



## James Lee Barner

May 18, 1944 - April 24, 2026

James Barner, born May 18, 1944, in Hanover County, Virginia, departed this life April 24, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and cherished memories. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alease Garnett and John Barner; son, Wayne Washington; daughter, Cynthia Ragland; and grandson, Dwayne Smith.

James was raised in the fellowship of New Chestnut Baptist Church and later became a devoted member of Mangohick Baptist Church. He received his education at John B. Gandy High School.

In June of 1968, James married his love, Elsie Spurlock. Later that same year, in October, he was drafted into the United States Army and faithfully served his country. After his honorable discharge, James began his career at Miller's Manufacturing, then continued at Phillip Morris, where he dedicated many years of service until his retirement.

James leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Elsie; one daughter, Hope (Don); one son, James Washington; one sister, Mary Parker; and seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He is also remembered by three bonus grandchildren, Deja (Chequel), Danyelle, and Don Jr.; three sisters-in-law, Ernestine Wills, Blanche Jackson, and Shirley King (Bernard); four brothers-in-law, Howard

Spurlock, Robert Spurlock (Gertrude), Elvin Spurlock, and Percell Spurlock (Corliss); one devoted cousin, William Fox; two devoted nephews, Allen Spurlock and Erwin Spurlock; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

James was known for his charismatic personality, sharp sense of style, and the way he always carried himself with pride—never without looking his best and smelling just as good. He was a proud member of the Young Sportsman Hunt Club and found great joy in hunting and fishing, sharing deer meat and fresh fish with family and friends. He also found joy in attending gospel concerts, where his love for music and fellowship was evident. In his leisure time, James enjoyed cooking, listening to good music, and playing cards—simple joys that brought people together and created lasting memories.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, but his spirit will live on in the lives he touched.

# Cemetery Details

## Mangohick Baptist Church Cemetery

147 Mangohick Church Rd.  
Aylett, VA 23009

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Family Hour

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

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MAY 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mangohick Baptist Church Cemetery  
147 Mangohick Church Rd.  
Aylett, VA 23009

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Blanche and Nicole Jackson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Lee Barner.*



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**Blanche and Nicole Jackson** - May 07 at 09:18 PM

RF

“ *Ray, Regina and the Jackson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Lee Barner.*



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**Ray, Regina and the Jackson Family** - May 07 at 09:11 PM

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“ *Ray, Regina and the Jackson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lee Barner.*

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**Ray, Regina and the Jackson Family** - May 07 at 09:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Lee Barner.*



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May 07 at 10:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Lee Barner.

May 07 at 10:51 AM



“ Sherman Kristen Danielle Baker purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Lee Barner.



Sherman Kristen Danielle Baker - May 06 at 02:47 PM



“ Tony & Millicent Stevens, Alex Perry purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of James Lee Barner.



Tony & Millicent Stevens, Alex Perry - May 06 at 08:02 AM



“ Tony & Millicent Stevens, Alex Perry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lee Barner.

Tony & Millicent Stevens, Alex Perry - May 06 at 08:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Lee Barner.

May 04 at 01:41 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Lee Barner.*



May 04 at 01:41 PM



“ *To the Barner family, we extended our deepest condolences for the passing of our beloved James. He was truly a special person, whom I knew - admired from my childhood. Truly, I enjoyed the times of laughter, visitation fellowship, - the joy expressed from his heart.*

*As his soul continues to rest in the Lord, May your hearts - lives be strengthened in Him. “And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” [Philippians 4:7].*

*Leon & June Winston*

**Min. David (Leon) Winston** - May 03 at 02:39 PM



*You have our deepest condolences to the family. Yahweh want put no more than we can bare. My prays to the family R.I.P. ❤️🙏*

**Coral Johnson** - May 05 at 01:54 AM



“ *Deborah Green lit a candle in memory of James Lee Barner*



**Deborah Green** - April 30 at 07:39 PM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers extend to all of you who are faced with the displeasure of losing a loved one to our worst enemy called Death, in these critical situations it's normal to feel helpless not knowing where to turn. However, our heavenly creator has assured us in HEB: 6/11 that it is impossible for him to ever forget us, He also stated in John:5/28/29 that all those who have fallen asleep will here is voice , So GOD is given us all his promise of hope of us being together once again. Meanwhile we can give our thanks to the funeral directors: for their perfectional assistance and their heartfelt concern toward the unfortunate friends and families; THANKS.

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Joseph Jones - April 30 at 02:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Lee Barner.



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April 29 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Lee Barner.

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April 29 at 08:42 PM





“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 28 at 04:57 PM

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*My condolences to you and the family*

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**Florence Moore Burton** - April 29 at 09:49 AM