



James Peter Neal

March 16, 1936 - January 8, 2025

With deep sadness, the family of James Peter Neal, Jr. announces his passing on January 8, 2025 at his home shared with Betty Raiford Rollins-Neal, his wife of 16 years. "JP," as he was affectionately called throughout his life, was a strong advocate of scholarship, perseverance, uplift, manhood, love, hope, peace; along with true Spirituality.

In addition to his parents, James P. (Geneva Harris Outten) Neal Sr. JP was preceded in death by his brother, Talmadge J'Von Neal and his former wife, Phyllis Mashreque-Neal. He leaves to cherish his memory; wife, Betty Raiford Rollins Neal; brother, Albert Aiken (Virginia M.) Neal; son James Peter Neal, III; daughter, Monica Roslyn Neal; nieces, Erica (Hal) Neal Lowman and Aleta (Roderick) Neal McCollum; the only maternal first-cousin, Pamela Jones (Geonard) Butler and other relatives and friends. Per his wishes, Neal's burial service will be private. Palmer Memorial Chapel at 1200 Fontaine Place is assisting the family. Memories may be shared at Palmer's website.

Tribute Wall

EA

“ There are no words that can express the depth of sorrow we feel for your loss. Your precious husband memory will forever remain in our hearts. Our condolences



Edna, Andrea, Audrey - February 15, 2025 at 08:32 PM

SE

“ We pray that as the months and years pass, you find peace in the beautiful memories you created together as a family. He will live on in your hearts. Our condolences to the Neal Family.



Sheila, Andrea,Edna/Audrey Edmonds - February 15, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SM

“ From our family to yours, we cannot tell you how much we are going to miss JP. He was truly an incredible man that we feel honored to have known as cousin and friend. Our condolences to Betty, Monica, JP III, Albert /family.



Steve/Patricia Meyer, - February 15, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CJ

“ I know J. P. Since I arrived in Columbia in 1980. I found him to be a beautiful human being with a great knowledge. May he rest in peace

Clarence Dollison Jr. - February 14, 2025 at 04:30 PM

LI

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to Ms. Josephine, JP III and Monica and all of the Neal family!*

*Weldon and Loretta Hammond
Weldon II
Kartika Hammond Gibson*

Louis Weldon Hammond II - February 14, 2025 at 01:16 PM

LF

“ *Condolences to the Neal Family.*



Linda Furgess-Jenkins and The Furgess Fa - February 14, 2025 at 12:04 PM

YF

“ *“God never sees, His children die; He simply sees them coming home.” If we could see only for a moment just how glorious JP’s homecoming is, no one here would call him back to the limits of his aged earthly body. Even though JP is already greatly missed, there is something very appropriate about his departure, even as the author of his Ecclesiastes 3:2 indicates, There is a time to be born and a time to die. It is appropriate because he lived out a full complete life. He has accepted and known the love of God and of Family. The children of your late cousins Herbert H. Harris and his wife named by your mother Geneva, Eva Wilhelemania Benson Harris, bid him farewell until we meet again.*



Your Harris, Benson-Outten Family - February 14, 2025 at 12:36 AM

DH

“ George Washington Carver once said. No one individual has the right to come into this world and go out of it without leaving behind a distinct and legitimate reason for having passed through it. Our paternal Harris maternal Outten cousin, JP did just that while living a life of service to not only his family and others, immediate as well as extended, where he made a lasting impact on all of those whose lives he encountered and touched. May God give comfort to our family and his acquaintances throughout his transitioning from his earthly sojourn and their bereavement. With Love your Forever Cousin, Donna Rene’e Harris of Lugoff, SC.



Donna R, Harris - February 14, 2025 at 12:22 AM

GH

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.



Gloria Harrison Brown and Tammy Harrison - February 13, 2025 at 09:41 PM

WH

“ To get to know The Rev. Neal was the privilege of a lifetime. Our paths fortunately crossed when I sought his knowledge of the Lower Richland County area. With his grace and warmth, we became close friends. Although he has received his eternal reward and is now at peace, I will mourn his absence on earth. Deepest sympathy to his family and wide circle of admirers.

Warren Hughes - February 13, 2025 at 03:21 AM

CA

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Neal family. I worked with JP at WIS TV for many years he and Carmelita hosted the award winning Awareness Show. We became a great team and JP was instrumental in conducting great interviews that impacted the life of Black Americans. He was focused on making sure the Awareness Show always provided a voice for the Black community. He was a dear friend, a mentor, and a great community leader. May God smile on him and his family during this time of loss.

*Blessings and Peace to You,
Charles L. Aiken and Family*

Charles Aiken - February 12, 2025 at 05:47 PM

JW

“ With deepest sympathy. RIP

Joseph A. Wilson - February 12, 2025 at 04:43 PM

GC

“ Thank you JP Neal for being an extraordinary friend. I so appreciate the hours long meals, laughter and conversations. You and Ms. Betty calmed my lonely, homesick soul many times. I will also miss the check in phone calls... I love you JP Neal for breathing life into me when I first moved here... Rest in Heavenly Peace My Dear Friend... Much love and hugs to you Ms. Betty.

