



Coach Elvin Junior James

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Goldsboro - Coach Elvin J. James, 66, coached his final earthly game on Monday, September 5, 2022 at UNC Medical Center, Chapel Hill, NC & will now be coaching that Heavenly football team. The celebration of his life will be held at the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, 1800 S. Slocumb Street, Goldsboro, NC on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 11:00am. A wake will be held at J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home & Cremations, 1701 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, NC on Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. He will be laid to rest at the Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, 164 Longs Plant Farm Road, Goldsboro, NC at 2:00pm on Monday, September 12, 2022.

He was born on November 4, 1955 in Carteret County, NC to Elvin Jones and Ollie Mae James. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Mary Kay Jones James of the home and his children; and other loving relatives and many friends.

James was a native of Beaufort, NC, and a graduate of East Carteret High School where is in the East Carteret High School Hall of Fame. He is also in the sports Hall of Fame at Elizabeth City State University. Coach James was a longtime community servant and education advocate, mentoring student-athletes at Goldsboro High School, Elizabeth City State University, Livingstone College, and other schools throughout North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland.

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Events

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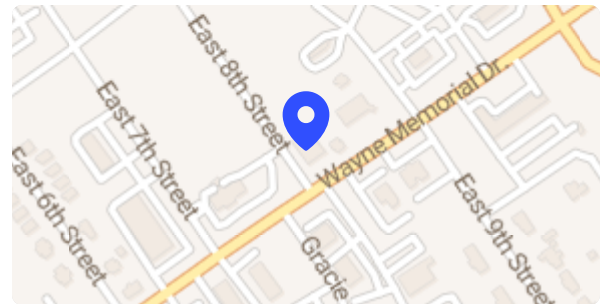
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Chapel Viewing

Sunday, September 11, 2022

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home and Cremations, Inc.
1701 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro NC 27534

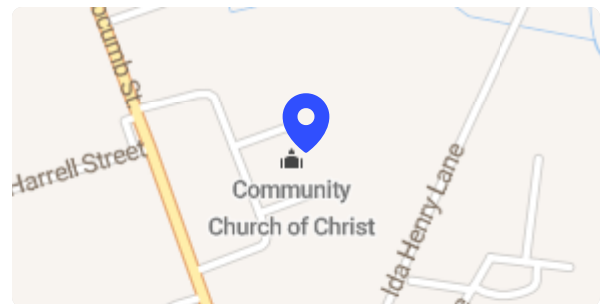


Celebration of Life

Monday, September 12, 2022

11:00 AM ET

**Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association
Headquarters**
1800 S. Slocumb Street, Goldsboro NC 27530

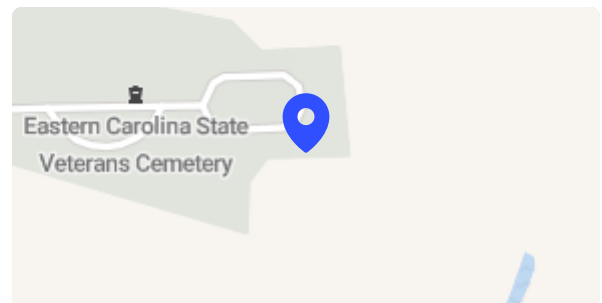


Burial

Monday, September 12, 2022

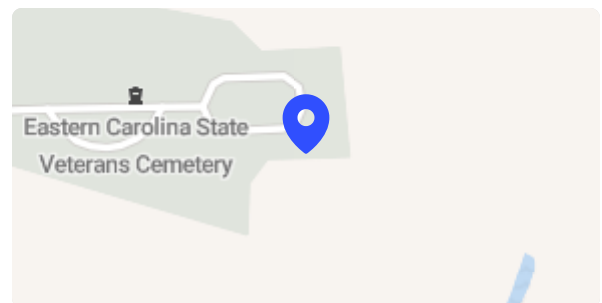
2:00 PM ET

Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery
164 Longs Plant Farm Road, Goldsboro NC 27534



Cemetery Details

Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery
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Andy Digby posted:

This man, changed my life and a lot of others. I just learned of this news and I still have his play book after 25 years. The most fantastic person ever and made me the best person.

December 24 at 6:20 AM



Nikia King lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 22 at 4:54 AM



Lloyd Kelso lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Coach I found out that you left this world and went to be with Jesus Christ and God The Father and The Holy Spirit this past week. I pray for God to heal the broken hearts. Coach I will miss you and I know that I will see you again in heaven.



September 18 at 7:15 PM



Tina Outlaw lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 18 at 1:40 PM



Jamie Tyler lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 15 at 4:57 PM



Charles Coley lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 15 at 1:27 AM



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E.Lynn Ellison-Murrell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Todd & Lynn (Ellison) Murrell

September 13 at 1:31 AM



Marney Dillehay lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 12 at 6:34 AM



Wc Davison Jr posted:

Mary Kay, Ash, Jarrod and the entire James family. I want to extend my DEEPEST sympathies and condolences on your loss of a truly AWESOME Friend and Brother! So many stories that I could share here with you all. Elvin is directly responsible for my coaching career as he brought me onto Goldsboro High back in 1987 as a Volunteer Assistant, while I was serving in the Air Force. I unfortunately and regrettably never had the opportunity and pleasure of actually meeting any of you 3, but I've known so many things about each of you and your respective lives since July 1987. I can still remember hearing how blessed he felt as a man that God had given him a wife like Mary Kay, who he never shied away about saying how she helped get him through college and become a better man. I also can still see the look on his face of excitement before football practice one day, when he told that he was about to become a Dad and then years later finding out that he was about to have a son with Jarrod being on the way. Please know that each of you meant the world to him as that's what the scope of everyone of our conversations entailed. He and I tried our best to keep in touch over the years, but at times we would go a while without connecting, but then we both would eventually resurface to find each other, which is why in this case, I was absolutely heartbroken and devastated when I learned of the news last week. I'm still in a state of shock, but also know that he's now onto his greatest assignment in God's Kingdom. May the Peace of God's Grace be with all of you during this time of mourning, but also in the celebration of one of God's Warriors! Sincerely, W.C. Davison (Atlanta, GA)

September 12 at 5:29 AM



Sheneka Lassiter And Family lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 12 at 5:13 AM





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KP

Karl Proctor posted:

My Dear Brother Elvin "Bam Bam" James. May you rest in Peace. Thank you for all that you did to support our young people. To your Family "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted" is the promise from our Lord and Savior. You are in my thoughts and prayers.....Karl "Doc" Proctor

