



Joan Louise James

September 4, 1933 - January 24, 2018

Joan Louise James was born on September 4, 1933 to the late Deacon Cornelius and Minnie Jackson. She met her high school sweetheart and husband, William James, and after that, the love of a lifetime blossomed into marriage on October 13, 1956, and from this union, two children were born. They took their marriage vows seriously and their love and devotion to one another was noticed by all and will be long remembered by the family.

Joan received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized at the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, Riverhead, New York, under the pastorate of Rev. John Joseph.

Joan and William were long-time residents of Riverhead, New York, until they decided to relocate to Smyrna, Delaware, on November 10, 2012, and became members of Calvary Baptist Church, on March 15, 2015, under the pastorate of Apostle Richard M. Avant.

She always loved to talk about the Lord and instilled in her children the importance of needing the Lord in their lives. If you asked her what her favorite song or hymn was, she couldn't just give you one; she had a list of them. She loved gospel music. Her favorites were "Walk Around Heaven All Day" and "Stand". Her favorite scripture was the 23rd Psalm, because she knew He was the one to call on, and we heard her many times doing so during her illness.

Joan was a high-end, upscale interior decorator. She loved sewing, and she had the gift of bringing anything in the home back to life and making a masterpiece out of it. She loved to shop at yard sales and could always find the perfect piece for her home, and would work miracles on it with a flare that no one else but Joan could do. She had so many “home gifts”, but her passions were fishing and sports. We’ll all remember so well when Joan and her brother, Deacon Lawyer Jackson, would get up before the chickens to go fishing. Oh how she loved watching sports on TV and going to games. She also loved to have the young people return to her home to eat. She also had a great sense of humor, and some of those expressions she would say we’ll never forget. She’ll be fondly remembered for her love for her husband and children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews. As a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, in-law, aunt, cousin and friend, we can truly say that she was also the epitome of the woman in Proverbs 31.

While Joan lay sleeping, a still, small voice came quietly by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and ushered her peacefully into his presence on Wednesday morning, January 24, 2018. She leaves to mourn: her loving husband of 61 years, William James; son, Anthony James (Jerry) (NY); daughter, Iris Wright (Eddie) (MD); grandson, Justin Wright (NY); granddaughter, Sharice Wallace (Edwin) (NY); great-granddaughter, Shaylin Wallace (NY); one brother, Charles Jackson (NC); sister, Lillian Burriss (Norris) (NY); sister, Charlotte Nelson (NY); sisters-in-law, Teal Jackson (NY), Betty Ruth (DE); Doris James (DE) and Rose James (NY); brothers-in-law, Norris Burriss (NY), Henry Ellis (NJ), Deacon Carl James (Rose) (NY) (and J.C. Teague (DE); goddaughter, Donna Burriss (NY), and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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“*My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).*

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - February 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - February 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Christ’s] voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - January 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - January 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May the God of all comfort strengthen the family during this time of deep sorrow. Those who pass on, God keep in his memory because they are precious in his eyes. Please except my sincerest condolence.*

JoyceA - January 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM