



Ms. Barbra Tate James

July 10, 1954 - April 23, 2020

Ms. Barbie Tate James age 65, of Forrest City died Thursday, April 23, 2020 at her home in Forrest City.

Ms. James was born July 10, 1954 in Searcy, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Robert Howard James and Bess Tate James. Ms. James has lived in Forrest City the past 28 years and worked as a librarian in the Forrest City Public Schools and after retirement worked at East Arkansas Community College. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Forrest City and was member of AAIM and had been a member of the Forrest City Junior Auxiliary

Ms. James is survived by a sister Joanne Ballance and husband Charles of Florence, Mississippi.

Graveside services will be held at the Beebe City Cemetery in Beebe, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. The family request memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church in Forrest City, or to the Newport First United Methodist Church, P.O. box 489, Newport, AR 72112.

Cemetery Details

Beebe City Cemetery

Beebe, AR

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Beebe City Cemetery
Beebe, AR

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Barbie James was my friend. But then again, she was a friend to everyone. She worked tirelessly for the FCSD and FCHS. Students greatly appreciated her friendly smile and helpful assistance in the library and certainly the teachers greatly appreciated her help with computers for the classroom. She was the kind of person who never said no if you needed her help. She was truly a great person, and the FCHS certainly had a huge hole to fill when she left/retired. Unfortunately, EACC only got a glimpse of her greatness in the short time she worked there, but I know for sure, she also had a huge wonderful impact up there in the President's office. God bless you Barbie...we loved you and will miss you terribly. Rest in peace our friend in God's arms. Prayers for the family and other friends. She truly will be missed...

*David and Tammy Freligh
Ian and Anna Coombe*

David and Tammy Freligh - June 29, 2020 at 11:01 AM

PR

“ So saddened to hear that Barbie is no longer with us. I'll always remember her warm smile and sparkling eyes that accompanied it. Our class has lost a lovely person. May her family find peace in knowing she was a good and kind person.

Pam Cox Reagan - April 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM

DM

“ I have known Barbie for over 30 years and her parents before that. What a wonderful, dedicated person and Christian. We served together in District UMW offices and activities, Annual Conference activities and now was ready to serve with her again on the Conference UMW team. I am so sad and give the family my condolences.

Doni Martin

Doni Martin - April 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

ST

“ Ms. Barbra James family, Please accept our condolences. A kind sweet person with a forever lasting SMILE. Erica worked in the library her senior year with Ms. James, and it was a joy. You will be missed in Forrest City, Arkansas



Shirley W. Thorn - April 27, 2020 at 10:09 PM

ML

“ I was so sorry to hear about Barbie's passing. I knew Barbie through working in the library and at the AAIM Conferences. She was such a help and encouragement to me from the first time I met her. My prayers are with the family.

Mary Luker

Mary Luker - April 27, 2020 at 11:57 AM

CB

“ Deepest sympathy to your family in the loss of Barbie. I have great memories of her when we worked together in United Methodist Women. I was looking forward to working her again this year when she agreed to serve on the Arkansas Conference United Methodist Women's Committee on Nominations. We will miss her knowledge and experience in the role she would have served. God be with you in the days ahead.

Cathy Blackwood

Cathy Blackwood - April 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM

MM

“ I was so sorry to learn of Barbie's passing. I knew her through conference UMW activities and offices. She was special.

Mary Lou Martin

Mary Lou Martin - April 26, 2020 at 01:39 PM

WR

“ My condolences. She will be missed.

Wendy Rickman - April 25, 2020 at 11:31 PM

JD

“ I'm so sad to read this news. I worked for 21 years in the United Methodist Conference office and Barbie was a "fixture" at church events and functions for much of that time. She was always smiling and welcoming to everyone, and a joy to be around. "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

Jane Dennis - April 25, 2020 at 10:01 PM

John
Ellison

“ *i did not know her but i know she well be miss*

John Ellison - April 25, 2020 at 06:35 PM

AC

“ *Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Barbra Tate James*



Angela crippen - April 25, 2020 at 03:59 PM

DR

“ *To the family of Miss Barbie James,
I am so saddened to hear of the passing of
Barbie. We were both in the class of 1972 at
Newport High School. Barbie was also a
classmate of mine at UCA from 1973 - 1976.
I am so very sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences.
You have my deepest and heartfelt sympathy at this very difficult
time. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.
It was always nice to see her at reunions. She had an award
winning smile. She will be missed by all of those who were fortunate
enough to have known and loved her.
Sincerely,
Dianne Roller
NHS Class of 1972*



Dianne Roller - April 25, 2020 at 03:56 PM

LK

“ SHE WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL & SWEET WOMAN, SHE WAS MY JR HIGH TEACHER & SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED, I'M PRAYING HERE FOR HER FAMILY 🙏💕🙏💕

LaFonda Keener - April 25, 2020 at 03:31 PM

PB

“ Barbie always had such a beautiful smile. She was a great educator that we were lucky to have in Newport before she moved to Forrest City. She will be missed.

Pat Brown - April 25, 2020 at 02:26 PM

TM

“ Barbie was a devoted library advocate. She dedicated years to the profession, in active roles as well as behind the scenes.



I served on the Scholarship Committee with Barbie several times. We also served and worked together on many conferences with the Arkansas Library Association throughout the years.

Her list of accomplishments is extensive. Barbie served her profession with her education, knowledge, experience, commitment, and dedication.

My condolences to her family, her school and library colleagues, and friends in the library communities across the states.

Trish Miller - April 25, 2020 at 12:47 PM

SP

“ Joanne, I am so sorry to learn of Barbie's death. I wish I could be there to hug you but please know you are in my prayers.

Sandra Pankey - April 25, 2020 at 12:37 PM

CB

“ Joanne, I am so sorry to hear of Barbie's death. I remember the two of you growing up across the street from me from little girls into young ladies. Good neighbors create forever memories. My prayers are with you. Cassandra Herring Bonds

Cassandra Bonds - April 25, 2020 at 11:42 AM

DH

“ Barbie was our North Star. She was always there for her friends. I considered her one of my best friends. She never forgot a birthday or special occasion. She was a leader in the library world for many years and served as president of the Arkansas Library Association (ArLA) and the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media (AAIM). Our tragic loss is Heaven's gain.

Diane Hughes - April 25, 2020 at 11:16 AM