



## Mr. James Curtis Chapel

February 10, 1963 - September 15, 2024

James Chapel born February 10, 1963, to Mary Angus Chapel, Leroy Rich in Lumberton, North Carolina and Step-Father Leroy Wactor. On September 15, 2024, James peacefully passed away at his home in Spanaway, Washington. James' family relocated to Washington in 1977 when his father was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

James graduated from Clover Park High School and Saint Martin College, where he was a star basketball player. James was employed by Pierce County Juvenile Court as a Probation Officer for over 35 years. Most of his career was spent working with youth in the Hilltop area. James was highly respected by his peers and anyone he met. He was recently referred to as "The Father of Probation" because of his longstanding service and commitment to his work. James truly loved his job and his co-workers and made a lasting impact on the lives of the youth and families he worked with across Pierce County and beyond. His commitment to his community and the kindness he shared with the people he served will be remembered by many.

If you knew James, you knew his love for food and good company. James cherished spending time with friends he considered family, whether at outdoor concerts or at the homes of DaMareus Walker, Brian and Rhonda Barron, or Tony Heard. These gatherings were filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie, which James embraced wholeheartedly. A devoted Carolina Panthers fan and

proud supporter of Tarheel Nation, James always represented his hometown pride with a visor, hat, or jersey, reminding everyone of his roots in North Carolina. James will forever be remembered for his kind heart, his joyful spirit, and the love he shared with everyone who crossed his path. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on in the many lives he touched. James is preceded by death by his mother, Mary Agnes Chapel; father, Leroy Rich; and paternal sisters, Shvonne Rich Brown and Patrica Rich Wilridge.

James leaves to mourn: his stepfather, Leroy Wactor; brother, Gary; sister, Lisa Paternal; siblings, Curtis Lee Rich of Fayetteville, NC, Sherry Rich of Harlem, NY, Sharon Rich of Woodbridge, NJ, China Doll Rich Rodriguez of Bronx, NY, Yolanda Rodriguez of Harlem NY, Anthony Rich of Orlando, FL and Curtis (Shannon) Rich of Albany, NY; aunts, Louise Smith and Esther Mckethan Edwards both of Fayetteville, NC; and a host of brothers, sisters, uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, and cousins in Fayetteville, North Carolina

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hebrew Cemetery

Parkton, NC

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

## Funeral

OCT 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

## Burial

OCT 12 (ET)

Mt. Hebrew Cemetery  
Parkton, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Curtis Chapel*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - October 14, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James Curtis Chapel.*



October 11, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *I will truly miss James. He was a joy to be around and my heart breaks for him. I spread blessings and healing to all family members and friends. 💕🥹*

*Rhonda Dorsey  
Seattle, WA*

Rhonda Dorsey - October 11, 2024 at 10:47 AM



*James was a true friend, we've known each other since 1980 my children and myself will miss him dearly 😭💔 rest well my brother*

Russell Jordan - October 11, 2024 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Shirleen Jacobs Robinson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Curtis Chapel.*



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**Shirleen Jacobs Robinson** - October 08, 2024 at 03:53 PM

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“ *My favorite male cousin. I'm gonna miss you greatly. No one to talk sports n oils. You will live forever in my heart. I will see you again. Much love*

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**Wayne Brownlee** - October 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM

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“ *Shirleen Jacobs Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Curtis Chapel*



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**Shirleen Jacobs Robinson** - October 06, 2024 at 01:09 PM