



## Sheila Ann James

January 3, 1960 - February 7, 2019

On Thursday, February 7, 2019, Sheila Ann James entered into her eternal rest at Doctor's Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. Born in Sumter County on January 3, 1960, she was the One and Only daughter of Emily Dixon James and the late Carl James, Sr.

Sheila was a proud member of the Sumter High School Class of 1978. Upon graduation, Sheila enrolled at Winthrop College, now Winthrop University. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in May 1982.

Sheila started her career in the Federal Government as a Clerk Typist with the Farmers Home Administration in Columbia, South Carolina. She held various positions in the Department of Defense at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina before she found her passion. She loved engaging with clients, conducting assessments and developing interventions to assist in employee discrimination complaints. In an effort to further enhance her skills, she obtained a graduate degree in Conflict Resolution at Columbia College in Columbia, South Carolina. She matriculated in May of 2001.

In August 2004, Sheila pursued her dream job as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist in the Nation's Capital at the Department of the Army. In 2008, Sheila transferred to Augusta, Georgia. She continued as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist at Fort Gordon until her untimely passing.

Sheila was passionate about being a role model for young girls. For much of her career, Sheila was a Big Sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia. Sheila was the ultimate Daddy' Girl because he set the standard for how young ladies should be treated. She even got her love of football from her Dad. They were both life-long Dallas Cowboys fans.

She was a dog lover and was the best parent to her Shih Tzu fur babies Dae and Bella whom she had separately for several years. Dae and Bella were the most pampered and loved dogs.

Sheila lived her best life enjoying music concerts, attending professional football games and wine tastings. Sheila's quick wit, strong will, bright smile and engaging personality will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl James Sr., her brother, Carl James Jr. and two aunts, Lula B. Roberts and Mary A. James.

Sheila leaves to cherish her memories, her loving mother, Emily Dixon James of Sumter, SC; her brother, Arnold (Aida)James of Frederick, MD; nieces, Ani Boghossian-James and Ave Boghossian-James of Frederick, MD; five aunts, Edith (Malachi) Wells of Waterford, CT; Shirley A. James of Sumter, SC; Ella "Tish" Wells of Rock Hill, SC; Sarah Chiles of Columbia, SC; and Ella (John) Gooden of Monks Corner, SC; one uncle, Charles James of East Orange, NJ; very special family members Keith and Tonya Ivey and their children; one goddaughter, Ashley Cherry

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd  
Sumter, SC

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381  
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church  
217 West Bartlette St.  
Sumter, SC 29150

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sheila Ann James*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I posted a pic today of Sheila and I as little girls at Ft. Eustis. She was my best friend! I'd often thought about her and we even connected one time as adults. Something led me to do a Google search today. My heart is heavy! Condolences to her family*

**Nancy Valentine** - October 09, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *I just want to say that I am very sorry for the family's loss.*

**Edward Boghossian** - February 21, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ *I am beyond sad to hear this news...as a worker and friend from the EEO office. I'll miss the long talks we had Andy all the jokester about her dear dog Bella. Prayers go up for her family in the S.C area. Ms.James was a champion for the At,y and loved taking care of Soldiers. She dedicated countless years fighting for the fair treatment of Soldiers and civilians on Fort GORDON. She will be missed! Her memory will always love on via the many love and she touched. I will miss my friend and pray for her to rest easy.*

*CPT Paris*

**Anthony Paris Jr** - February 19, 2019 at 09:21 PM

MS

“ Although I only knew Ms. James from a professional stance I can say that in our interactions that she was a very sweet and pleasant woman to be in the company of. My condolences go out to you her family in this hour. I pray that you will sufficient strength and even the more rest in LORD as He is ever so faithful to take care of His own.

Sincerely,

Melinda Stewart  
DDEAMC Army Hospital  
Fort Gordon, GA

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**Melinda Stewart** - February 13, 2019 at 12:41 PM

DT

To say I'm in shock, is simply putting it mildly, When I read the announcement of her passing on Ike Net our work media at DDEMAC I was absolutely floored!!! Ms . James provided very professional , courteous, and genuine customer service each time I needed her services the entire years I have been at DDEMAC rather I phoned her or came to in person her demeanor was the same as stated above . I would like to extend my her condolences to her precious Mother and the entire James family for the passing of Ms. James and I just learned this morning that you also lost your husband just two days before Sheila's passing . I will continue to keep you in my daily prayers, that the Lord will cover you and your entire family will his precious divine favor daily is my prayer. Be blessed. Mrs. Donna. Taylor

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**Donna Taylor** - February 15, 2019 at 12:11 AM

JH

“ Sheila was a special friend, a loving daughter and a proud sister. I will always have warm memories of her bright smile, sly humor, and sweet giggles.

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**Josephine Nelson Harriott** - February 12, 2019 at 03:51 PM

RB

“ *Renee Brent purchased the Strength & Solace S  
pray for the family of Sheila Ann James.*



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**Renee Brent** - February 12, 2019 at 03:32 PM