



## Mr. James Wesley Jamison

January 12, 1964 - March 15, 2020

The passing of Mr. James Wesley Jamison, age 56, on Sunday, March 15, 2020, at his home, is being announced by his loving wife Portia.

James Wesley Jamison was born January 12, 1964 in Sanford, NC to Louis James Jamison (deceased) and Rosa Lee Holmes. He is survived by his wife, Portia Made-Jamison, sister, Greta Michele Reels and husband Ralphele Reels, his mother, and mother-in-law, Marjorie N. Made. He is also survived by his aunt, Mary Crutchfield, uncle, Levern; his uncle Robert, preceded him in death.

James attended Immaculata Catholic School and Hillside High School in Durham, NC. While at Hillside, he was a member of the wrestling team. His love for the sport continued throughout his life. After graduating, he attended North Carolina Central University and Durham Technical Community College. Post college, James worked at a radio station in Durham as a disc jockey under the moniker "Wesley J.J." He was known for his golden, smooth, and soothing voice. Music nourished his soul and he had a beautiful singing voice. He enjoyed reading and learning about Naturopathy. He had excellent retention and recall for medical information. James was easy going with a tender soul. He had an infectious smile and when he laughed, you couldn't help but laugh with him. He approached life with logic and humility.

James met his South African wife, Portia, in 1995. They married April 27, 1996 in a Little Chapel in Cary, NC, and enjoyed a simple life in their home in Hillsborough. He was devoted to his adoring wife. Although they had no children, they later took financial responsibility of five orphaned children, Momo, Phumi, Kagi, Lance and Lebo, in South Africa. In November, 2019, James finally traveled to South Africa where he was welcomed with love and great joy by his African family. He was given two African names: 1) Sipho (pronounced Sypo) which means Gift from God and 2) Thando (pronounced Tando), meaning beloved.

James passed-away peacefully in his home in Hillsborough with his wife by his side. He was 56 years old. They would have been happily married 24 years on April 27th. To his wife, he was a bright shining star that lit her life for the time they shared together. James and Portia loved each other unconditionally, shared mutual respect and admiration, celebrated their differences, and were the best of friends.

James has gone back home; he is profoundly missed, and forever loved.

A viewing has been scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020, at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.

309 N Queen St

Durham, NC 27701

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Wesley Jamison*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *My condolences to Portia and James' family during your time of bereavement. May God be with you.*



**Chenelle** - March 23, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *My dear cousin Wesley, I am still in shock that you are no longer here! I will never forget the times we have had and will always cherish the memories. Rest well with the rest of our family members! Love always your cousin Starmye*

**Starmye Crutchfield** - March 21, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *Remembering your smile, voice and kind-humble spirit...such a nice classmate and friend. Rest in peace...prayers to your wife and family !*



**Shaunesi Reed-Bledsoe** - March 20, 2020 at 10:48 PM

TP

“ Wesley was the best friend anyone could have.



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**Tony Parrish** - March 20, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. James Wesley Jamison.



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March 20, 2020 at 05:12 PM

PB

“ James was a valued friend and co-worker. I will miss seeing and talking to him. He was such a nice man. My sympathies to his family. He will be missed by so many at Weaver Street Market.

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**Pixie Barrows** - March 20, 2020 at 05:03 PM

SM

“ Sebrina MCNeill-Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Wesley Jamison



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**Sebrina MCNeill-Boyd** - March 20, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. James Wesley Jamison.*



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March 19, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Weaver Street Market purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Wesley Jamison.*



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**Weaver Street Market** - March 19, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *You were one of the nicest neighbors. We were saddened to hear of your passing truly you are already missed. Our prayers are with your wife and other loved ones at this time. We take true joy in knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Rest my brother until we meet again.*

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**Mininster Legina Johnson** - March 19, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *James was one of the best friends I ever had in my lifetime; we had been friends for over 26 years since we met at IBM Gone too soon and truly missed already you were like a little brother to me my prayers goes out to his family and his love Portia Norris Jordan*

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**Norris Jordan** - March 19, 2020 at 10:34 AM

KS

“ James was a good friend , teammate  
On Holycrosses basketball team , and loved the wrestling still can  
hear him saying I'll give him tht elbow , Johnny Valentine  
Lol , and he was a hell of a DJ doing the quiet storm back in the day  
, RIH my friend  
HHS CLASS OF 82.

Kevin atkins sr. - March 19, 2020 at 08:30 AM

CC

“ Pastor Kenneth Swann and Cameron Grove  
AME Zion Church, Broadway NC sends our  
prayers and love to the Holmes and Jamison  
Family during this valley experience. May  
God strengthen and sustain you now and in  
the days to come.



Cameron Grove AME Zion Church - March 19, 2020 at 12:34 AM

MP

“ Maryland Price lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James Wesley Jamison



Maryland Price - March 18, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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Your quiet presence will be dearly missed by your weaver street family.  
Rest peacefully James till we meet again

Nabbale - March 20, 2020 at 02:45 PM