

A Celebration of Life and Home Going Mr. James Rufus Avery

James Rufus Avery, son of the late James Rufus Avery, Sr. and Brenda Campbell Avery was born in Gastonia, North Carolina on April 28, 1960. He departed this life on Sunday, April 5, 2026 at CaroMont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, North Carolina.

He became a big fan of the Philadelphia Eagles after his nephew started as a defense tackle, Jordan Davis #90 and he loved his family. He enjoyed and was good animals. James was a brother and uncle that we all loved and cherished.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Angela Avery.

He leaves to cherish his memories, brother, Gary Avery (Rev. Dorothy Davis Avery), nephews, Tony, George (Monica), Christopher, Travis, and Marcus, sister, Melony Avery, niece, Dominick; in addition James also leaves behinds other sisters, Kerrethal Avery of Columbus, GA, Brenda Philon and Linda Avery both of Cincinnati, OH; brothers, Ed Avery (Patsy) and Lemark Avery of Hamilton, OH; aunts, Barbara Avery Floyd and Charlene Campbell; uncles, Randy Avery (Yvonne), Sewell Avery (Regina), James Williams (Vera), Richard Earl Campbell (Patti), Kenneth Campbell and Terry Campbell; a host of other relatives and friends.



FOREVER IN
OUR
HEARTS



New High Springs Baptist Church

811 South Dalton Street
Gastonia, North Carolina
Pastor Jelester A. Sanders

Saturday, April 11, 2026
12:30 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding, Pastor Jelester A. Sanders
Eulogist, Rev. Dorothy Davis Avery

Processional

Visitation

The family will receive friends from 12:00 until 12:30 P.M.

Call to Worship Pastor Jelester A. Sanders

Selection Hymn Choir of Mt. Calvary of Gastonia

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Hymn Choir

Remarks Aunt Barbara Avery Floyd

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dorothy Davis Avery

Recessional

Interment
Private

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long,
And not with your head bowed down low.
Remember the love we once shared.
Miss me but . . . let me go.

For this journey we must all take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows with good deeds.
Miss me. . . but let me go.

NOTE OF THANKS

The family would like to express our feelings of gratitude to all that called, texted, emailed or just said a prayer for the family during our time of bereavement.



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