, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita James.*



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April 25, 2022 at 02:17 PM

TP

“ *Please our condolences, Rita and I worked together at Honda for a number of years and would run into each other from time to time and “catch-up” and she would brag about those grands....She will truly be missed.*



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**Thomas and Marilyn Purvis** - April 25, 2022 at 01:13 PM