



Mrs. Norma Jean James

May 7, 1937 - February 13, 2024

Norma Jean Shoals James was the only child born to Clarence H. and Velma Lee Pollard Shoals in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 7, 1937. She graduated from Douglass High School in Oklahoma City in 1955 and became a Langston Lion. At Langston University, she became an Alpha Kappa Alpha Ivy at Alpha Zeta Chapter in 1957 and joined the sorority in 1959. Norma graduated from Langston University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science in Education and Business Commerce. Norma became a charter member of Sigma Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1990.

On December 13, 1963, she married the love of her life, Loyal James, from Hugo, Oklahoma. To this union, they were blessed with a baby girl, and they lived in Oklahoma City. The family moved to Forest Park, Oklahoma, in 1979. Norma began her career at Bruce and Rowan Law Firm then transitioned to a federal career at Tinker AFB in the early 1960's. She later joined the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration in 1962 in accounting. She retired as the Supervisor for the U.S. Coast Guard Aeronautical Center Accounting Division after 30 years of federal service. Norma was an avid reader and loved her flowers and her garden. She was known for her cooking, especially her homemade chocolate cake. Over several decades, Loyal and Norma maintained horses and cattle in Luther, Oklahoma, on the Pollard estate they affectionately called "The Country". Norma gave her life to Christ as a young child and was a devoted member of the Church of the Living God, Temple #29, for over 80 years.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Velma Shoals, and her husband, Loyal James.

Her memories will be cherished by her daughter, Dr. Valerie Thompson; son-in-law, Warren Thompson; granddaughter, Maya Thompson; and her aunt, Bettye Wedgeworth. She also leaves behind a host of sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Previous Events

Ivy Beyond the Wall

FEB **21**. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rolfe Memorial Chapel
2936 N.E. 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

OB

“ Ollivett Brothers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Jean James



Ollivett Brothers - February 23, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Norma Jean James.



February 21, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Norma Jean James.



February 20, 2024 at 05:46 PM

YT

“ Your friends at the OKC Thunder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Norma Jean James.

Your friends at the OKC Thunder - February 20, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JP

“ *Juanita Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Jean James*



Juanita Perry - February 20, 2024 at 05:02 PM

RT

“ *Reginia T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Norma Jean James.*



Reginia T. - February 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM

RT

“ *Reginia T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Norma Jean James.*

Reginia T. - February 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM

DA

“ *Detroit Urban League-NC Anderson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Norma Jean James.*



Detroit Urban League-NC Anderson - February 19, 2024 at 12:33 PM

LM

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family, Valerie. May you find comfort and peace with the Lord. Norma was a great person and loving mother and grandmother.

Linda Mason - February 19, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Norma Jean James.



February 18, 2024 at 05:53 PM

DL

“ Deirdra L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Norma Jean James.

Deirdra L. - February 18, 2024 at 05:53 PM

LO

“ So sorry for your loss.

lillie osborn - February 14, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DL

Our deepest sympathies and comfort during this time.

Dee and Marshall Liggins - February 17, 2024 at 09:31 PM