



## Mr. James Aaron Black

December 5, 1937 - December 6, 2018

James Aaron Black, 81, husband of Carolyn Smith Black, of Salem, passed away Thursday, December 6, 2018, at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Toccoa, GA, Mr. Black was the son of the late Grady and Louise King Black. He was a veteran of the Georgia Air National Guard and had retired from the Georgia State Board of Workers Compensation as a court reporter. Mr. Black was an association representative from Utica Baptist Church for the Beaverdam Baptist Association and attended the South Carolina Southern Baptist Convention meetings as a messenger for Utica Baptist Church. He was a friend of the Baptist Courier and longtime IPTAY supporter, having donated for over fifty-eight years. He was an avid traveler and a member of the Toccoa Lion's Club. Mr. Black was a member of Utica Baptist Church, where he was a teller.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Black is survived by his son: Daryl Black (Kate) of Gettysburg, PA; daughters: Kim Benefield (Steve) of Suwanee, GA and Melanie Hollifield (Jake) of Lilburn, GA; brother: Don Black (Gail) of Albany, GA; grandchildren: Dustin Sepulveda, Madison Benefield, Frances Benefield, Finley Allison, Coleman Benefield, Katherine Hollifield and Beatrix Black.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Black was preceded in death by a brother: Dan Black.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at Utica Baptist Church in Seneca, SC, entombment will be private.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Monday, December 10, 2018, at Davenport Funeral Home in West Union, SC.

Memorials may be made to Hope Lodge of Emory University, 1552 Shoup Ct, Decatur, GA 30033 or to Toccoa Lions Club, PO Box 523, Toccoa, GA 30577.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC **11.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Utica Baptist Church  
4056 Wells Hwy  
Seneca , SC 29678

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Aaron Black*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. James Aaron Black.*



December 10, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *The Wound Care Staff purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. James Aaron Black.*



**The Wound Care Staff** - December 10, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. James Aaron Black.*



December 10, 2018 at 09:16 AM

CS

“ Christopher and Suzette Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Aaron Black.



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**Christopher and Suzette Smith** - December 10, 2018 at 03:16 AM

SA

“ Carolyn, we were so sorry to see in the newspaper the passing of James. I know we haven't kept up with you all, but to us James was the most loving, caring Christian that we had met in many years. You both were and are tops in our lives. Jesus has gained a best friend in heaven. Love, Sara and Fred Astin

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**Sara and Fred Astin** - December 09, 2018 at 09:18 PM

RS

“ Mr. Black was such a kind soul. I met him when I worked for Toccoa Falls College and ran Gate Cottage Restaurant. He regularly attended the Lion's Club meetings held there. I am so sorry to learn that he has passed on and we will miss him. I have no doubt that he is celebrating his journey here and has eternal peace that human beings just can't comprehend. Praying for the family. God Bless you all!



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**Roy Sosby** - December 09, 2018 at 04:33 AM

EB

We made trips to the Clemson ball games and Iptay meeting. We lived across the street for several years--they were great neighbors. thanks for the privilege of knowing your family. Clare and Edward..

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**Edward Britt** - December 11, 2018 at 10:57 AM

DH

“ James adopted my wife's Mother as his Aunt Ethel. We moved to this area in 2007 and James told Gerri's Mom that he had an Aunt named Ethel and he asked if he could call her Aunt Ethel. She agreed and he and Carolyn always treated Mom special in honor of James' Aunt Ethel. James and Carolyn took Ethel, Gerri and I to one of their special places to eat after we moved here in 2009 and that was The Blue Willow Restaurant in Social Circle, GA. He talked about us going again but we never made it together. Aunt Ethel passed in March 2015. We are thankful for James and Carolyn wanting to include us in their family. Don & Gerri Harper and Aunt Ethel Davis.

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**Donald D Harper** - December 08, 2018 at 04:35 PM

WB

“ Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Aaron Black



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**Wayne Barton** - December 08, 2018 at 12:52 PM

BG

“ 1 file added to the album James Black the Lion



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**Bryan Gordon** - December 08, 2018 at 12:04 PM

BG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Bryan Gordon** - December 08, 2018 at 12:01 PM

YM

“ Your JCBC Mother's Fellowship Moms purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. James Aaron Black.



**Your JCBC Mother's Fellowship Moms** - December 08, 2018 at 11:29 AM

CC

“ We are saddened to hear of James' passing. He was so funny and had a wonderful outlook on life! He has been a member of our family for as long as I can remember (Carolyn is my 1st cousin), and he will be missed. We loved his sense of caring and his ability to see the world as an optimistic person. We love all of you and pray for peace and understanding.



**Cary & Royce Caines**

**Cary S. Caines** - December 08, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Aaron Black.*



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December 08, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *James And Teresa Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Aaron Black*



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**James and Teresa Barker** - December 07, 2018 at 08:05 PM