



Dr. Elaine James "Bunny"

August 16, 1961 - July 7, 2025

Dr. Elaine James, 63, formerly of Sumter, South Carolina has entered into eternal rest on July 7, 2025.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Reverend A. A. Dicks, Sr. Pastor, officiating.

Dr. James will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 18, 2025 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home

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Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 18. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 254-4673

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
1237 House Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 799-8906

To view the service for Dr. Elaine James, please click on the link: www.facebook.com/AADicksFH

Tribute Wall

NB

“ I didn't have a lot of contact with Bunny, but I was the childhood friend of her sister, Sandy, who always spoke of her with such love and admiration. When I did spend time with Bunny, I remember her as both kind and incredibly intelligent. While she was in medical school, she welcomed me into her world and let me “help her study.” She encouraged me every step of the way, telling me I was capable of achieving academic excellence, and she celebrated even when I got part of an answer right.

Her belief in me left a lasting imprint on my heart. That spark of confidence she gave me carried into my life and career, and I will always be grateful for her indomitable spirit.

Bunny, thank you for your kindness and encouragement. My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with the James family.

Nancy Wilson Boyd - August 09, 2025 at 05:31 AM

LA

“ Dr. James was truly one of a kind - a woman of incredible strength and character. I had the privilege of witnessing her remarkable journey and transformation, and even through her struggles, her sense of humor and desire to help others never wavered. Her fascinating stories and generous spirit will be deeply missed. My thoughts are with all who loved her during this difficult time.

Lindsay A - August 04, 2025 at 01:14 PM

LA

“ Lindsay A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Elaine James "Bunny".

Lindsay A. - August 04, 2025 at 12:50 PM

GP

“ Dr. James I will miss our talks and your invaluable wisdom. I will always remember the last time I saw you. Before we went our separate ways that day you opened your arms wide for a hug. We hugged and you said, "I love you. I'll see you." Little did I know that would be the last time I would see and talk to you. I know you are at peace because you are no longer carrying the worries of this world and that gives me peace. Rest. I love you and I'll see you.

Gwyn Pringle

Gwynisha Pringle - July 19, 2025 at 10:56 AM

LF

“ My heartfelt condolences to The James.



Lillie B Benjamin & Family - July 18, 2025 at 03:31 PM

FA

“ I had the pleasure to work with Dr James and had the honor to call her my friend. She was talented surgeon and big hearted. Was one of my most inspirational mentors. She has been a big part of my family life. She will be greatly missed.

Fernando Acosta - July 16, 2025 at 03:43 PM

SC

“Bunny and I were best friends at St. Anne’s elementary school and we went on to St. Jude. She was smart as a whip and as sweet as can be. I have found memories of the both of us singing at Mass on Fridays at St. Anne’s. Rest in peace Bunny and our deepest condolences to the family.

Sabrina Culbreath-Budden - July 15, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“I knew Bunny from school but she was younger and I knew her older sisters and cousins better. However, in the 80's I went to a club in Columbia and saw Bunny there reading a book. I spoke to her and she told me that her friends made her come out tonight, so she is out but she a book to read. I never forgot her after that. SIP

Lee Campbell - July 14, 2025 at 11:23 PM

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“My Condolences to the James family. Lee Roy Campbell, Jr. St. Jude High c/o 76

Lee Campbell - July 14, 2025 at 11:13 PM

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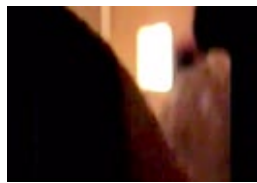
“Dr James was a phenomenal surgeon her accolades speaks for itself. It was an honor to say I worked with her and we became friends as well. She always stayed in contact with me. She will truly be missed. Get your rest my dear friend Bunny.



CYNTHIA SIKES - July 14, 2025 at 06:13 PM

AJ

“ Aunt Bunny was such a joy to be around. She welcomed me into the James family with open arms. One fun memory I have of her is at my wedding. She came up to the Chicagoland area, and got involved in my wedding activities right away. At my wedding reception, the DJ asked if there were any single ladies with spare keys to Randy's apartment, and to turn them in, now that he's a married man. Here walk's up Aunt Bunny, dressed to the nines, and a few other women handing over keys to the DJ. The whole reception hall was cracking up!



Amanda James - July 14, 2025 at 03:44 PM

JD

My condolences to the James family on the lost of your sister. My prayers are with you. Joan Howard Davis

Joan Howard Davis - July 15, 2025 at 05:39 AM

SY

I knew Dr. Evelyn Jones when I was a teacher at St. Jude High School. What wonderful memories I have of her. She always worked very hard, but was so much fun to be around. It does not surprise me that she went on to do so many good things, becoming a fine surgeon.

I am praying for her family and hope they can find solace in knowing what a good person she was, and how many people she helped.

*I send my love and prayers to each one in her family,
Sister Corinne*

Ps It was so nice to see the comments by Lee Roy Campbell Jr and others whom I remember so fondly. I will pray for each of you. They whole St. Jude family lives on in my heart.

Sister Corinne Yarborough - July 15, 2025 at 02:27 PM

CW

So sorry to hear about Bunny. My late sister Deborah and I were friends with the James siblings at St. Anne's and St. Jude Catholic. May angels lead her to paradise. Chuck Wilson. St. Jude Alum. Padres forever.

Chuck Wilson - July 16, 2025 at 12:40 AM