



## James Rodgers, Jr.

July 13, 1950 - November 10, 2022

James Rodgers, Jr. departed his earthly home on Thursday, November 10, 2022. James was the first born of James Rodgers, Sr and Ethel Mae Rodgers in Chesapeake, Virginia on July 13, 1950.

James or 'JR' as known by his closest family and friends, was a graduate of the 1968 class of Crestwood High School in Chesapeake, VA. While attending Norfolk State College, now Norfolk State University, he was drafted into the US Army as a Medical Corpsman. After an honorable discharge, he enlisted in the US Army National Guard, where he retired after 30 years. While serving in the US Army National Guard, James also worked and retired from the Newport News Shipyard as a Master Shipman with 42 years of service.

'JR' was an avid sports enthusiast. He played baseball with Mount Carmel, Lion Tamers, Ptown Greyhounds, and several recreation leagues. 'JR' was also a founding member of the Progressive Athletic Association (PAA) which was known for giving the best dance parties in town! If you knew JR, you know he loved the Pittsburg Steelers, the New York Yankees, and the Norfolk State University Spartans. If you ever came to visit him at home, his "Man Cave" is filled with all things sports related, especially of the Steelers, Yankees, and the Spartans!

'JR' is preceded in death by his parents, James and Ethel May Rodgers, his

brother Lester “Bobie” Rodgers, and a sister Evonne “Peady” R. Mann.

‘JR’ leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 49 years, Margaret Deaton Rodgers, his daughter, Antoinette L. Porter (Melvin) of Suffolk, VA, and a son, James G. Rodgers III of Hampton, VA; his brothers, Darnell Rodgers (Angeline) of Chesapeake, VA, Frederick Rodgers of Portsmouth, VA, Vincent Rodgers (Snow) of Suffolk, VA, and his sisters Shelia Moyer (Clarence) of Portsmouth, VA, Dorothy Anderson (Darius) of Chesapeake, VA, Juanita Stevenson (Richard) of Portsmouth, VA, Annette Silver of Portsmouth, VA, and Yelonda Rodgers-Wilson of Hampton, VA, and 27 nieces and nephews, and over 30 great nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends who all loved him dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 28. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
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## Service

NOV 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church South Hill  
3633 Galberry Road  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Rodgers, Jr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 06, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ JR was a legend in softball play. We played together for Mt Carmel and FortySomething Softball Teams, great times!! He will be truly missed especially hearing “Cuzzin “ A great father and friend! Rest in heaven my brother 🙏🙏

Tony E Colden - November 29, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ janice marshall lit a candle in memory of James Rodgers, Jr.



janice moderia marshall - November 29, 2022 at 12:21 AM

JM

“ I was deeply saddened when my Friend, my sister called me and told me our Brother had passed, my thoughts and Prayers will be with his family. I will always remember you and Love you as a Brother. May you Rest In Peace.  
Your Sister  
Janice-Fort Stewart, Georgia

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**janice moderia marshall** - November 29, 2022 at 12:20 AM

MG

“ Extending our condolences to the Rodgers family. Margaret and children, we pray that God will continue to keep you in his care during this trying time. James Jr. as we called him had a beautiful kind spirit. If you grew up in and around Bowers Hill Chesapeake, you knew the Rodgers family. We all were one big happy living in the neighborhood. As the older brother, we saw the love he had for his sisters and brothers. He not only loved his family, he loved people and he loved life. Family, James Jr. will always live in your heart. Cherish those precious moments. Praying for your strength.

