



Mr. James Blanding, Jr.

March 18, 1951 - April 14, 2026

To view the service for Mr. James Blanding, Jr., please click on the link below:
<https://youtu.be/KmoLhpGTnp8>

Please note - Live-stream will be available, Friday, April 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. James Blanding, Jr., 75, of Columbia, South Carolina has entered into eternal rest on April 14, 2026 at Prisma Health Richland Hospital. James was born to Deacon James Blanding, Sr. and Viola Corbin Thomas on March 18, 1951.

He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and never hesitated to express his love for God and give Him glory for all He had done. He often ended his conversations by saying, "Pray for me, and I will pray for you."

James attended the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. With his education, he became a master chef at Bert's Grill. He also worked as a warehouse attendant at Settle's Beauty Supply and served as an assistant at Billy D's.

J.B. was full of life. He loved praising God, reading His Word, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. James was always the "Life of the party." He brought joy wherever he went- dancing, joking, and making

everyone feel like family. James never met a stranger.

Mr. Blanding was preceded in death by his son, James E. Jones; his sisters, Regina Blanding Jeffcoat and Jessie Mae Blanding Brannon; and his nephew, Norman Brannon.

Left to cherish his memories are: his life companion of thirty years, Deborah Ann Kennedy; bonus son, Minister Fredrick (Takquana) Kennedy, III; bonus granddaughter, Tyler B. Johnson; brothers, Wilbur L. Blanding, David E. Blanding, and Terry L. Blanding; sisters, Margaret Ann Blanding and Vivian (Donovan) Blanding Rivers, all of Columbia, SC and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Interment to follow in the Promised Land Cemetery. The Reverend A. A. Dicks, Sr., Pastor, Minister Frederick Kennedy, III, officiant.

Mr. Blanding will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2026 and from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 24, 2026 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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Cemetery Details

Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 254-4673

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 23. 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

APR 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Raylette Blanding Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Blanding, Jr.*



Raylette Blanding Johnson - April 23 at 11:27 PM

JR

“ *The Raines family would like to send their deepest condolences to the Blanding family, and to their relatives and close friends. I remember when James (Dog) used to walk up and we would see him. We used to always say, 'There he is.' underdog is here; he would just put that big smile on his face. He always had a kind spirit and heart. I'm sure he would be truly missed by family and friends. Fly away, dog.*



J Raines - April 18 at 05:45 PM

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“ *Extending 🙏 Heartfelt 💔 Sympathy 😞 And Deepest 🙏 Condolences 😞 To Mr James Blanding Families 💔 In His Passing 😞 I Pray 🙏 God 🙏 Will Continue Comforting 😞 You In This Time 🙏 Of Bereavement 😞. Barbara Gail Palmer B B.C.(College Place)Sr Usherboard/Jubilee Choir 1028 Eastman St. Cola S C. 29203 Rev Dr. Anthony A.McCallum*



Barbara Gail Palmer - April 17 at 03:48 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the family.* ”



Tammy Edwards - April 14 at 10:25 PM