September 12 at 2:05 AM

SC

Shirley W Croom lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Elwood & Shirley W. Croom 🙏🌹

September 11 at 7:57 PM



CS

Clifton Scott posted:

I will miss you my friend. All the great teaching moments that we shared, our travels and our breaking of bread together. The laughs, the tears and the life that we shared as friends and Brothers. Rest Well my Brother, you have earned it, but you will be truly missed. Your Buddy and Family Clifton Scott and Family Ramona, Clif Jr. and David

September 11 at 7:49 PM

TB

Tarsha Bowers posted:

Coach James "Big Guy" was an Angel. His gift to this world was his passion and dedication to others. He was a true servant. He was a great man, a father figure to many, a true supporter and friend. I will miss his warm smile, great hugs and just the sound of his voice. He knew all the right things to say to keep us kids in line. His presence commanded respect and he was well respected. I will love you forever as you have a special place in my heart. I hope you rest well and your always in my thoughts. My fellow Scorpion and weight training partner. Class of 95 - Tarsha Bowers.

September 11 at 7:43 PM



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TH

Trina Hart lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 11 at 6:35 PM

TH

Trina Hart September 11 at 6:38 PM

Coach James was more than a coach at livingstone college he will truly be miss A very caring person rest in peace coach James

MF

Michelle Craig Family lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 11 at 5:15 PM

GH

Guy Hill posted:

Coach James was more than a coach. He was a teacher, mentor, and friend. He believed in all of the young men with which he came in contact. He protected us, and expected and wanted nothing but the best. While i am saddened to hear of his passing, he lived a full and impactful life. The indelible mark he left on young men co to yes to reverberate. Rest in peace Coach. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. Guy Hill c/o 1991

September 11 at 5:05 PM

CS

Christine Stokes lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

My deepest condolences and prayers are with Mary Kay and Family through this difficult time.Christine Stokes and Family Fairfax, VA



September 11 at 4:34 PM



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Crystal Daniels lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

I have known Mrs. Mary Kay James since my childhood but I did not have the opportunity to know and work with Coach James until this past school year. We were beyond excited for him to join the coaching staff at EWHS. His bright smile and warm greeting was always welcomed in our office. His concern for the students was consistent and genuine. I am thankful to have experienced first hand such an AWESOME man who has left a legacy that will live on through the numerous lives he touched. Take your rest Coach James!! You will be missed tremendously.



September 11 at 4:18 PM



Karen posted:

Bam was such an wonderful person. He always has a smile on his face with harty laughter. He loved life and his family. Mae as we know Mary Kay. Was his pet name for her. His children Ash and Jarrod was his pride. Bam always made his family feel welcome no matter what time of the day it was. When Mae stayed in the phone to long talking to her family he would gently remind her how long she was on the phone. Mae would say to her aunt or cousin "hey look I got to go" Bam is making me get off the phone. I am going to miss Bam and those big bear hugs. To my family I love you Karen and family

September 11 at 1:20 PM



Patricia Stokes posted:

Mary Kay, Ashlyn and Jarrod, may the precious memories of your loved one be a comfort now and days to come. Please know many thoughts are with you all in your sorrow. May God's blessings continue to flow around the family.Your Cousin,Patricia Stokes and Family

September 11 at 1:17 PM



Ashley Owens posted:

The GHS Class of 91 wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Coach Elvin J. James. It is said that for someone to be a legend they must touch lives, they are remembered, and they are deeply cherished. Coach James is our legend for the way he loved us and pushed us toward personal excellence. His legacy will continue to live on through the lives he impacted. May the grace of God be with the James family and extended family (GHS, ECSU and Livingstone College) during this difficult time.

September 11 at 1:03 PM



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Cheryl Hicks Bacon lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 11 at 12:05 PM



Cheryl Hicks Bacon September 11 at 12:15 PM

Soror Mary Kay I send you my deepest condolences during this extremely difficult time. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers



Deacon Dalva/Joyce Fleming Bgmbc lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



Will truly be missed as a servant of Christ and the community. May God continue to bless this his wife and kids in this time of need. Deacon Dalva/Joyce Fleming BGMBC

September 11 at 10:12 AM



Anetta Reid lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 10 at 8:48 PM



Anetta Reid September 10 at 9:13 PM

Mary Kay I'm praying that God will comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time.



T. Bryant lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



" A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It bring us together again and again". Maya Angelou Thanks Coach, for always speaking life to all. My sincerest condolences to the family. May God wrap His arm around the family and He continue to give you peace. T. Bryant

September 10 at 6:53 PM



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MS

Marchelle Sutton lit a candle in honor of Elvin.
RIP Sir! You were a great guy with a smile as big as your heart.

September 10 at 1:41 PM



JC

Josie Council September 11 at 7:53 AM
sending prayers of comfort to the family..

LB

Lisa Blue lit a candle in honor of Elvin.
Rest In Paradise. The heart of the Cougar Den. You will be missed. Love the Class of 98. 🐾 Cougar Pride

September 10 at 11:42 AM



SR

Shirley Rogers lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 10 at 10:20 AM



SR

Shirley Rogers September 10 at 10:23 AM
With deepest sympathy to Soror Mary Kay and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Soror Shirley Rogers

CH

Charles, Sherry & Bryson Hill lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 10 at 10:14 AM



SH

Sherry Rogers Hill September 10 at 10:17 AM
Thinking of you and your family Soror Mary Kay. Love, Soror Sherry



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Steven Aycock posted:

My sincerest condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏. Great memories coaching against coach in the CIAA. And a great all around MAN.

September 10 at 9:03 AM



Tyler Edmundson posted:

RIP. Coach Elivn James Tyler Edmundson

September 10 at 6:17 AM



Jordan Williams posted:

With sympathy and my deepest condolences to Mary Kay and Family....My prayers are you with you during this difficult time. Please know that Coach James fulfilled his purpose in life, he loved his family, and he loved people. He helped every person he could help along his journey in life. Coach was one of a kind, a joy to the world, that always be remembered, as a hero to many people. His legacy will continue to live on through the many of lives he's changed over the years. One thing coach always said was " you done well " and certainly the big guy has done just that...Thank you coach...I love you and may you continue to Rest In Peace..Jordan Williams

September 9 at 8:53 PM



Mary Carmichael lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Mary Kay, so sorry for your loss. May God grant peace and comfort to you and your family during this difficult time.Mary Carmichael, Your Zeta Sister.

