



## Mr. James Earl Lyons

February 20, 1950 - April 5, 2016

James Earl Lyons son of the late Willie Lyons and Fannie Lyons Gardner, was born on February 20, 1950 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. After a lengthy illness, he received his heavenly crown of April 5, 2016 surrounded by his loving and devoted family.

James received his education in Edgecombe County Schools. He was a member of Koinonia Christian Center Church for fifteen years where he served in hospitality. He worked at Arlington County public maintenance for twenty years. After returning to North Carolina, he worked at Waste Industries for ten years. He also worked at the Lion's Den Childcare Center as a van driver where he was notorious for spoiling all of the children in his own very special way! The children believed that no one could drive the vans like "Mr. James".

James loved growing vegetable gardens, cooking on the grill and frying fish. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, brother-in-law and friend. He never met a stranger and he talked to everyone.

James leaves to cherish his memories, to his wife, Mae Baker Lyons of the home; one son, Christopher Baker (Krishawn) of Overton, MD; three daughters, Renita Richardson (Ira) of Laurel, MD, Jannette Lyons and Angela Lyons both of Greenville, NC; one brother, Charles C. Lyons of Greenville,

NC; one sister, Mary Gardner of Greenville, NC; one granddaughter, Nakia Richardson; four grandsons, Conner Baker, Keyshawn Baker, Christian Baker and Nehemiah Richardson; three aunts, Chessie Parker of Laurel, MD, Mary Mercer of Rocky Mount, NC, Everelyn Parker of MD; four brothers-in-law, Willie Hollis of Greenville, NC, Danna Mays (Lisa) of Washington, DC, David Mays and Ulysses Mays both of Atlanta, GA; five sisters-in-law, Brenda Lee of Faison, NC, Linda Walker (Lydell) of Augusta, GA, Linda Douglas and Vera Lynch both of Washington, DC, Shirley Lyons of Greenville, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Koinonia Christian Center Church  
1405 Greenville Blvd SW  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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1405 Greenville Blvd SW  
Greenville, NC 27834

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Earl Lyons*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Truly the Lyons family is continually in my prayers. He was truly a jewel to the kingdom of God . Every time He would come to pick up the kids from ECVC/PITT County Head Start. He would come with a smile and always bring His laughter and warmth to the building. He will truly be missed and He presence will always be our memories. Stay Encourage and Know God is with more now . Always In My Prayers*



*Evangelist E. BeJaie Highsmith*

*aka*

*Mr. Highsmith*

*Former ECVC/PITT County Teacher*

**BeJaie Hudson-Highsmith** - April 13, 2016 at 09:59 PM



“ *Glenda Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons*



**Glenda Evans** - April 11, 2016 at 04:26 PM

NC

“ *Nettes Childcare lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons*



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**Nettes Childcare** - April 07, 2016 at 09:01 PM

NC

“ *Nettes Chilcare lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons*



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**Nettes Chilcare** - April 07, 2016 at 09:00 PM

JL

“ *Jannette R Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons*



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**Jannette R Lyons** - April 07, 2016 at 08:56 PM

JL

“ My old Man.....words cant express the heartache that I have right now. I have lost the only real man that I have known since day one. You have taught me sooooo much and for that I say thank you. I am going to miss you for sure....aint no doubt about it. But I know God has the master plan and he makes no mistakes. I know your in a better place and like you said "God got you". Daddy I love you so much and will miss you dearly....save me a seat in heaven!



*Love sent from your problem child!*

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**Jannette R Lyons** - April 07, 2016 at 08:56 PM

LM

“ Lonnie Earl Parker and Family, Temple Hills, MD purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mr. James Earl Lyons.



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**Lonnie Earl Parker and Family, Temple Hills, MD** - April 07, 2016 at 12:59 PM

DM

“ Debra McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons



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**Debra McLaughlin** - April 07, 2016 at 11:30 AM

JB

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about “James Earl” death. He was a brother, friend and everlasting awesome person. We the “Barnes Family” across many states will never forget him. With sincere sympathy: Luther (Bay), Bill, Jackie, Debra, Cheryl, Pam and Russell. Peace, Prayers and Blessings.

*Jackie Barnes-Corey*

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**Jackie Barnes-Corey** - April 07, 2016 at 10:08 AM

JY

“ James Earl Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons



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**James Earl Yarrell** - April 07, 2016 at 09:29 AM

RB

“ My condolences goes out to Mae and her family. I remember Jay Jay as I called him, as a kind and good hearted man. We were raised up like sisters and brothers. His family and mine were real close. He kept you laughing. He's truly going to be missed. R.I.P. Jay Jay.

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**Rosa Hollis Barnes** - April 07, 2016 at 07:08 AM

EB

“ We remember James for his laughter and jokes always had something good to say about people, he was always a friend to anyone he met he would say to Eddie that he never met a stranger. We would like to say to Mae and the family hold your heads up be strong for now he is in a better place. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. May God bless you all in this time of sorrow. Eddie and Doris Barnes.

Eddie& Doris Barnes - April 07, 2016 at 06:46 AM

GB

“ James Earl will be greatly missed but his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever.

Gwen Barnes - April 06, 2016 at 08:02 PM

DP

“ Delphine Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons



Delphine Parker - April 06, 2016 at 03:11 PM

SH

“ I remember Jay for smile and humor. There was never a dull moment around Jay. He was a kind, understanding and good man who would do anything for you. May God bless his beautiful wife Mae. Mae I am so sorry to hear about Jay passing and may God love, peace and comfort be with you each day because I know how much you love Jay and how much he love you.

Shirley Hudson (Mason) Raleigh, N.C.

Shirley Hudson - April 06, 2016 at 12:21 PM

WH

*R.I.P. my dear friend you will be missed by all. My condolences goes out to his wife Mae and the family.*

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**Wilberr Hollis** - April 06, 2016 at 05:48 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Earl Lyons



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - April 05, 2016 at 04:15 PM