

Obituary

Mrs. Jearline N. James was born August 16, 1934, in Memphis, Texas. She is the fourth child of the late Arquilla Nichols, Perkins and A.J. Nichols. She departed this life on Sunday, September 21, 2025.

Mrs. James was educated in public schools in Amarillo, Texas and graduated from Carver High School in 1951.

Mrs. James married Johnnie O. James, in Amarillo, Texas in 1955, who was in the United States Air Force. After 24 years Johnnie James retired from the military and they made Columbia, South Carolina their home. Mrs. James was employed by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for 15 years.

Mrs. James was a dedicated member of Bishop Memorial A.M.E. Church, in Columbia South Carolina, where she served in the capacity of Stewardess. She enjoyed spending time with family, bingo, reading, sewing, knitting, talking on the phone with her family in Texas, and babysitting all her grands.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. James was preceded in death by her stepfather, William Perkins; husband, Johnnie O. James; daughter, Evelyn James Brown; grandson, Johnnie Louis Hickman; sister, Sherline Nichols Love; brothers, Nelson William Nichols and Sammie A. Nichols.

Mrs. Jearline N. James leaves to mourn her passing: daughters, DeNell (Herman) Hickman of Columbia, South Carolina and Raye (Vincent) Jefferson of Columbia, South Carolina; brother, A.J. Nichols of Amarillo, Texas; brother-in-law, Amos James of Columbia, South Carolina; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; a host of nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews, other loving relatives, and special family friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Scripture Readings.....Reverend Rodella Burns Rivers
Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament – John 14:1-8

Prayer.....Reverend Lee Edwards

Musical Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Remarks.....Ms. Clemmie Bright

Musical Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Lee Edwards

Recessional

Postlude



**Committal, Benediction and
Interment
Memorial Gardens of Columbia
9301 Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina**

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Jearline N. James, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. We would also like to give a special thank you to the staff of Three Oaks Hospice.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Homegoing Celebration for Mrs. Jearline N. James



Friday, September 26, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Lee Edwards
-Officiating-