September 9 at 8:18 PM



Darlene Lewis posted:

Soror Mary Kay we love you and want you to know line 79 hold you dear in our hearts and pray for you strength through the loss of your amazing gentle husband who was always a gentleman. You both were wonderful role models and such a blessing to your community. Darlene Gallop Lewis and Thurman Lewis.

September 9 at 7:16 PM



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MF

Ms. Hunt And Family posted:

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more that a thought apart. For as long there is a memory, they'll live on in our hearts.Our sincere condolences to the James Family and we are praying your strength and never ending love to accompany you through this time of sorrow.

September 9 at 5:56 PM

MP

Margery Stokes Perkins lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

From Margery Stokes Perkins & The Stokes Extended Family of Bethel NC"Light A Candle In Honor of Elvin "Bam" James" Rest Peacefully



September 9 at 2:15 PM

MP

Margery Stokes Perkins posted:

To:The James Family with Love & Prayers From: Margery Stokes Perkins & The Stokes Extended Family of Bethel NCBrother Inlaw Elvin James as we so affectionately called him, "Bam" his love, infectious smile, humble spirit, & encouragement will truly be missed. May God Bless My Sister Mary Kay, Nephew Jerrod, Niece Ashelyn, & The James Family with Love, Peace, Comfort, Healing, & Strength. Rest Peacefully "Bam"2 Timothy: 4:7-87 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

September 9 at 2:08 PM

RV

Ruthie Miller Vaughn lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 9 at 1:49 PM

EB

Eugene & Marilyn E Bracey lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



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Consuelo Edwards lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 9 at 1:22 PM



Sha'ron Smith September 11 at 6:38 AM

Well said sis because I still can't find the words to capture the essence of Coach. All I know is he made a BIG IMPACT on our lives. My deepest condolences to Mrs. Mary Kay, Ashelyn, and Jarrod. Sha'ron Edwards Smith



Consuelo Edwards September 9 at 1:32 PM

I did not know what to say...too many memories. The loss of Coach/Dad/Mentor Elvin James (Big Guy) has been felt through our community and the lives he touched. Coach Elvin J. James was one of my high school mentors and father figure. While my sister (Sha'ron Edwards-Smith) and I kept score for Goldsboro High School wrestling team, he gave us all 'guidance' (Inside joke with the team) and inspiration to pursue our dreams outside of our small town. He has made a tremendous impact on so many students. I will forever be grateful for the lessons learned. He changed our world. I send my heartfelt condolences to Ms. Mary Kay, Ashlyn and Jarrod.



Joyce Best lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 9 at 12:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the James family.



September 9 at 12:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the James family.



September 9 at 11:53 AM



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Margaret Davis lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 9 at 11:04 AM



Bunnie Gardner lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 9 at 9:16 AM



Gloria Strong lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Bam Bam, as he was affectionately known, was a kind and gentle spirit. He touched the lives of so many and will truly be missed. Praying for peace for Soror Mary Kay and the children during this time. He was a true friend and fellow Viking. Gloria Strong

September 9 at 9:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the James family.

September 9 at 9:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the James family.

September 9 at 9:02 AM



Felecia Williams Ghs '94 & Ecsu Mom sent a virtual gift in honor of Elvin.

September 9 at 9:02 AM





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Debbie J Parker posted:

My prayer are with the family in loss of a great friend, mentor, coach and man. I will always cherish the wisdom he bestowed unto me and many others. Rest on Bam, you have fought a good fight and now your course on this side is complete, but never will be forgotten.

September 9 at 8:17 AM



Charles Moore posted:

As president of the Gold-Wayne Chapter of the Elizabeth City State University Alumni , I want to express our deepest sense of loss in the death of Coach James. He was a loyal, caring, and supportive member. He helped to recruit students to ECSU, including my son. He served as a positive role model for all. He loved ECSU!!! Our prayers go out to his family. Viking Pride! Viking Pride! May he Rest In Peace. Charles Moore.

September 9 at 8:13 AM



Hilda Farmer lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 9 at 7:36 AM



Ecsu Classmates sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the James family.



September 9 at 6:27 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the James family.



September 9 at 5:51 AM



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KS

Karl Sanders lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

So sorry to hear of the passing of your Husband James. I did not know your husband personally, but it sounds like a life to be well celebrated. May the good Lord grant you peace and give you the comfort of His love during this difficult time.

September 9 at 4:03 AM



KH **Keith Henry** September 9 at 7:38 AM

Sorry to hear the passing of Coach Elvin James. He was a great coaching friend of mind. When I Coach @ NC A&T. I would stop by Goldsboro HS and talk about life and football with Coach James. We the Henry family send our condolences to family during these times. Miss ya Coach. Luv ya Coach Keith Henry

MS

Marcus And Carrie Shepard lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 9 at 3:47 AM



ZT

Zsajauna Taylor lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

My condolences to the James family. Mrs Mary Kay James, I'm sorry for the loss of your husband. My prayers of comfort and peace are with you.

September 9 at 12:55 AM



GF

Graham Family sent a virtual gift in honor of Elvin.

September 8 at 8:38 PM



LT

Lolita Treadwell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

To the James family, Words cannot express how saddened we are to learn that Coach had passed. Please accept our sincere condolences. —The Treadwell family

September 8 at 5:05 PM





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Rhonda Coley Delcour lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 8 at 4:59 PM



Shirley Kee lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 8 at 4:28 PM



Charles Dawson lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 8 at 4:24 PM



Charles Dawson September 8 at 4:41 PM

It's taken me some time to gather my thoughts on this one. Really hit hard. I was his first starting QB when he got the head coaching job at Goldsboro. He meant so much to student athletes participating in all sports at Goldsboro during his time coaching there. Not only did he help football players get scholarships to receive a higher education, but he helped other athletes that participated in other sports get scholarships that he didn't even coach. Also helping athletes from other rival high schools get scholarships to further their education. That tells you the type of man and Coach that he was. I am just so blessed to have been able to talk to him and spend some time with him when I've come home over the past few years. I even got a chance to take him to Lunch to Bojangles along with some of his other ex players a few years back. You all know he loved that, because we all know he loved BO's. I just want to send my condolences to his family. He will surely be missed. RIP BIG GUY.



