Elizabeth O. James

July 18, 1929 - May 16, 2021

Myrtle Beach...

Elizabeth O. James, age 91, wife of the late Joseph Harry James, passed away Sunday, May 16, 2021 at her residence.

Born July 18, 1929 in Conway, she was the daughter of the late Garland Foster Outlaw and Harriett Vereen Outlaw. Mrs. James was a member of Sweetwater Baptist Church. She retired from the Horry County Probate Court.

Surviving are her three children, Roddy Edge (Karen), Gwen Edge, and Patty Derrick (Ben); a daughter-in-law, Rita Edge; three grandchildren, Brandon Edge (Rachel), Brittany Edge, and Kendall Edge; one great-grandchild, Jackson R. Edge; and one sister, Irene Conner.

Along with her parents and husband, Mrs. James was predeceased by her first husband, Derwood R. Edge, Sr., her beloved son, Benny Edge, and a sister, Aubrey Jamison.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. James' caregivers, Connie, Shirl, and Annie for their special care of her during this difficult time.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM Friday, May 21, 2021 at Goldfinch

Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Dr. Freddie Young officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the serve at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Heartland Hospice, 2050 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 220, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Highway 544
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Interment

MAY **21**. 12:00 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526

Visitation

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PM

Pearline Brown Mills lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth O. James

Pearline Brown Mills - May 22, 2021 at 05:12 PM

SR

Sylvia Richardson lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth O. James

Sylvia Richardson - May 21, 2021 at 08:12 AM

WM

Willie May Marcum lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth O. James

Willie May Marcum - May 21, 2021 at 07:16 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O. James.

May 20, 2021 at 12:56 PM

TV

Timmy and Tricia Vereen purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elizabeth O. James.

Timmy and Tricia Vereen - May 19, 2021 at 05:55 PM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O. James.

May 19, 2021 at 12:30 PM

ST

In February of 1978 I was introduced to Ms. Lib. My courthouse boss, Kenny Anderson, gave me the grand tour of the Courthouse. Billie Richardson in the Clerk of Court's Office, Bob Grissom in the Treasurer's Office, ML Brown in the Sheriff's Office, Jack Gerrald in the Auditor's Office. Upstairs there was Judge OA Rankin with his right hand, Gail. Family Court found Judge Winston Vaught with his right hand Wanda.

Then Probate Court. Judge Floyd, Associate Judge Carolyn Wright (later elected Probate Judge herself), Ms. Lib, Sue Chestnut Wilson and June Barfield. Judge Floyd was very clear about his office. He was responsible for the records in that office. They were pristine. The reason EVERYTHING was there and always returned to its proper place? The staff that worked with Judge Floyd! And the first person you saw when you entered the Probate Court Office was Lib James. She sat directly in front of you when you opened the door from the hall. You knew that you were in a special place, a special research space. The vault where the records were kept had file cabinets stacked up the walls in small boxes that required a long pole and a great balancing act to retrieve. The file cabinets, all with five drawers each. Because the Estate numbers matched the file cabinets. Cabinet ___; Drawer___; then Estate Package Number _____. And Ms. Lib made sure that the office and the files stayed organized.

When I met her in 1978 she was already suffering from poor health. But she kept on going. She was the type of county employee who considered it a honor to serve her two judges. When both Sue and June moved on to other opportunities, Ms. Lib trained new staff, making sure they too understood the importance of record keeping, with order and neatness. She strove for perfection, and it showed in how she handled herself and set an example for others.

Both Ms. Lib and Mr. Harry had a great balancing act going for years. As their health declined, I have always been amazed at how family was able to make them both comfortable in their home. Being

home meant a lot to that generation. Sue and I spoke last night about Ms. Lib. That low voice of hers. Her clear enunciation. You knew you needed to listen to whatever she was telling you. You could learn so much!

Thank you Ms. Lib for being a very important part of my courthouse family. The standard you set for me, along with Linda, Anne, Joyce, Jeanne, Ballery, and Irene, set the indexing standard I have continued to use in my title work

You are now reunited with "Poppy". Peace my friend.

Sandy Graham Thomas

Sandra G Thomas - May 19, 2021 at 12:19 PM

SW

Sandra you are so right. She made sure that everything was in order. Ms. Lib was like a second mom to me. All the advice and help she .gave me will never be forgotten. Ms. Lib and Mr. Harry was very special to me. Love them and will be missed. SW

Sue Wilson - May 20, 2021 at 05:55 PM

MS

I am thinking of you and your family and sending caring thoughts your way to support you through your bereavement. Mrs. James will forever be remembered by me with the highest regard. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage and strength with my sincerest condolences.

Michael L. Shade

Michael L. Shade - May 19, 2021 at 11:08 AM

Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O. James.

May 19, 2021 at 10:28 AM

SB

Sylvia Baiden lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth O. James

Sylvia Baiden - May 19, 2021 at 09:33 AM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O. James.

May 18, 2021 at 09:24 PM

Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O. James.

May 18, 2021 at 08:18 PM