



## Mr. James A. Chapman

March 16, 1944 - April 28, 2026

On a cool Thursday in March in 1944, Wymer Cherry and James A. Chapman, Sr. welcomed a bubbly baby boy into the family and named him James Allen Chapman, Jr. James was a bright addition to the family. He loved to cook and build things and some would say that he even had somewhat of a mischievous side, but in the eyes of his Mother, he could do no wrong.

At an early age, James understood the importance of education, and decided at the age of five that he wanted to be a chemist. Whether he was at Fleming Street School, C.M. Eppes High School ('62), Knoxville Tennessee College or ECU, James stayed focused on that goal and he became a Chemist. Which provided opportunities to work for companies such as Union Carbide, Burroughs Wellcome, Glaxo-Wellcome, and Purdue Pharma. James was never one to sit still. So, in addition to those companies, he worked for or volunteered with OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Center) Roper, NC, Greenville Housing Authority, Eastern Elementary as a Teacher Assistant, Sertoma, NAACP, and he was an entrepreneur.

James loved his wife, Jean, and his family deeply and would always provide, teach and protect his girls. He thoroughly enjoyed those special family moments of singing and dancing around just like the "Huxtables" on The Cosby Show.

Whether you knew James as Fish, Jim, Chapman, Chap, Tiny, Bubba, Big Man, or James Allen, he was a gentle giant with a heart larger than he was; who never met a stranger. Often, he could be found fishing, cooking, or working on cars. He also enjoyed doing DIY projects, participating in family activities and in later years just getting some fresh air on the porch. But, no matter what, regularly you would hear him say, “Hey Turkey” or “How you doin’?” to which he would then just chuckle and smile at you.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Wymer Cherry and James A. Chapman, Sr. and grandson Myles E. Worsley.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ruby Jean Chapman; his cherished daughters, Millette Chapman, Camille Chapman, and Letitia Chapman; his sisters, Selma Streeter (Jerome), Debra Albritton, Carlette Cherry (Steve), and Chantelle Johnson; his sister-in-law, Sudie Anderson; his God-children, Marquis Taft, Brianna Taft, and Keishon Taft; his special relatives, Dorothy Johnson-Sports and Carla Torrey (Craig); his bonus family, John Williams (Sherri), Joy Williams, Donna Pierce, and Frank Norris; his supportive care givers, Christina Young, Portia Dunn, and Rayma Victorero; and a host of Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1001 Hooker Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hattie Parker (June) lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



Hattie Parker (June) - May 09 at 01:23 PM



“ *My Prayers and Condolences to the Family and Friends of Brother James as you celebrate His Life's Legacy!!!* 🙏🙏🙏



Deborah B Herring - May 09 at 11:16 AM



“ *Janice Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



Janice Reid - May 08 at 06:45 AM



“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



Gayle Hardy - May 05 at 06:07 PM

DP

“ Dear family:  
My memories of James were always a warm smile and familiar greeting. Your family has lost a major anchor, and there is little salve for the wound. James was a devoted husband and Dad. Allow the good memories to sustain you during this difficult transition. Seek peace, grace and understanding. It is my prayer that the Ancestors gently guide James home. Dr. Brenda Pridgen

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**Dr. Brenda Pridgen** - May 05 at 12:01 PM

EV

“ Ellen (Doll) Valentine lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman



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**Ellen (Doll) Valentine** - May 04 at 04:58 PM

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“ Ellen Valentine lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman



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**Ellen Valentine** - May 04 at 04:56 PM

JB

“ Camille and family, please know how very sorry we are for the loss of your father. Our hearts truly go out to you during this difficult time. We are lifting you and your family up in prayer, asking God to surround you with his peace, comfort, and strength. May you feel his closeness and the love of your HIMS family during this difficult time.

Jeanette Barnes - May 04 at 09:32 AM

MJ

“ I. REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY AT "PITT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL " ALWAYS MET WITH A SMILE AND FRIENDLY ENCOURAGING WORDS. MY LATE HUSBAND CEDRIC JONES WAS VERY FOND OF BROTHER CHAPMAN. SWEET MEMORIES...MAY YOU REST IN PEACE 🙏 FOR THE FAMILY!



Merlene Jones - May 03 at 12:38 AM



“ To Millette and Camille, I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family 🙏👤👤  
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Katecia Cherry - May 02 at 05:39 PM

TC

“ Thomas & Ida Carmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman



Thomas & Ida Carmon - May 01 at 07:49 PM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman



Ben Wooten - May 01 at 02:04 AM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman



Betty Nurse - April 30 at 09:08 PM

MN

“ Mider Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman



Mider Nelson - April 30 at 03:37 PM

JS

“ *Jeff Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



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**Jeff Savage** - April 30 at 10:48 AM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



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**Cecily Sene** - April 30 at 02:01 AM

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“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



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**Cecily Sene** - April 30 at 01:59 AM

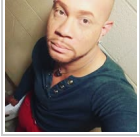
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“ *Donna M Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



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**Donna M Pierce** - April 30 at 01:43 AM



“ *Tish Chapman, you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending you my deepest condolences. - Evang. BeJaie Hudson-Highsmith*



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**BeJaie Hudson-Highsmith** - April 29 at 06:29 PM



“ *Sarah G. Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



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**Sarah G. Pritchard** - April 29 at 06:11 PM



“ *Chapman Family,*

*We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mr. James (“Daddy James”). Sis Millette, please know that the Class of '85 holds you close in our hearts and extends our most sincere and heartfelt condolences.*



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mrs. Ruby (Mother), Camille, and Tetia during this difficult time. We pray God surrounds your family with comfort, strength, and peace, and that the love and legacy of Daddy James will forever live on in each of you.*

*With love, support, and heartfelt sympathy,  
Class of '85*

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**Class Of 85 Family** - April 29 at 04:40 PM

CF

“ *Class Of 85 Family lit a candle in memory of James Chapman*



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**Class Of 85 Family** - April 29 at 04:38 PM

WP

“ *Sorry for the family loss, God's mercy!*



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**Willie R Pridgen** - April 29 at 11:55 AM

RK

“ *Rev. Joyce King lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman*



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**Rev. Joyce King** - April 29 at 10:33 AM

TS

“ *Chapman family,  
Deeply sorry for the loss of Mr. James. Though I did not personally know him, I have had many conversations with Tisha about her father and the joy he brought to his family. Tisha I am praying for you, your mother, sisters and the entire family. May God comfort and sustain you all.*

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**Tammy Satchell** - April 29 at 09:32 AM

CJ

“ Chantelle Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James A. Chapman



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**Chantelle Johnson** - April 29 at 08:46 AM

EH

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



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - April 29 at 07:56 AM

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** - April 28 at 11:20 AM