Glenda White posted:

To the James Family, So sorry to hear about the passing of "COACH". I worked with him with the JTPA program at the Goldsboro Housing Authority. He was very interested in all of his students. You have my prayers and sympathy.

September 8 at 4:17 PM



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Michael Johnson posted:

Coach James was a special friend of mine. He was one who was faithful to his calling. He made a great impact in the lives of many people whether they were young, middle aged, or in their senior years. I will forever cherish the opportunity he gave me to share with the GHS Football team when they would have a weekend retreat at the "Y." I was called on many times to address those young men during a Sunday morning worship. To Mary Kay and all other family members please know that my family and I are praying for you. God bless you. Reverend Dr. Michael A. Johnson, Wanda Johnson, Kamesha and Kiahna Johnson

September 8 at 3:57 PM



Margaret Southerland posted:

Our deepest and sincere condolences are being sent to Mrs Mary Kay James and family. We are keeping your family lifted up in our prayers. Pastor Clifford and Margaret Southerland

September 8 at 3:43 PM



Mareese & Sherida Mitchell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 8 at 3:07 PM



Julia D Best lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 8 at 2:57 PM



Julia D Best September 8 at 3:01 PM

Well Respected GHS-Co-worker. Always said everything is "Mighty Fine" !



Chylene Smith & Corey (Newport Nc) posted:

To the family words can't describe the kind caring heart that my cousin Elvin had. He loved his family, and he will forever be missed all my prayers and heartfelt sympathy.

September 8 at 2:34 PM



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TP

Tanyua Peacock lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Tanyua Peacock and Family send condolences to the Family. We'll be Praying for the Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️😔

September 8 at 2:13 PM



TW

Thea Michelle Williams lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Praying for you through this time of bereavement

September 8 at 12:49 PM



LC

Lisa Horton-Cox lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 8 at 12:21 PM



PW

Pamela White lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

On behalf of his first homeroom class (c/o '90) at Goldsboro High I send my sincerest condolences. Also on behalf of the White family I send my love and prayers for strength. Coach was there in my family's time of bereavement & I will never forget that. Words cannot express...he will never be forgotten. - Pam, Ophelia & Jeffrey White

September 8 at 11:28 AM



RF

Rodrick. Ford lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Coach rest well even though I never had a chance to coach with you are play for you your words of wisdom impacted my college coaching career and more ways than one . God is getting one of the best coaches around to coach his teamIn heaven . RIP coach. Rodrick Ford

September 8 at 11:28 AM





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Shannon Sanchez lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 8 at 10:08 AM



Anthony Bell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 8 at 9:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the James family.

September 8 at 9:32 AM



Your 2 Favorite Melissas sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the James family.

September 8 at 8:04 AM



Hattie Kersey lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 8 at 7:10 AM



Raynard Little lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 8 at 6:35 AM





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Freda Banks lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 8 at 6:15 AM



Tyrone posted:

Last Time I saw coach was in 1997. I had just won an award at this ceremony in Greensboro. Had it in my hand and bumped into him in the lobby. "What's up Coach!" I couldnt wait to show him my award, I was so excited. Coach looked at me, rolled his eyes and said, "Cmon Big Guy, I know youre not surprised. I always expected you to be great." I just smiled and thanked him. Thanks Coach for always believing in us.

September 8 at 5:30 AM



Millard lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Robby & Kim Millard



September 8 at 3:46 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the James family.



September 8 at 3:31 AM



Annetta Streater posted:

Sincere condolences to my cousin Mary Kay, Ashlyn and Jarrod. Coach "Bam" was a great person. I can see him chatting with my dad.

September 7 at 7:46 PM



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Wanda Sanders posted:

I'll never forget Coach Elvin James for what he did for my three sons. He was a mentor and supporter. When my oldest son, Chris (deceased) had problems with college, not only did he help him out but he took him to ECSU and got him on the football team and helped him regain his confidence. You're forever in my heart. Chris will be greeting you on the heavenly football team! Rest Easy Coach

September 7 at 6:43 PM



Arlene Coachman Smith September 8 at 7:04 AM

Rest in Peace My Friend.



Wanda Sanders lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 6:40 PM



Paula Price lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 6:28 PM



Sheila Hamilton lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 6:18 PM



Delores G Knight lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 6:06 PM



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CD

Corrie Weaver Deporter lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 7 at 5:59 PM



PF

Paula Frazier lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 7 at 5:58 PM



PF

Paula Frazier posted:

Where does one begin to speak about a person who was unique and cared for people of all ages..Elvin James was a person of respect for all and a man with the heart to help. As a young child of 10 yrs old little girl; Elvin would often visit our mom Ms. Annie Godette. When he went off to the Army and College; he still would come by to visit our mom; when he came home. The last time he came by; he gave mom a picture of himself in his Army Uniform.Mom prayed for him and asked the Angels to keep him safe and protected.This was the person young boys in our small hometown of Beaufort NC looked up to *Elvin James*.As well as dream to have his character, morals, discipline, muscles and football skills to say the least of all. He was a power house on the football field in the neighborhood or at East Carteret High School Games. Even the more, when East Carteret played against the Rivalry school- West Carteret High School for The Mullet Bucket Show down. See for the School that won that game was the Champions for the year, got bragging rights and most of all the Mullet Bucket will ALL the Hamburgers, Cheese burgers and drinks the players and that School could eat on that game night. This Was A BIG DEAL....Those times were packed with fun, and positive interactions between schools. A lot of trash talking, but all in fun.Elvin James would be one of the Football Stars to bring the Trophy Home; many of times.There are no words to express the light, positivity, respect for others, encouragement, discipline, moral aptitude that was Elvin J. James.Lord Jesus, we thank You for the light, life and Spirit of Elvin J. James. We thank you for creating him to be a beacon that touched so many lives; from the young to the mature senior. I grew up getting a glimpse of him helping my mom and others in Beaufort NC.So Elvin may the wings that You have earned be laid upon your shoulders and back. May the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus be forever shining bright as the love You gave and shared with so many.Rest Easy in the Arms of Jesus; knowing your life will be a thought, memory and presence in the lives of those you were allowed to affect. Greet our Mom with that hug you always gave her; and share how she is missed and we love her more, more, more...What she would say to each of her children when we talked with her.PEACE AND BLESSINGS To Your Spirit and Soul. Comfort, LOVE, Peace to your wife, children , family and friends. We ask this in Jesus name.....AMENLOVE from All who knew You Elvin J. James. Semper Fi

September 5 at 8:04 AM



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Beatrice Jones lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 7 at 4:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the James family.

