



James Strickland

October 19, 1957 - January 26, 2025

James Alston Strickland was born on October 19, 1957, in Abbeville, South Carolina. He died on January 26, 2025. He was the second child of the late Joseph C. Strickland and the late Thomasena Lee Strickland.

As a child, “Jimmy” excelled academically and in sports. He was a star for the legendary Drew Pool Sharks, an all-black swim team in Columbia, South Carolina. He was raised in Greenview First Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina and graduated from W.J. Keenan High School. Before focusing on basketball, he played drums in the marching band. He helped lead the 1975 Keenan basketball team to the school’s first State championship in any sport. Later, he enrolled in Furman University before transferring to the University of South Carolina to be closer to home. He played varsity basketball at both schools. After college, he played professional basketball in France and Argentina.

“Jimmy” (to his family) and “Jim” to sports writers and basketball fans, will be missed by a host of relatives and friends. He is survived by his older brother Joseph (sister-in-law, Karen), and his younger brother Kelvin. Also, one niece, two great nieces, two aunts, and a host of cousins.

Memorials may be made to:

Greenview First Baptist Church

101 Isaac Street

Columbia, SC 29203

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Paulette Myrick lit a candle in memory of James Strickland*



Paulette Myrick - February 03, 2025 at 01:48 PM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



Gloria Harrison Brown and Tammy Harrison - February 01, 2025 at 11:03 PM

PM

“ *Paulette Myrick lit a candle in memory of James Strickland*



Paulette Myrick - January 29, 2025 at 11:54 PM

BA

“ *May the Creator of All wrap His healing arms around the Strickland Family and keep them in His care.*

I remember 'Big Strick' when he played on the Keenan Varsity basketball team with my older brother Michael Stevenson, (R.I.P.)

Hey, Strick! When you get to the City of Celestial Lights, say hello to Mike for me.



Baba Seitu Amenwahsu - January 28, 2025 at 11:00 PM

AD

“ *Andria Dreher lit a candle in memory of James Strickland*



Andria Dreher - January 28, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Our condolences to the family and may God give you all strength through this difficult time and in the coming days. Deloris Ellison and Andria Dreher*

Andria Dreher - January 28, 2025 at 03:37 PM

DP

A SC historical Marker "Harrisburg Street School" honors his mother where she taught school . Abbeville SC is the birthplace of James and his Mother Mrs. Lee-Strickland. A light of education shines on both.

Dr. Lemuel Patterson - March 19 at 09:36 AM