



Mr. Joseph Leonard James

September 9, 1973 - May 12, 2018

Mr. Joseph Leonard James was born September 9, 1973 in Columbia, South Carolina to Edith Clara Moore James and the late Herman Lee Myers. He received his wings in Heaven on May 12, 2018.

At an early age, Joseph became a member of Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church in Eastover, South Carolina.

“Rhodi”, as he was affectionately known, attended the public schools of Richland County where he graduated from Dreher High School with the class of 1991. He was a faithful employee at Owen Steel Company, the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department and was also an umpire and coach for over six years.

Leonard was a great athlete who loved all sports. He played baseball and softball for more than twenty years. He was energetic and a known comedian with a great sense of humor. He had a heart of gold and to know him is to love him. Leonard, as his mother stated “was the best thing that ever happened to momma”. His favorite professional sport teams were the 49ers, New York Yankees and the Florida State Seminoles.

Left to cherish precious memories are: his wife, Valerie James; four children, Angel Street, Darrin Brisbane, Kiema Dreher and Marie Johnson; two grandchildren; his mother, Edith C. James; a brother, Bobby James; two baseball brothers, Theodore Manning and Corey Fulmore; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many other loving relatives and caring friends; all of whom will miss him dearly.

Cemetery Details

St. Luke A.M.E. Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

MAY 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint Luke A.M.E. Church
4990 McCords Ferry Road
Eastover, SC 29044

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Rest easy papa - carla*

Carla moore - February 08, 2021 at 01:50 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Watts lit a candle in memory of my softball buddy.. sweet, kind, alwaysssz smiling. He always made me smile & my heart smile just to see his kind smile.*

My heart is heavy...

Deborah Watts - June 01, 2018 at 12:19 AM



LO

“ *Lorenzo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*

Lorenzo - May 22, 2018 at 01:54 PM

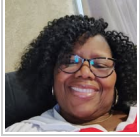


MD

“ *Melba, Lorenzo And Danyelle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*

Melba, Lorenzo and Danyelle - May 22, 2018 at 01:53 PM





“ Dorothy Barber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James



Dorothy Barber - May 22, 2018 at 12:22 PM

R#

“ Still hard to believe. Roddie you're going to be missed. Going to miss your crazy personality and your smile at the softball tournaments. Rest in peace, my softball brother. The tournaments/ games are not going to be the same without you there. But we know you're there in spirit. Sleep on my brother!



Shine#26

R. Shine #26 - May 22, 2018 at 11:13 AM

GL

“ Gwenita Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James



Gwenita Lee - May 22, 2018 at 09:35 AM

RF

“ Regina Daniels & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James



Regina Daniels & Family - May 22, 2018 at 09:27 AM

RF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Regina Daniels and Family - May 22, 2018 at 09:22 AM

Valerie Goodson

“ Valerie Goodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James



Valerie Goodson - May 21, 2018 at 05:51 PM

Valerie Goodson

“and departing leave behind us, foot prints on the sand of time”

Valerie Goodson - May 21, 2018 at 05:53 PM

LF

“ *UNIQUE ZIPS sending our Love to the family. We will truly miss you on the field and in the various parks. We loved your craziness but now God has to put up with you!! Take your Rest. Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. With Heartfelt Sympathy - RED & THE UNIQUE ZIPS SOFTBALL TEAM!!!*



Letha "RED" Ferguson - May 21, 2018 at 04:06 PM

 Marcy Taylor

“ *Marcy Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Marcy Taylor - May 21, 2018 at 03:35 PM

VJ

“ *Vanessa R Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Vanessa R Johnson - May 21, 2018 at 11:44 AM

PO

“ *Pearl Osborne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Pearl Osborne - May 21, 2018 at 10:50 AM

 Nyvee
Dreher

“ *I can't believe this is true. My friend first and that's what I will hold on to. We shared some great memories and our kids together. Please continue to watch over us as we will keep you in our hearts and minds. We love you so much but God loves you best. Rest my baby because like you said we got this. Love you forever NyVee Dreher and Your Babies*



Nyvee Dreher - May 20, 2018 at 09:44 AM

HS

“ *Holly And Sarah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Holly and Sarah - May 20, 2018 at 12:23 AM

 Andrena
White

“ *Andrena White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Andrena White - May 18, 2018 at 04:09 PM

 Andrena
White

I will miss you so much my other child from another mother. I love you.

Andrena White - May 18, 2018 at 04:14 PM



Andrena
White

“ *Rest my son I will always remember you with that big smile and caring heart. Love Squeaker #22 Ebony Ladies.*

Andrena White - May 18, 2018 at 04:03 PM



KI

“ *You will be missed*

Kitty - May 17, 2018 at 11:50 PM



VW

“ *Veronica Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Veronica Williams - May 17, 2018 at 04:53 PM



FS

“ *Felice Stallings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Felice Stallings - May 17, 2018 at 11:28 AM

PB

“ I'll never forget you big bro or in your voice and words "big dawg"!!!
We miss you out here bro, but we going to keep you in our
memories forever till we play ball again for everyone up in heaven...
R.I.P Bethel Bishop Youth League



Paul Britton - May 17, 2018 at 07:19 AM

YM

“ Yvette Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Joseph Leonard James



Yvette Moore - May 16, 2018 at 10:54 PM

MR

“ Michelle Richardson lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Joseph Leonard James



Michelle Richardson - May 16, 2018 at 08:11 AM

MH

“ *Michelle Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Leonard James*



Michelle Hopkins - May 15, 2018 at 02:41 PM