September 7 at 4:36 PM



Tamika S Bryant posted:

Sending my love, prayers, and condolences to the James family.

September 7 at 4:01 PM



Lavonne Owens Sweet September 7 at 5:40 PM

Evangelist Jerryann Hendrix James My Deepest condolences to the James familys



Lavonne Owens Sweet September 7 at 5:37 PM

Sending my condolences to the family and prayers



Sonja Thomas lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

My condolences and prayers are with you and your family Mrs. James. With Deepest Sympathy, Sonja Thomas Summerville

September 7 at 2:04 PM



Angela Reid posted:

Charles B Aycock class of 1991 send our heartfelt prayers and words of encouragement to the family. Jarrod went to school and graduated with my son Cameron Rowe.

September 7 at 1:59 PM



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Sandra Kellum posted:

Elvin was an individual who touched the life of everyone he encountered. As classmates, I believe that we met in sixth grade, and graduated from high school together. His smile and demeanor were infectious. Rest in peace, old friend. Yours was a life well lived. Sandra Kellum

September 7 at 1:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the James family.



September 7 at 12:38 PM



Heloise B. Wilkerson And Briona Battle sent a virtual gift in honor of Elvin.

Our sincere condolences and prayers to Mrs. Mary K. James and family. We are forever grateful for all your acts of kindness shown to us.



September 7 at 12:36 PM



Melissa Capers September 7 at 2:07 PM

Mary You and the chicken are in Courtney and My prayers.



Clark George - Echs Class Of 1974 sent a virtual gift in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 10:58 AM



Clark George lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 10:56 AM



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Deboria Ward Hill - Ghs Class Of 89 lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 10:31 AM

D8 Deboria Ward Hill - Ghs Class Of 89 September 7 at 10:34 AM
Praying for the James Family.



Shaimayn Wall lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Mrs. James, I'm so sorry for you and the family. Y'all were amazing neighbors. May God give you peace.



September 7 at 10:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the James family.



September 7 at 10:03 AM



Anita Sykes lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

My sincerest condolences to Mary K James and family. I have so many wonderful memories of my colleague Coach James. He had a love and compassion for all of the young people he met through the years. May you find peace and comfort knowing he is resting in the mighty hands of God. Praying for healing one day at a time.



September 7 at 9:36 AM



Beverly Best lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 9:02 AM



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SJ

Shiril Jackson lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 7 at 7:59 AM



GP

Georgette Wainwright Pearce posted:

What wonderful tributes I have read for someone I remember being a really nice, easy to get along with guy in high school who always had a smile on his face! I am not at all surprised that Elvin had such a positive impact on so many young people. Prayers for comfort for family and friends!

September 7 at 7:57 AM

HB

Hilda Battle lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 7 at 6:42 AM



TM

Tracy H Mitchell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 7 at 5:53 AM



KR

Kenneth & Debbie Roberts posted:

Our sincere condolences to MaryKay and the entire James and extended families. Elvin was such an inspiration to everyone he met. His presence, laughter and words of wisdom will be missed. Kenneth & Debbie Roberts Cedar Hill, Texas

September 7 at 4:12 AM



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Weeks Family lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 7 at 3:30 AM



Shawn Ennis September 7 at 4:04 AM

Elvin what a great man, inspired and pushed us all to be better at anything we do, love ya big man



Christopher M Jones posted:

Man I love him for what he gave all us young men from all walks of life a chance a a education and a glimpse of hope, us getting out and never asked for a thanks or anything love you Coach singing D Day right now

September 6 at 8:03 PM



Malcolm And June Vann lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 6 at 7:39 PM



Averil Williams lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

One of the most influential black man in my life. Coach James taught us life lessons that will forever be a fabric of my life and I strive to be a fraction of the man he was here on earth because he was always a winner. Rest In Heaven Coach!



September 6 at 7:29 PM



Ruby B Jordan lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 6 at 6:46 PM



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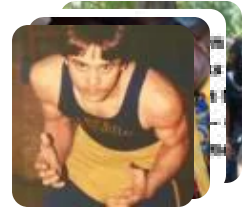
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TG

Tim Garriss shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

It is with fond memories and sadness that I share that Coach guided many regardless of backgrounds. As my wrestling coach, I observed first hand how unwavering his passion and dedication to guiding youth in a positive direction was. He would spend his last dollar to make sure we all ate if we travelled and didn't have money. He made sure we all became the best we could be. Off season I can remember lifting weights with him. I thought I was doing pretty good until he loaded up about 460 for sets of 3-6 reps for bench presses. Talk about motivation! I ended up running for ECU instead of using wrestling scholarship opportunities he helped me position for but I will always credit him just the same because he made us all think about life way past HS. Thanks Big Guy!! You will continue to live within all of us!! Much love to all who knew him! Tim Garriss c/o '87



September 5 at 8:04 AM

L1

Linette Edwards Class Of 1990 lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

I am sorry to hear about one of my favorite teacher. I remember I was bench pressing one number and he said Big Guy put some more weights up there. I told him I was struggle just to pick that up. He laughed and said you can do it Big Guy. Everybody was Big Guy in his eyes male or female until he meant business. ❤️❤️🙏
🙏Linette Edwards class of 1990



September 6 at 5:19 PM

TH

Takisha Hayes lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

I'll never forget how Coach encouraged and motivated every student, not just athletes. He will live on in our hearts. Takisha Peacock Hayes, GHS 1992 and ECSU 1996



September 6 at 5:17 PM

RR

Ronyell Rowe lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 5:14 PM





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SG

Sherrie Best-Gibbs lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 4:48 PM



NW

Nick & Doris Williams lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Nick & Doris Williams

September 6 at 4:47 PM



LJ

Larry & Chris Johnson lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 4:40 PM



SW

Shaquita Weeks lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 3:58 PM



TB

Tonya Barrett lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 3:58 PM



BH

Brenda D Herring lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 3:44 PM





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PW

Patricia Williams lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.

September 6 at 3:43 PM



CJ

Clarissa Coley Jacobs lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 3:36 PM



HG

Helen Gerald lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 3:11 PM



CG

Cynthia Gerald sent a virtual gift in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 3:10 PM



JS

Jimmy Stevens posted:

Coach James you are the reason I am the Man I am today, You Are Truly Missed. #CoachDadJimmy & Family

September 6 at 3:07 PM

EO

Emmavon Oden lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 2:08 PM





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IR

Ira Reynolds posted:

Coach James taught on the football field what many could have never learned in church.

