



## Mr. James Cleveland Joyner

January 31, 1947 - May 17, 2017

James Cleveland Joyner was born on January 31, 1947 to the late Thelma Pitt and James Clifton Joyner. He departed this life on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the home. James was educated in the Edgecombe County School System. In August 1976, he was joined in holy matrimony to Valerie Teele Joyner (Deat) for 47 years. Together they reared a blended family of four girls and three boys. He was also the father of four other children. James abundant love for all of his children was always evident. He called his wife “baby” and told her he loved her time after time. During his years of disability, his wife stuck to her vows and cared for him with an unconditional love. Although sometimes she got tired, God gave her the strength to endure.

Before James became disabled, he spent most of his working career as a truck driver. He also worked in Log Wood for many years. He loved what he did and did it well. He enjoyed the outdoors and doing manual work where he had to use his strength. It was extremely hard on him when he became disabled and had to be confined to the house, so he took on the job of being a Foreman hiring out the neighborhood guys to do his work. That’s why he felt the need to have money in his pocket most of the time.

Although his health was failing, he wanted to go to church. He knew who to call on when he needed help. He would go to the altar and cry out to the Lord. He would often cry when a situation moved upon his heart. James was a big man but never ashamed to cry like a baby. James was preceded in death by one son, Michael Joyner, a sister, Rosa Tillman, and two brothers, James C.

Joyner and Ernest Pitt.

He leaves to cherish his life's memories his wife, Valerie of the home, sons, Barry Teele (Rita) of Everetts NC; Michael Teele (Lartina) of Greenville, NC; Carlis Teele (Wanda) of Winterville, NC; daughters, Sharon Wiley (Fabian) of East Orange, NJ; Cheryl Reaves (Larry) of Grimesland, NC; Sonya Teele of Winterville, NC; Crystal Joyner of Greenville, NC; Ana Joyner of Greenville, NC; sisters, Francis West (Robert) of Tarboro, NC; LaVerne Bridgers of Greenville, NC; Maryland Battle (Rickey) of Greenville NC; Rozette Dickens (Dennis) of Greenville, NC; Jeanette Joyner (Stanley) of Raleigh, NC; brothers, Donald Bridgers of Greenville, NC; Daryl Joyner (Sherry) of Sharpsburg, NC; Jerome Joyner of Cary, NC; beloved stepmother, Ida Ruth Joyner of Greenville, NC; sixteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Everetts Cemetery

Everetts, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Angela K. Teel lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



**Angela K. Teel** - May 22, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - August 10, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - May 23, 2017 at 08:47 PM

OP

“ *Odessa K Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



**Odessa K Pugh** - May 23, 2017 at 08:24 PM

TS

“ *Theresa & Donnie Carr, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



**Theresa & Donnie Carr, Sr.** - May 23, 2017 at 04:38 PM

WL

“ Wanda Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner



Wanda Lawrence - May 23, 2017 at 03:36 PM

WF

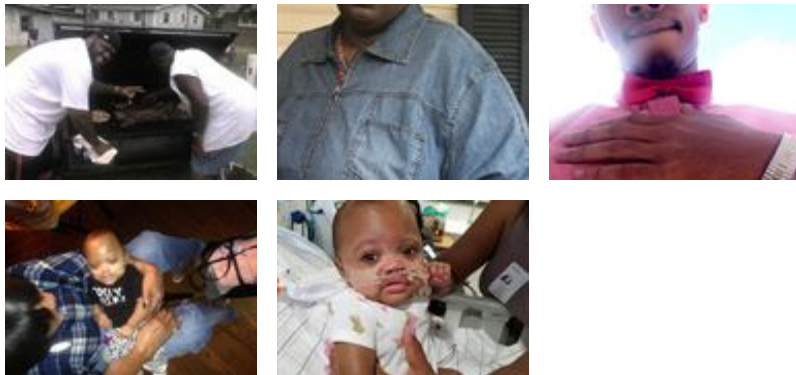
“ Wanda Lawrence & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner



Wanda Lawrence & Family - May 23, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 23, 2017 at 03:31 PM

WC

“ We're sending our condolences to the Joyner Family during the loss of your love one. God Bless each and every one of you with comfort and strength during this time. We will continue to pray for you all; as we leave the scripture, Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted".

*With Sincerity,  
Wake County Sheriff's Office Detention Division  
A & C Platoon*

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**Wake County Sheriff's Center** - May 22, 2017 at 08:41 PM

KW

“ Karen Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner



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**Karen Wallace** - May 22, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner.



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May 22, 2017 at 08:32 AM

KP

“ *Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



**Kay Peele** - May 20, 2017 at 10:38 PM

DC

“ *DORA COX/FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



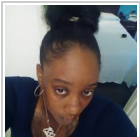
**DORA COX/FAMILY** - May 20, 2017 at 03:56 PM

WC

“ *WILL MISS YOU BUDDY;; TO THE FAMILY YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY DEC. WILLIAM E.COX/FAMILY*



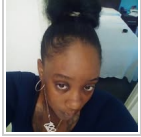
**WILLIAM COX** - May 20, 2017 at 03:55 PM



“ *Amber Joyner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



**Amber Joyner** - May 20, 2017 at 06:54 AM



“ *Im goin to truly miss you man...grandad they said never question WHY but I'm still shocked..it don't seem real you gone...God knows you not suffering nomo...ALL I REMEMBER U TELLIN ME AT BRYSON PARTY WAS...."IM TIRED BABY AND STARTED TO CRY"...FAT CAT I LOVE YOU MAN... YOUR GRANDBABY MALEAH IS FINALLY HOME... Your boy Bryson is still same....Love your Grandkids*

Amber Joyner - May 20, 2017 at 06:54 AM

SL

“ *To the Joyner family  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. We pray God will strengthen you as you go thru.  
Dennis & Shelia Little*



Shelia Little - May 19, 2017 at 06:37 PM

MW

“ *Our condolences to your family. May you find comfort in the LORD.  
Love,  
Tony and Melissa Ward*



Melissa Ward - May 19, 2017 at 05:57 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



Theresa Smith - May 19, 2017 at 05:51 PM

MB

“ I just want to thank God for blessings me to have so many years with my big brother, he was also was our daddy as well as big brother, please keep my mom ,Dee , and my nieces and nephews and the entire family in prayer.



Maryland Joyner Battle - May 19, 2017 at 05:29 PM

GR

“ To the Joyner/Teele Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God continue to strengthen and bless you.  
Lovingly submitted  
Gail Perry Royster and Family  
Wendell, NC

Gail Perry Royster - May 19, 2017 at 08:34 AM

JH

“ Jaunese Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner



Jaunese Hines - May 19, 2017 at 08:15 AM

JT

“ James "Fat Cat" tearfully asked me to play at the upcoming family BBQ and offered me his tire shining formula..... He definitely will be missed..... Nuff said indeed



Jerry & Rev. Deborah A. Teel - May 18, 2017 at 10:01 PM

JJ

“ *James Cleveland, Jr & Maria Joyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



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**James Cleveland, jr & Maria Joyner** - May 18, 2017 at 05:41 PM

GM

“ *Grover & Clorette Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Cleveland Joyner*



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**Grover & Clorette Mason** - May 18, 2017 at 01:32 PM