



Mr. James Edward Rose

January 24, 1940 - November 21, 2025

James Edward Rose, was born on January 24, 1940 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Inez Rose and was the eldest of her three children. James spent his early years in his hometown of

Richmond surrounded by family who would help shape his character. James, who admired his mother's strength to raise three boys as a single parent, would often help her with daily task

between school and hanging out with friends and spent his summers working his Uncle

Richard's farm where he not only gained skills in tending the land but also meaningful lessons in tending to life.

In 1957, at the age of 17, James, after the urging of a supervisor at his after-school cafeteria

job, who noticed him coming to work more than going to school, would join the United States

Air Force, but not before he had the blessing of his mother. James would be stationed in

Greenland and Japan and between his Air Force duties and exploring his new surroundings, he

would finish his high school education, receiving his GED and take other

general education classes. After a few years traveling overseas, James would be stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Prince George's County Maryland and during his time there he would meet and marry Minnie Lee Talbert, becoming an instant father to her children, Otis and Francine. The newly established family of four would have little to settle in as James would be deployed to Vietnam to serve in the war and using the skills he learned years earlier at his after-school cafeteria job, would become the shift supervisor of the dining hall. After his tour in Vietnam, James and his family would move to London, England, where he served as a cook supervisor and then stationed for a final time at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, SC. In 1977, after 20 years of service, James would retire from the United States Air Force and choose to make Sumter his forever home with his late wife, Minnie. He would attend Sumter Technical College, earning his Associate's Degree in General Technology with a specialization in tool and die making, and go on to work for Cooper Tools until his retirement in 2000. In his retirement, James would keep himself busy by continuing his education, receiving certifications in CPR and real estate. He enjoyed riding his bike, fishing, traveling, hanging out with friends and spending time at his favorite place Myrtle Beach. He would become an active

member of his church and as a man of deep faith, James would volunteer a lot of his time to ministry outreach throughout his community. Because he was blessed, James was called to bless others routinely donating to charities and causes he felt strongly about. But above all else, James was a family man who loved being a father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great great grandfather. He enjoyed vacations and talks with his children and looked forward to his grand and then great grandchildren's summertime visits where he would take them on base, to amusement parks, and to his beloved Myrtle Beach. And when he wasn't

spending time with his family, he was spending time with his neighbors who he considered family and loved dearly.

After a full life, James passed on November 21, 2025, in Sumter, SC. He was preceded in death by his mother, Inez Rose; brothers Milton Rose and Melvin Rose; his first wife, Minnie Rose, and son, Otis Garrett. He is survived by his daughter, Francine Battle (Paul), five grandchildren - Tristan Garrett Sr., Shanna Battle, Shea Battle, Samantha Battle, and Teneal Garrett - five great-grandchildren – Amber Garrett, Kylee Battle, Kamari Gilliam, Amari Lane, and Tristan Garrett Jr. - and one great-great-grandchild - Korryn Garrett, nephews William (Billy) Rose, Kermit Rose, niece Nia Rose, goddaughter Aleka Simms (Gerald), and sister in law Emma

Rose (Milton).

James will be remembered by those who loved him as a man of faith who cherished his family, his friends and the community he lived in, making it his life mission to leave it better than he found it.

Cemetery Details

Florence National Cemetery

803 East National Cemetery Rd
Florence, SC

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

A Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Interment

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Florence, SC

Tribute Wall

TL

“ We fellowshiped with Brother Rose at the Friendship Chapel on Shaw AFB. I remember Brother Rose standing at his post Sunday mornings ready to greet God’s people as they entered into the sanctuary. He always greeted everyone with a warm and welcoming smile.

Brother Rose was my prayer partner. When I worked on Shaw AFB, we would meet at the Friendship Chapel to pray for the Chapel community and God’s people. Brother Rose truly loved God and His people.

Brother Rose will be missed on this side and we look to see him again on the other side.

Our love and prayers are with the Rose family.

The Leon Family

Tina Leon - December 08, 2025 at 07:06 AM

TM

“ We honor the memory of Bro James Rose, who faithfully served as an usher at Shaw Air Force Base Friendship/Palmetto chapel. His dedication to welcoming worshippers with kindness and dignity reflected his deep commitment to both his faith and his community. His presence brought warmth and order to every service, and his quiet acts of service touched many lives. We are grateful for his years of devotion and the example he set of humility and service. May his legacy of faith and fellowship continue to inspire all who knew him.
Terrance Mack and Family.