September 6 at 1:46 PM

DC

David Cantrell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

ELVIN WAS ALWAYS LIFTING WEIGHTS, SMILING AND LAUGHING. I COULD NOT BELIEVE HOW FAST HE WAS TO. HE COULD CHASE YA DOWN NO PROBLEM. GREAT TO HEAR HIM LAUGH. ONE DAY IN JIM CLASS , ARM WRASTLING GOT STARTED. HE WENT THROUGH EVERYONE, ALL CHALANGES. THEN IT CAME MY TURN, I ALREADY KNEW THE OUTCOME, NO CHANCE I THOUGHT, AS DID EVERYONE. SO WE STARTED, BACK AND FORTH, HANDS SHAKING, TABLE SQUEAKING, SWEAT ON OUR FORHEADS, NO ONE GIVING IN, AFTER INFINITI I THOUGHT, WE CALLED IT A DRAW, I WAS GASPED, ELVIN TO. HE SAID THAT WAS AWESOME DAVID, LETS DO IT AGAIN SOON, I SAID OK, . WE NEVER DID, BUT HE DID SAY IT WAS FUN, YOU NEED TO WORK ON THE REST OF YOU. ELVIN WAS DEDICATED TO STRENGTH TRANING AND HELPING YOU DO YOUR BEST. I WAS AMAZED THAT I STOOD IN A HANDSHAKE FOR A MOMENT IN TIME OF ONE OF THE GREATEST ATHLETES I EVER MET, A WINNER, A FRIEND. AN ABSOLUTE CHAMPION, IN SPIRIT, AND HEART. THANKS ELVIN JAMES.A CLASS ACT, AND FIRST CLASS ALWAYS.



September 6 at 1:36 PM

MM

Mary Monroe September 6 at 6:12 PM

I remember the first time I met Mr. Elvin James, it was during the summer of 1980, as I worked at West Carteret High School, he was my mentor for the JPTA Summer work program. He was so nice and professional. Every time I saw him he had a big smile on his face. The last time I saw him he was with his father being a loving son and smiling. Mr Elvin was a great person to so many, he will be truly missed. East Carteret High School, Class of 1983

CA

Cedric & Renee' Artis lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 1:34 PM





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EG

Edward Greenfield lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 12:22 PM



JB

Janet D.Barnes sent a virtual gift in honor of Elvin.

Mary Kay and family, My prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. Janet D.Barnes

September 6 at 11:45 AM



BD

Bill D lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 11:41 AM



CS

Camico Speight lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 11:28 AM



FM

Frank & Susie Moore lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 11:06 AM



JF

James E Edwards And Family lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 10:54 AM





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TW

Tonya Williams lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 6 at 10:28 AM

TW

Tonya Williams posted:

Oh no! I recognize the picture on this website obit! He was my buddy. Him & his son used to come into Pizza Hut where I used to work as a server years ago. His son drank so fast, I could NEVER keep his glass filled; eventually I just started leaving a pitcher on their table. Lol. Me & his dad used to laugh about it. Wow!! I am sooo sorry to hear about his passing. I miss my special customers. R.I.P sir! May God give his family the comfort and peace and strength you all need at this time. With love & respect, Tonya..

September 6 at 10:25 AM

IR

Ira And Cynthia Reynolds lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 6 at 10:15 AM

IR

Ira And Cynthia Reynolds September 6 at 10:16 AM

Our prayers are with the family. Trust in God and he will see you through.

GM

Gloria Lewis Mccarther lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 6 at 9:03 AM

KE

Kelly posted:

Sending positive thoughts and prayers during this time... Kelly Jordan

September 6 at 9:03 AM



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RS

Ramona Scott lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

To Mary Kay, Ashelyn and Jerrod. May GOD be with you in this hour of grief and may HE comfort you in days ahead. Words can never explain how we are feeling. Rest on Elvin "BAM" until we meet again. Love always, The Scotts! Cliff, Ramona, Cliff Jr and David

September 6 at 8:51 AM



TB

Tammy Morgan Boseman lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 8:15 AM



CF

Carolyn Raynor, & Family lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Condolences to the family for their loss. Coach James was a great neighbor down the street, (Meares Bluff). Will miss his smile and hand wave as he walked neighborhood.

September 6 at 7:39 AM



JA

Jacquelinebarnes lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 7:16 AM



BB

Beverly Best lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 7:05 AM



TD

Thomas Dortch lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 7:00 AM





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SR

Sharon Richardson lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 6:51 AM



MM

Milford And Vickey Mitchell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 6:46 AM



DP

Dinky Parker lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 6:43 AM



MW

Melvin L. Ward, Sr. lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 6:36 AM



PH

Patrice Hunt lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 6:33 AM



JF

Joseph And Shelia Sawyer And Family lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 6 at 6:24 AM





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Bunnmonuments&Stoneworksleroybunn sent a virtual gift in honor of Elvin.



September 6 at 6:02 AM



Anita Griswold Hamilton lit a candle in honor of Elvin.
Mary Kay and Family you are in my continual thoughts and prayers.



September 6 at 5:52 AM



Crystal L Peacock Williams posted:

Coach James was my inspiration for finding my passion in life and teaching others. Thank you Coach James, and to your family as well. Rest in Paradise and enjoy your 'fried chicken and bisquits'. We love you and will miss you, James Williams and Crystal Peacock Williams

September 6 at 5:32 AM



Soniece Morgan posted:

One of the best coaches and mentors of the "GHS" Cougar family. you were and inspiration to all.

September 6 at 4:59 AM



Cynthia Newkirk Kenion lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

To MaryKay and family, sending you my love, condolences, and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Cynthia Newkirk Kenion



September 6 at 4:13 AM



Chudney Cogdell Artis lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 6 at 4:04 AM



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SH

Susie S. Hodges posted:

Bam Bam as he was fondly called was a gentle giant. Soror Mary Kay and the family, praying that you will find peace during this difficult time. Cherish the memories. Viking Pride X3. Susie

September 6 at 3:46 AM

AT

Arndrea Thomas lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

My condolences to the family . When we moved to the neighborhood. Coach was one of the first people to stop by our home and welcome us . He was always friendly and kind .



September 6 at 2:38 AM

BB

Bud Bare posted:

Elvin was a fine gentleman.