Genie Coleman - February 12, 2025 at 01:26 PM

DS

“ Sending my deepest condolences to our cousin and my first Pastor, Reverend JP Neal. He is the reason my parents fostered music in me at the gentle age of 4 at Gill Creek Baptist Church and I use to love watching him dance on WISTV. Every time I saw him he always gave me a hug and said "my cousin." He was a great historian, pastor, and friend. Sending condolences to the family as he will truly be missed.



*The Simons and Profit Family
Avondale, Vivian, Mathew, and Lundyn*

Dr. Vivian Simons-Profit - February 12, 2025 at 11:18 AM

MK

To the Neal Family:

As I reminisce, I will miss my friend, & (Rev. Aiken Neal's brother, my cousin) from these mundane shores of his earthly life.

He lived a rich life of sharing & caring about our history & legacy as African Americans & the education of our people as I first encountered him as a Science teacher at WA Perry Jr. High School.

Our paths crossed on several fronts as he has worn many hats throughout his years of laboriously serving mankind.

My memory of his leadership as a member of the National Association for the Preservation of African American Life & History, along with the leadership of the late, Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman made an indelible impression upon me for life.

I was a young and impressionable colleague, just out of college and a bit of a radical who was eager to be involved with these "heavy hitters", and who were serious about moving us forward in all the ways possible with their efforts and I was definitely onboard with that premise.

After the dissolution of the group, our paths did not cross for many years, until he, his wife & friends & I had dinner in a crowded restaurant where we shared a table. What banter ensued for nearly 4 hours until all was exhaustively shared among us. That is a memory of my friend & yes, a mentor, that I have & will always cherish for life.

Long may his legacy travail upon our hearts & minds!

May he now ascend to the Heavens and take his rightful seat among the ancestors who await his arrival to hear what else he has to say.

May he rest in peace and power, eternally with a loving Savior.

Marian LaNelle (ML) Kohn - February 13, 2025 at 01:52 AM

SH

“ A GREAT MOG. HE WILL BE SURLEY BE MISSED!!



SUSANNE HARRIS - February 12, 2025 at 09:49 AM

HW

“ Hubert H. Williams,Jr. lit a candle in memory of James Peter Neal



Hubert H. Williams,Jr. - February 12, 2025 at 07:29 AM

HW

“ My deepest condolences to the James Peter Neal Family . J. P. was a life long amazing wonderful friend; a person who loved everyone , a person who sheared his kindness, generosity and humility with everyone. His service to his FRIENDS , COMMUNITY, and HELPING OTHERS will, always be remembered. J. P. smile was contagious and his laugh was infectious, full of compassion and dignity. He will be truly missed and will forever be in our hearts. Our hearts will be filled with the wonderful memories of joyful times with him as we "celebrate a life well lived." Hubert H. Williams,Jr.

Hubert H. Williams,Jr. - February 12, 2025 at 07:15 AM

OJ

“ I cannot remember the first time I met Mr. Neal but I do remember it has been more than 30 years. We always had enlightening and inspiring conversations and he was an utter delight to be around. May God give his family and friends comfort in this time of grief.

Olympia Jackson - February 11, 2025 at 05:57 PM

JT

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU PASTOR NEAL AND YOUR FAMILY.



jacquelyn Sterling tucker - February 11, 2025 at 05:27 PM

RT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. The grandchildren of Jake and Hannah Portee Simon.



Roshelle Taylor - February 11, 2025 at 12:59 PM

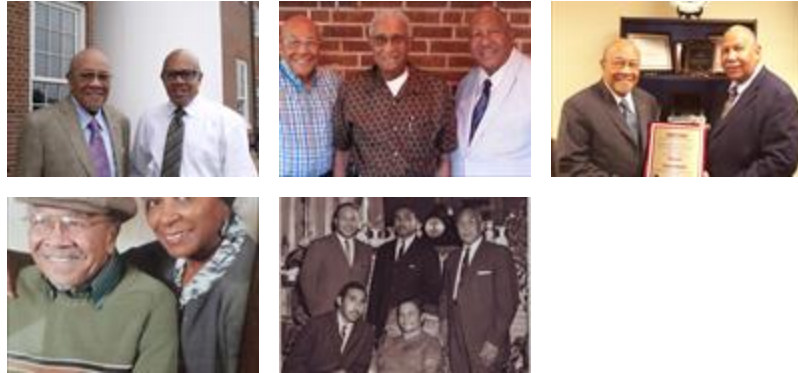
DC

“ Rev., I am at a loss for words! They are so inadequate...You were one of the Best of the Best to me and my family. May God Bless You, and Prayers are sent to Your Family and Friends as Flights of Angels Guide You to Your Reward...Rest Easy, Sir...

Deacon James and Deaconess Cynthia Coope - February 11, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Palmer Memorial Chapel - February 11, 2025 at 11:18 AM

DS

The White Oak Baptist Church #2 of Ridgeway sends it's deepest condolences in the passing of our beloved pastor. He was not only our pastor but also a relative to many in our church. We loved him and his family we will continue to keep your family in our prayers.

Debbie Addison- church secretary - February 11, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JC

Condolences to the family of JP Neal. I had the pleasure of working at WIS TV 1979-1996 and worked on the crew that produced the public affairs show Awareness. JP Neal cohosted for many of those years I was there. He was a wonderful man and an easy going person. I was blessed to have known him and so many others at WIS.

J.D. Copeland - February 13, 2025 at 08:29 AM