



James R Hairston

November 30, 1954 - October 7, 2021

OBITUARY

James "Butch" Hairston

You did so many things for us

Your heart was kind and true

And when we needed someone

We could always count on you.

On Thursday, October 7, 2021, surrounded by loved ones, James Hairston transitioned from his earthly life to be with his Heavenly Father. He was born on November 30, 1954 in New Brunswick, New Jersey, to the late Aaron Hairston and Marissa Hairston. Throughout his formative years, he was raised in a caring home with strong values.

James received his elementary and high school education in the New Brunswick public schools and he earned an Associate Degree at Middlesex County College. Although he had a quiet demeanor, he had many lasting friendships.

During high school, James met the love of his life, Rochelle James. Their love for each other remained constant for over 48 years. They were richly blessed with two devoted children, Jamaal and Tyesha. He was also a dedicated, proud and protective grandfather to his four grandchildren.

James began his employment at Vornado INC. He then worked at Johnson and Johnson as a laboratory technician. His employment culminated as

supervisor of security at the Middle School with the New Brunswick school system.

Being a sports enthusiast, James enjoyed all sports but his favorite was football. He had a vast knowledge of professional and college teams and was a dedicated fan of the San Francisco 49ers and Florida State University Seminoles.

He was predeceased by his parents, Aaron Hairston and Marissa Hairston and brother, Aaron Hairston.

His memory will be forever cherished by his soulmate, Rochelle James; a son, Jamaal (Tasha) James; a daughter, Tyesha (Gilberto) Pichardo; three grandsons, Jamaal James, Jr., Nazir James and Jalen Pichardo; a granddaughter, Nylan Pichardo; a sister, Janet Allen Holsey; in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins and numerous other family members and devoted friends.

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life Gathering

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Abundant Life Family Worship Church

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Tribute Wall



“ *James R Hairston*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to Jamaal and the family. Cherish the memories and continue to love each other. Brother James was very proud of his loving family.*



Tony James - October 19, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *To Rochelle sorry to you and family dealing with the loss of a kind wonderful man Butch. I've known him for years and can attest to his kindness. For over 10 years I had the middle school for basketball for members of my faith. He always looked out for us and we knew with Butch at the door we were safe. I expected the great turnout to his viewing which showed the love hundreds had for him. Talk to you soon 😭*

Dennis Cody - October 17, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Rochelle and Family,*

I was shocked when I read of Butch's passing... The two of you have been together forever! I am so sorry for your loss.

*Love your Cuz,
Brenda*

Brenda L. Crawley - October 15, 2021 at 04:06 PM

PB

“ I remember the day (that turned to night) we rode our bicycles to 2guys. The crossing at route 1 was a traffic light then. Coming back it was pitch black. Guess who was the only one with a headlight? Butch Greg brought up the rear. He had the red reflector. Six of us, it was a memory. The Lee ave. and Seaman st. steps. The take out shop, Will always remember fondly.

paul blocker - October 15, 2021 at 02:26 PM

KB

“ Wishing that I could be there today family. I will always remember Butch's smile and our wonderful conversations. He will never be forgotten. He was such an amazing man and loved his family so much. You are in my prayers and I love you.

Kym Hood Blount - October 15, 2021 at 10:24 AM

BA

“ Rochelle, Jamaal and Tyesha I was heart broken to hear of your loss. I'm praying prayers of comfort and peace for you and the family. Much love and respect.
Barbara Witherspoon

Barbara - October 15, 2021 at 08:00 AM

DD

“ Rochelle and family
Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.
Dorothy, Alex Dunlap-Moore and Family

Dorothy Dunlap-Moore - October 15, 2021 at 07:21 AM

HT

“ Rochelle, Jamaal and Tyesha, The Toledo Family sends our love and sincere condolences.
With regrets,
Hector and Verdine Toledo.

Hector Toledo - October 14, 2021 at 08:47 PM

JT

“ Jill Thomason lit a candle in memory of
James R Hairston



Jill Thomason - October 14, 2021 at 07:53 PM

DH

“ To Mom James, Jamaal and Tyesha...my heart hurts. I have had the honor to ALWAYS have been an extended member of this family since the 3rd grade. Please know I am praying for the family. He was always like a Dad to me and many of us who were friends of Tyesha. I will miss him dearly. Love you guys always - Danyelle Hinton & Family

Danyelle Hinton - October 14, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the
family of James R Hairston.



October 14, 2021 at 06:07 PM

GH

“ All I can say is wow and Butch you was a great man to work with at the middle school and all the other schools you did overtime at. I will always remember you would say I'm working overtime and I want to thank you for letting me be part of knowing you and giving me plenty of rides to work and rides coming home. Butch I really learned a lot from working with you and you will always be remembered by a lot of people in New Jersey and surrounding areas, so my brother you rest on because your duties and obligations are done here and until we meet again rest in peace. love Glenn Hendricks

Glenn Hendricks - October 14, 2021 at 05:55 PM

SK

“ Aww Rochelle we were so heart broke to hear of your loss, your and Butch were so good to me abs my family, I could always come to Butch for advise and of course we could always talk sports. He will ldearkt missed....Love you, Sharon Kelly and family 💙

Sharon Kelly - October 14, 2021 at 02:01 PM