Terrance Mack - December 04, 2025 at 08:49 PM

BO

“ We have been friends and neighbors for a very long time. He will be missed.

Bill and Janice Oden - December 02, 2025 at 09:33 PM

MM

“ To The Rose Family
Our prayers go out to the family. We have known Brother Rose for years. We have known Brother Rose for going to the Shaw AFB Friendship Chapel and The Palmetto Chapel. He will be deeply missed.
From The Mosquero Family
Gracie, Maleka, Saleka, & Kimberly



Maleka Mosquero - December 02, 2025 at 02:30 PM

LB

“ Lydia B lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Rose



Lydia B - December 01, 2025 at 09:45 PM

MM

“ To The Rose Family,
Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to
the family. Brother Rose will be deeply missed.
We have known him for years from the Shaw
AFB Palmetto Chapel. He was a kind hearted
person and a caring person.

From,
The Mosquero Family Sumter, SC
Gracie, Maleka, Saleka, & Kimberly



Maleka Mosquero - December 01, 2025 at 03:29 PM

SP

“ I got to know James through my Sister
LaRhonda. He was a great and sweet person
who had an infectious smile and laugh. He
will be sorely missed on this side. Rest
peacefully and eternally.



Sandra Payne - November 30, 2025 at 10:03 PM

LB

“ Lydia B sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr.
James Edward Rose



Lydia B - November 30, 2025 at 07:57 PM

LB

“ Mr. Rose aka “Jimmy” James Rose (short story, lol) ... So grateful God allowed us to connect at Shaw AFB Friendship Chapel in 2000 and remain in close contact until God decided his physical presence was no longer needed on earth. His genuine communication and smile will be missed by me and my family who knew him. My condolences and prayers for your family 🙏💜.

Lydia B - November 30, 2025 at 07:53 PM

LB

“ Lydia B lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Rose



Lydia B - November 30, 2025 at 07:44 PM

MM

“ To THE ROSE FAMILY,
WE will deeply miss Brother Rose. He was a heart warming person, a deeply caring person, a kind person. We met at the Shaw AFB Palmetto Chapel. We have known him for many years. He will be deeply missed.
The MOSQUERO Family, Sumter, SC
Gracie, Maleka, Saleka, & Kimberly



MALEKA MOSQUERO - November 29, 2025 at 04:01 PM

MM

“ Maleka M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Edward Rose.

Maleka M. - November 29, 2025 at 03:52 PM

MM

“ To The Rose Family,
We will deeply miss Brother Rose. He was a kind hearted person., caring person. We met at the Shaw AFB Palmetto Chapel. We have known each other for years.
The MOSQUERO FAMILY, SUMTER, SC
GRACIE MALEKA, SALEKA, & KIMBERLY



MALEKA MOSQUERO - November 29, 2025 at 03:38 PM

DL

“ Mr. Rose was my neighbor for over 25 years. We met him almost immediately after moving into our home. He lived across the street from us and was always reliable and friendly. He was newly retired when we met. His wife had passed on several years prior, yet he often spoke fondly of her, his children and grandchildren.

We were fortunate to have had him in our lives for as long as we did. The street won't be the same without him.

From my home to his family, we send our prayers and love. God bless and thank you for being part of our lives Mr Rose. You will be missed.

David Littlejohn - November 28, 2025 at 09:37 PM

DH

“ We will miss you Moses. That is what I called you when I first met you. My condolences to your family. May God comfort you all. ❤️



Donna Holmes - November 28, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DH

“ Donna Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Edward Rose



Donna Holmes - November 28, 2025 at 06:01 PM

DM

“ James Rose and our family served at Shaw AFB. for many years We went on many retreats together as a church family. He love to eat sweets although they were not the best for him ... he would smile big enjoying the treats. For years we enjoyed Friday night Bible study at the Friendship chapel with Ch Choi teaching us the Bible. We sang hymns that may not have sounded award winning voices. However we sang from our hearts and enjoyed learning and sharing life with each other. Bro. James will always be missed and Loved. My deepest condolences and prayers for comfort and strength in Jesus name 🙏 Amen



Debra McKenzie - November 28, 2025 at 05:28 PM

DM

“ Debra M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Edward Rose.

Debra M. - November 28, 2025 at 05:04 PM

GF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers.* ”



Gloria Brown and Family - November 26, 2025 at 11:56 AM