



Valde Rochelle James

February 14, 1958 - November 28, 2022

Rochelle, as she liked to be called, went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, November 28, 2022. She was born on February 14, 1958, to Harold E. James Sr. and the late Reverend Hernine O. James in Newport News, Virginia (Fort Eustis). Rochelle is preceded in death by her mother, Hernine O. James, and sister, Shayla James Tate. She is survived by her father, Harold E. James Sr. - San Antonio, Texas; her sisters, Tash Gates (James) - The Colony, Texas; Meta James - Irmo, South Carolina; Juanita Roman (Richard)- San Antonio, Texas; and brother, Harold E. James Jr. (Karen) - Houston, Texas; 9 nephews, 4 nieces, and over a dozen great nephews and nieces. Rochelle graduated from John Marshall High School in San Antonio, Texas, and received a BA in Education from Southwest Texas State University, now known as Texas State University, in 1980.

Rochelle was passionate about making a difference in the lives of others. She loved children, family, and travel and dedicated her life to the education of children and their parents as a schoolteacher. She helped raise one of her nephews when one of her sisters was going through hard times. She was an active member of the community and outreach programs. Rochelle was an active member of Bethel Fellowship in The Colony, Texas. She loved singing spiritual music and creating educational tools, such as Everybody Loves Letters and the Raynita series. Rochelle retired from teaching because of ongoing health issues; she found a way to continue working by tutoring reading development and Spanish online. Finally, she returned to working

part-time as a reading interventionist privately and at McWhorter Elementary.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Bethel Fellowship Church, 6700 Main Street, Suite 100, The Colony, Texas 75056. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who cannot travel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 1:00 PM.

Bethel Fellowship Church

Tribute Wall

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“ *Valde and I were good friends in high school and some on college. She and her family lived down the street from us in San Antonio. She was always very kind, loving and empathetic. I am greatly saddened by her passing. Grace, peace and wisdom to her family and friends.*

Rick Barnes - December 09, 2022 at 05:55 PM

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Valde was my friend when she lived in Dallas Tx. We went to the same Church, I had tried to contact her for several years after I learned she had moved by checking at the school were she taught, got in touch with her friend Lisa, but was never directed to her! She song at my wedding in 2005! We use to stay on the phone talking for hour. This truly saddens my heart. She was a beautiful person inside out! And truly loved the Lord and children.

Wanda B Thompkins - March 01, 2023 at 08:26 AM

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“ *I so enjoyed listening to Rochelle sing. I still remember how she had heard Goodness of God and wanted to sing it in church and asked if I would harmonize with her which I did. The last time I hugged her after the service was over and she had sung a song, I told her how much I enjoyed her singing and that she just ministers to me. She will be so missed but I rejoice as I think of her singing in heaven and can just see the light on her face.*

My deepest condolences to Tash, James and all the family. Praying for comfort, peace and warm memories.

:Linda Morton

Linda Morton - December 06, 2022 at 07:11 PM

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As a teacher, Rochelle's heart was not only for her students to learn the lessons, but she prayed for each one to know Jesus and for their families also. She continued to use her teaching gift for God's glory after she retired. She was loved and will be missed!

Charley Webb - December 07, 2022 at 11:41 AM