September 6 at 2:36 AM



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Tracey Suggs posted:

Make Every Granule Of Sand Count This picture resonates so much more with me in this moment of time. Coach James never hesitated to tell me how proud he is of me, all that I continued accomplish, and all that I did for the people in my community. He supported all of my endeavors and once told me that more than anything else he was proudest of the man that I have become and the example that I am setting for my children. On the day that this photo was taken Coach told my son that he was a "stud" and a great young man. He poured into my son in the way that he poured into me and countless other young men and women. His impact garnered national recognition but I know the greatest recognition came from the Kingdom of God within the honorable life that he lived. He took young men and molded us into great citizens. Coach James was more than my football coach. He has made a major impact on my life as a father figure, a mentor, an advisor, a major supporter, and a friend. For so many of his players we each have a story of how he saved our lives in our own personal ways. In these few words I could never thank his wife, children, and family enough for sharing him with all of us from Goldsboro, to Elizabeth City, to Livingstone College, and everywhere else that God allowed his impact to be felt. He spent countless hours and miles on the road making sure we all had a chance at a better life through a college education. When I get to "The Boro" I am going to go to Bojangles, sit down, and order that two piece and biscuit with a sweet tea (I haven't had sweet tea in two years) that Coach was a big fan of back when he was coaching me. While sitting there I am going to take a second to be grateful for the sand he had in his hour glass. I love you Big Guy. - Tracey Suggs Sr.

September 6 at 2:32 AM



Bob Springle lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Nearly 50 years later, and I have never forgotten when Elvin picked me up and slammed me to the wrestling mat, then encouraged me to push him off, "You can do it, Bob!" I can only imagine the number of others he inspired and motivated over the years. Well done, my friend. -Bob Springle, ECHS Class of 1974



September 6 at 2:07 AM



Charles Wright Sr posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the James family. Coach transcended his job benefiting thousands of our youth. We thank you for sharing him with all of us. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. Charles Wright Sr, Elder Mary Wright, and family

September 5 at 8:19 PM



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ES

Esther M. Smith lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 8:01 PM



BL

Billy Lewis lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 6:58 PM



BL

Billy Lewis September 5 at 7:02 PM

GREAT COACH AND FRIEND.THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME ON THE RIGHT PATH MISS YOU BIG GUY

TB

Tracy Brinson lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Coach James you will be surely missed. You have influenced many young peoples lives in this community..i will miss joining you and Steve on the porch and participating in our conversations. It truly saddened me to hear of your passing. I have been praying and will continue to pray for Mary Kay, Ashlyn and Jarrod. If there is anything i can do to make this easier for you please dont hesitate to let me know.

September 5 at 6:58 PM



EA

Elijah Altman lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 6:43 PM



WJ

Wanda James lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 6:42 PM





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Todd Twine posted:

Yes, Coach James was gentle Giant. The first time I met him was atban alumni meeting. He was speaking on behalf of the coaching staff for the ECSU football team. He spoke with so much passion and love for the sport. I thought he was the head coach. He impress me then. I know God has him as a motivator for any non believer. He is a man that could do it in my opinion

September 5 at 6:23 PM



Otis Honeycomb Strong posted:

Coach Elvin Bam Bam James was the epitome of a gentle Giant. A Quality Man Loved who football 🏈 and Loved Elizabeth City St Univ. and was never at loss for words and support of either. I will miss you My Alpha Brother, However the memories like your calming smile will last forever.. RIP 06 🕯️
Honeycomb

September 5 at 6:06 PM



Larry C. Bell lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 5 at 5:23 PM



Larry C. Bell September 5 at 5:27 PM

So sorry to hear of the passing of Coach James. My prayers and condolences goes out to his family. Coach James was a great man and Coach. I have always heard that he helped all the players in Wayne County while he was here. May he Rest in Heavenly Peace.



Twyla Jones lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 5 at 5:14 PM



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Deanna Morris posted:

Love me some Coach James, the best "Big Guy" I have ever worked with! He had a servant heart and loved the student athletes he worked with! When I started out coaching at GHS he taught me " Rule #1 the coach is always right. Rule #10 when ever you think the coach is wrong refer back to Rule #1! When he was in between college football coaching, he came out to SCHS and volunteered Coaching Track with me! We always had so much fun! Til we see each other again, as Coach Dave Thomas said "Thank you for all you did for young folks" Coach, you will live on through all the many athletes you lead! I will miss you! Coach Morris (You always still called me "Oxendine!")

September 5 at 5:02 PM



Kim Owens McIntyre Echs Class Of 74 lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 5 at 4:57 PM



Russell Stephens posted:

RIP Coach, you will be missed. Coach Stephens

September 5 at 4:32 PM



Janice Isler lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 5 at 3:29 PM



Toni Jordan lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 5 at 3:22 PM



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AD

Angela Dobson lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

My sincerest condolences to the James family. Coach James was a wonderful man on and off the field. We will forever keep his legacy alive.

September 5 at 3:04 PM



TB

Tonya Barrett lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 2:44 PM



ST

Sandra Taylor lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 2:31 PM



SW

Susan Willis lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 1:04 PM



DA

Donald Austin lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 12:54 PM



HB

Harold Barnes posted:

When we heard of the passing of our dear neighbor Coach James we began to talk about All the fond memories we shared with him in the Meares Bluff Plantation. The neighborhood is at a GREAT LOSS. We will cherish our memories and we are here for the family if you need us for anything please don't hesitate to contact US!!!

September 5 at 12:14 PM



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AB

Assistant Principal Barnes lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

On behalf of the EWHS staff, faculty and students past and present we send our condolences to the family and please know that we are thinking about you at this time. We will be Forever grateful to All that Coach James did athletic program at EWHS!!! The WARRIOR family prayers are with you!!!!

September 5 at 12:10 PM



MB

Marshell Becton lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Condolences to the James Family in your time of sorrow. Coach James touched so many young lives and he is now Safe In His Arm!

September 5 at 12:10 PM



DB

Deacon Harold Barnes lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

In times like these we need to be very sure that our anchor holds and grips the solid Rock. Jesus is the one that can see us and carry us through our time of bereavement. Continue to look to Him as your source of strength and comfort. Earth has No Sorrow that Heaven can't heal!! HAROLD LEE BARNES Sr. HAROLD LEE BARNES Jr. And ELIZABETH MARTIN BARNES (ECSU) are praying Much for the family and we know that God is to Wise to make a Mistake and He knows just how much We can BE BEAR. In God's word, He reminds Us that To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!!!! The pray chain for the family is constantly sending petitions to God through this time sorrow!!!!

