



Shirley Tester James

March 29, 1941 - September 6, 2025

Shirley Ann Tester James, 84, of 497 Castle Craig Drive, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 6, 2025 surrounded by family, after a long illness. Up until the end, Shirley maintained her kindness, grace, compassion, appreciation of nature, love of family and her animals, and expressed gratitude for her long life, full of wonderful memories. She never forgot a birthday and always sent cards to her loved ones.

Her greatest joys were being a Mother & Grandmother, cooking, reading, and gardening. She never met a stranger and would always greet you with a smile and a warm hug.

Shirley was a dedicated worker and was employed by Roses in Altavista, Va. for over 20 years. She was a member of Penuel Baptist Church where she enjoyed teaching children's Sunday school and working in the nursery.

Her surviving family includes her son, William Landon James and wife, Sherry James, her daughter, Cheryl Anne James, (Troy Chatting) and grandson, Ryder Scott Chatting, brothers, Cecil Tester (Betty), Donald Buddy Tester (Jean), Jim Tester, Bennie Tester, sisters, Sue Nelms (Tim), Dorothy Broyles (Bill), Frances Hodge, and countless nieces and nephews, all from the TN. area.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Olen Tester and mother, Lena Rogers Tester, the father of her children and best friend, Jesse William James, a sister, Georgia Hyatt (Ray), brother, Bruce Tester, and grandson, Lyric Troy Chatting.

A private, family remembrance will be held in TN, at a future date.

Condolences and gifts of love may be received or sent to the family home, 497 Castle Craig Dr. Evington, Va. 24550.

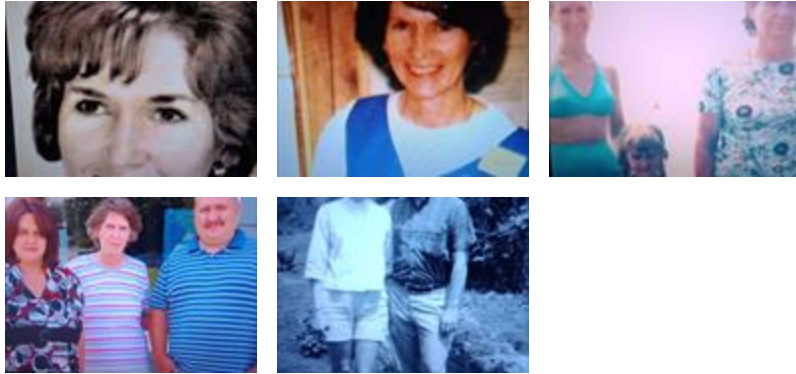
"There are some who bring a light so great to the world, that even after they have gone, that light remains."

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

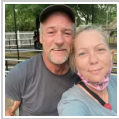
Tribute Wall

CJ

“ 15 files added to the album Shirley James



Cheryl James - September 08, 2025 at 09:58 AM



So sorry for Y'all's loss hun 😞 Sending you and the family my prayers & condolences 🙏🥹

Lorrie Moore - September 09, 2025 at 12:06 PM

GC

“ Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James



Glenna W. Carr - September 07, 2025 at 09:57 PM

SK

“ Prayers to the family in the loss of Shirley. She always had such a sweet personality, always a smile, and could see the good in everyone.



Susan Krantz - September 07, 2025 at 09:43 PM

CJ

“ Your beauty from within radiated for the world to see. Forever with us and eternally loved. I love you so very much, Mama.

Cheryl James - September 07, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LF

Sorry to hear about passing of your mom Cheryl. You have my deepest sympathy and condolences
Mr. Faulkner

Lawrence Faulkner - September 09, 2025 at 12:20 PM

WJ

“ I love and miss you more than words can even hope to express you loved unconditionally and the best mom I could have ever had.



william james - September 07, 2025 at 06:28 PM

CJ

Yes, she was the very best and we were blessed beyond words. I love you so much. She will always be with us both.

Cheryl James - September 07, 2025 at 08:30 PM

EC

“ *Ellyn Cox lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James*



Ellyn Cox - September 07, 2025 at 06:00 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Betterton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James*



Carolyn Betterton - September 07, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Betterton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James*



Carolyn Betterton - September 07, 2025 at 04:55 PM

AR

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family.
Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers*



Anthony Robertson - September 07, 2025 at 04:28 PM

PT

“ *Patsy Trent lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James*



Patsy Trent - September 07, 2025 at 03:58 PM

SN

“ *Sue Nelms lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James*



Sue Nelms - September 07, 2025 at 03:21 PM

SP

“ *Stephanie Perrow lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James*



Stephanie Perrow - September 07, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SH

“ *Scott Hall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James*



Scott Hall - September 07, 2025 at 01:38 PM

CJ

“ Cheryl James lit a candle in memory of Shirley Tester James



Cheryl James - September 07, 2025 at 01:29 PM

BB

“ Shirley was a long time friend and one of the most loving and kindest person I have ever known . Prayers for her family and loved ones . May she RIP .

Bud Brown - September 07, 2025 at 01:18 PM

CJ

I love you, Mr. Brown.

Cheryl James - September 10, 2025 at 09:03 AM