



## Ms. Catherine Hudgins James

November 27, 1957 - September 13, 2025

Catherine, lifelong servant of family and community, was born on November 27, 1957, in Robersonville, North Carolina. She was the beloved daughter of Evelyn and James Hudgins and proudly the seventh of ten children, a testament to a loving household where siblings learned early the values of kinship, cooperation, and resilience.

Catherine grew up in a family environment that shaped her compassionate heart and practical spirit. She attended Robersonville High School, where she completed her education with the same quiet determination and warmth that would accompany her throughout life. On November 19, 1984, Catherine united in marriage with Early James Jr. and together they built a home in Jamesville, North Carolina. This union lasted almost 30 years. Their partnership was blessed with two children, Ebony and Ellis James, who brought immense joy and purpose to her days. Catherine's family was always her focal point, and she dedicated herself to nurturing, guiding, and supporting them in every possible way.

Catherine contributed her skills and dependable work ethic to several local establishments. She began her professional journey at Southern Apparel. This is where she gained her independence. She eventually ended up at Perdue Farms where she stayed for 19 years and learned the importance of labor, teamwork, and attention to detail. After Perdue she had stints at Anne's House of Nuts and Fiesta, where she touched the lives of colleagues and patrons alike through her steady presence, friendly smile, and dedication to

quality.

Catherine enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family. Her life journey took her all over the country. She lived in Florida, Texas, Illinois, and California, each stop adding to the rich tapestry of her life. Yet, she always carried with her the memories, values, and loves of Robersonville and Jamesville. In 2024, she returned home to North Carolina to be near family and the familiar landscape she cherished.

Catherine passed away on September 13, 2025, at the age of 67. She was preceded in death by her mother (Evelyn Doris Hudgins), father (James Hudgins), brother (Larry Hudgins), sister (Evelyn Lorraine Jones), and nephews (Terry Ray Jones, Shawn Hudgins and Rashawn Keel).

Catherine leaves to cherish her memory: Her children, Ebony Salter (William), Ellis James (April); five grandchildren, Christian James, Kaylee Salter, Keira Salter, Whitney James, and Melanie James; three sisters, Florine Razor, Deborah Porter, and Arlene Hudgins; six brothers, Ronnie Hudgins (Carolyn), Darius Hudgins (Leslie), Gregory Hudgins, James Hudgins Jr., Tony Whitfield (Andrea) , and Wyatt Whitfield (Laura). She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

We will all honor her memory by continuing to live with the same love, perseverance, and community spirit that she exemplified every day. May we all find comfort in the legacy of Catherine James and strive to carry forward her example of grace, hard work, and enduring love.

# Cemetery Details

## Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road  
Robersonville, NC 27871

# Previous Events

## Viewing/Visitation

SEP 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

House of Refuge Church Ministries  
200 W. Academy Street  
Robersonville, NC 27871

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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200 W. Academy Street  
Robersonville, NC 27871

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ *My deepest condolences to my family. I'm grateful that I got the opportunity to spend time with Cathy at our family reunion. We hugged each other and you sat quietly smiling with your siblings. RIP my dear cousin.* ”



Patricia Whitfield-Dorsey - September 27, 2025 at 12:01 PM

GS

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Hudgins and James family from Gloristine Smith.* ”

Gloristine Smith - September 27, 2025 at 07:53 AM

AF

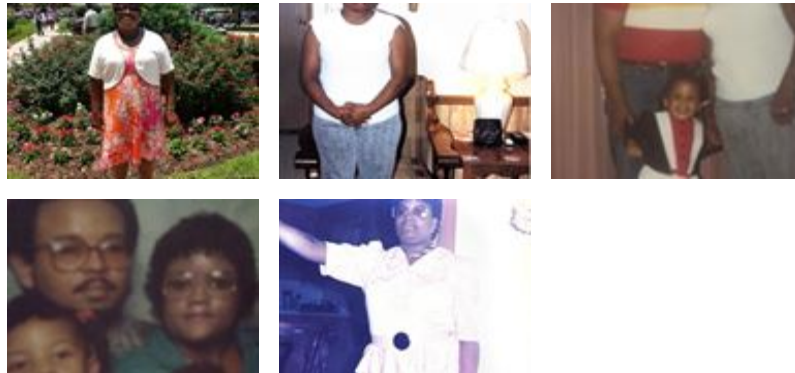
“ *Antionette Andrews Wheeler & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James* ”



Antionette Andrews Wheeler & Family - September 26, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - September 26, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Calvin L Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James



**Calvin L Hudgins** - September 25, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James



**Cecily Sene** - September 24, 2025 at 04:56 PM

TM

“ *Cousin, I didn't know that when I was talking to you at the family reunion on Aug. 30th it would be my last conversation with you. Earth has no sorrow heaven cannot heal.* ”



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**Tonette Hudgins McNeil** - September 23, 2025 at 12:08 PM

ME

“ *Ebony and family, I'm very sorry for your loss.* ”

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**Melissa Tompkins (co-worker to Ebony)** - September 22, 2025 at 09:44 PM

TF

“ *Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James* ”



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**Teresa Fleming** - September 22, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LP

“ *Alton and Linda Powell* ”



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**Linda Powell** - September 22, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SS

“ *Starr Shepard-Gill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



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**Starr Shepard-Gill** - September 22, 2025 at 06:59 PM

TR

“ *Tyrone And Denise Roberson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



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**Tyrone and Denise Roberson** - September 22, 2025 at 04:52 PM

KP

“ *My condolences to the family 🕊️ from Josephine Paige Williams Bethel,NC*



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**Kourtney Paige** - September 22, 2025 at 03:34 PM

EJ

“ *Ebony James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



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**Ebony James** - September 22, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JA

“ *Judy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



**judy Andrews** - September 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM

MP

“ *Michael A Purvis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



**Michael A Purvis** - September 22, 2025 at 10:17 AM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



**Mona Harris** - September 22, 2025 at 07:17 AM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



**Mona Harris** - September 21, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



Mona Harris - September 21, 2025 at 09:55 AM

PM

“ *Patricia McNeil Modica sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



Patricia McNeil Modica - September 20, 2025 at 09:37 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



Brenda Purvis - September 20, 2025 at 07:12 PM

WL

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Hudgins and James family. I always remember Cathy being such a beautiful and kind-hearted spirit. Each time I saw her, she always greeted me with that beautiful smile. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.* 🙏❤️

William & Debra House Lee - September 20, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



Mona Harris - September 20, 2025 at 07:29 AM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



Cecily Sene - September 19, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *Annette James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James*



Annette James - September 19, 2025 at 04:34 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - September 19, 2025 at 04:21 PM

LW

“ Louise Harrell Weathersbe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James



Louise Harrell Weathersbe - September 19, 2025 at 12:33 PM

EH

“ Earnest Hudson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James



Earnest Hudson - September 19, 2025 at 11:59 AM

OP

“ My deepest and sincere condolences to the family of Catherine Hudgins James. I've known her for many, many years. She will be missed. Rest in Peace Catherine 🙏

Odessa Keel Pugh - September 19, 2025 at 09:35 AM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Catherine Hudgins James



Hazel Brown Davis - September 18, 2025 at 07:17 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - September 18, 2025 at 03:40 PM