September 5 at 12:06 PM



KW

Kiana Williams lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

Such an amazing man, father, coach, & inspiration to many! You will be deeply missed.

September 5 at 11:17 AM



AR

Allen Ruffin lit a candle in honor of Elvin.

September 5 at 11:05 AM





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Syreeta Worrells lit a candle in honor of Elvin.



September 5 at 8:04 AM



Brenda S. Chavis September 12 at 2:54 AM

First, my condolences to his proud and loving family. I will always remember Coach James and his love, compassion for students and their parents. As PTA president in the early/mid 90's, Coach was always looking to recruit football players at GHS. I know he did not like students "putting all their eggs in one basket" He encourage them to be the best and try other sports because you could "shine" anywhere. My son, Jamaal, was truly inspired. Coach James helped him reach his potential in football and basketball. He also played tennis and tracked. He excelled and Coach helped him get an Ivy League education as a scholar athlete. Now he is in the NFL. Thanks to Coach James and all his efforts. He will be surely missed!



Lavern White September 6 at 3:31 AM

Sorry for your loss, may God give you strength to go through.



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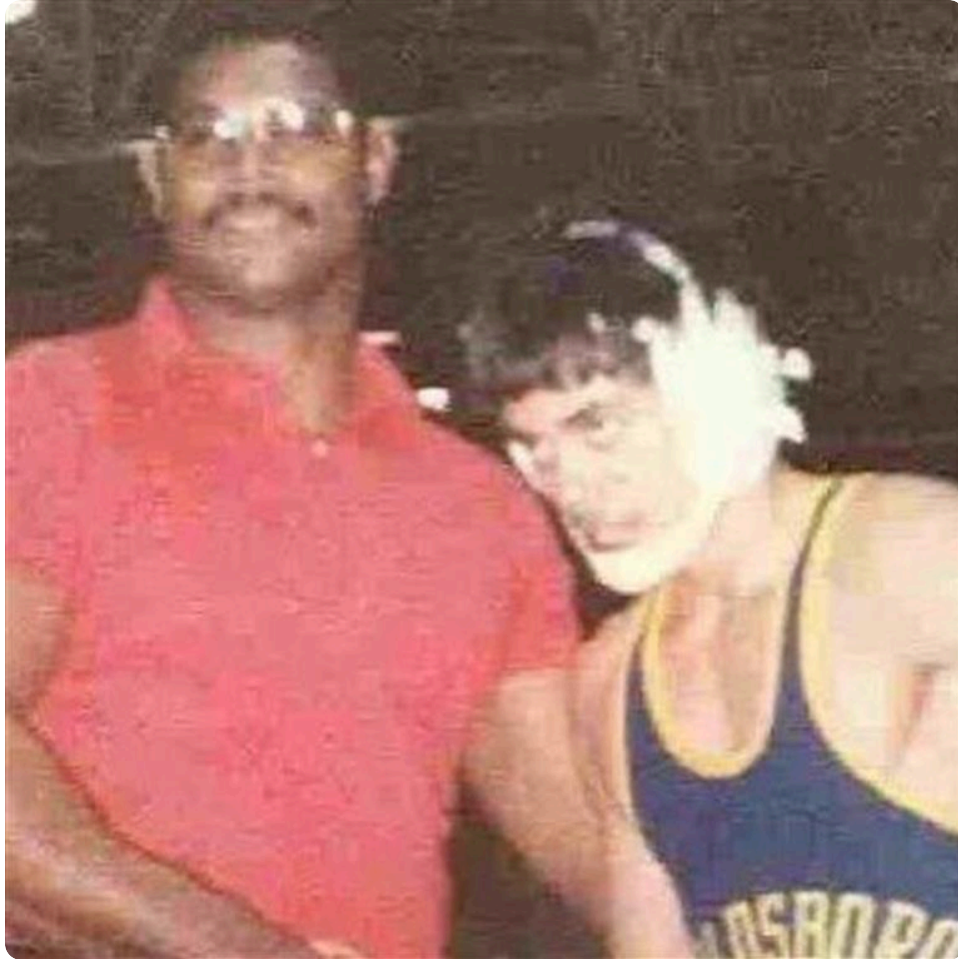
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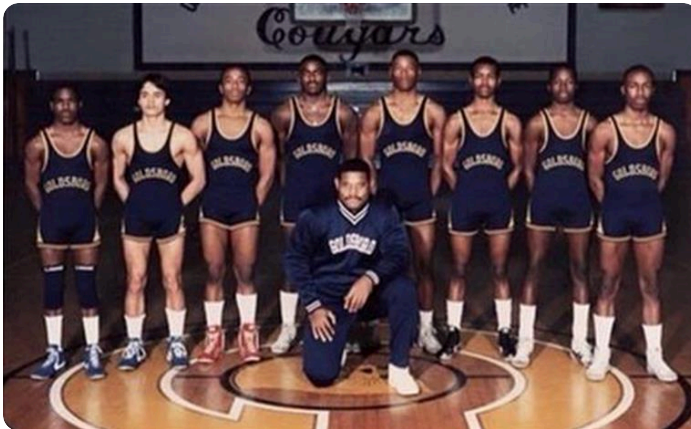
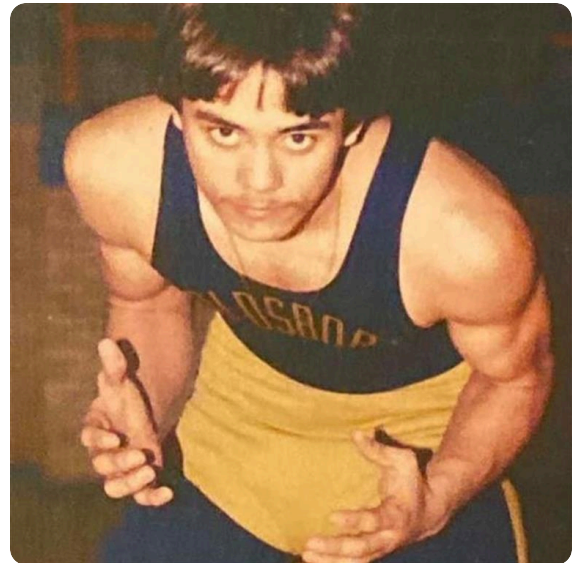
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