Former Bowers Hill Family,  
Marilyn "Mut" Grant & Helen. Brown

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**Marilyn Grant** - November 28, 2022 at 11:21 PM

JW

“ *My deepest Sympathy to the Rodgers family .Such a Shock to me when I saw JR obituary. When I was about 14, Deep Creek Baseball Team would play Twin Pines at Southwestern where we played against JR and Buck over 50 plus years ago. Then over the years we ended up on the same team with Mt. Carmel Softball Team, Full of Love and great Talent. JR at second and I played shortstop ; we turned a lot of double plays together side by side . We had so much fun and laughter ;JR could make some noise and I loved to hear him call me Jazzy ;Rest in Peace JR , gone but not Forgotten.* ”



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**Jasper Walton** - November 28, 2022 at 09:39 PM

JW

“ *Jasper Walton lit a candle in memory of James Rodgers, Jr.* ”



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**Jasper Walton** - November 28, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Rodgers, Jr..* ”



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November 28, 2022 at 01:49 PM

RW

“ We're so sorry to hear about JR. Our condolences goes out to the family. He'll be truly missed but not forgotten. Praying for the family



Raymond & Wanda Williams

Raymond & Wanda - November 28, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Rodgers, Jr..



November 28, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 28, 2022 at 10:46 AM

WM

“ Margaret and family, we are so deeply sorry for the loss of James. He was such a talented and amazing guy with a heart of gold! The light he brought into the world will always remain in the hearts of everyone he knew and loved most. He will never be forgotten and his legacy will live on.

Steve and Wendy Moody

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Wendy Moody - November 27, 2022 at 07:02 PM

CS

“ To the Rodger family, my heart goes out to you in your time of lost. James and I was great friends we played baseball against one another when we were young lad doing the summer. Keep your family in prayer. Rest In Peace

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Curtis Smith - November 26, 2022 at 06:47 PM

WD

“ To the family, so sorry for your loss. Roger and I worked together at Newport News and we served in the National Guard together. He called me Cuz. Great person and friend. Rest in heaven my Brother you earned your wings.

Willie Duke Ducre

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Willie Ducre - November 25, 2022 at 04:40 PM

LF

“ Love and prayers, Mike Joyner & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Rodgers, Jr..



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**Love and prayers, Mike Joyner & family** - November 24, 2022  
at 08:33 AM

WD

“ To the Roger's family, you have my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Roger called me Cuz. We met in the VA National Guard and we spent 20 years together. Great Soldier, Family Man, Person and a very Special Friend. He was real, not phony. Rest in heaven my Brother, you earned your wings.

*Willie Duke Ducre*

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**Willie Ducre** - November 23, 2022 at 04:04 PM

MW

“ Word cannot express how sorry I was to hear about the passing of James "J.R." Rodgers, Jr.! My heart goes out to the whole Rodgers Family as you embark upon this challenging period of transition.

*I will always remember the times of reflection about our old softball days with Mt. Carmel as "Biggy-Rat" was a solid contributor and clutch hitter; especially, with men on-base. (LOL) AND, how sweet it was to be retired. (I am going to get there one day...) I know that 'J.R.,' will be missed, but trust in the Lord for HE will comfort and keep you today and in days to come, just as he has done in days past. He can continue to provide your every need according to his riches in glory.*

*Cherish the pleasant memories. Be there for each other. Let the tears flow as well as the laughter as you reflect on the love you all shared for a lifetime.*

*With much sympathy,*

*Brother Michael Williams and Family  
(Basileus of the Zeta Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.  
AND...40 year friend)*

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**Michael Williams** - November 21, 2022 at 01:31 AM

BS

“ May the Rogers family find the peace of God during these time of bereavement. I will always remember the great times we shared in the Army Reserve National Guard. He always encouraging. Sargent First Class Rogers rest in peace.

*With sympathy, Bobby Williams*

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**Bobby Williams Sr.** - November 20, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ I would like to send my sincere condolence to the Rogers family. I knew Rogers from being a soldier with him in the Virginia National Guard, Rogers was a great platoon sergeant and leader. All the soldiers loved him and respect him because of his leadership. Not only was he a good soldier but he was a good individual as well, always had a smile on his face and willing to help in any way he could . I know that he will be missed by his family and by his friends from the National Guard. Just want the family to know that death is not the end but through Jesus Christ we will see Rogers again. To the family continue to trust in God and hold on to God's unchanging hand.

*Staff Sergeant Maryland L. Pope*

Maryland L. Pope - November 18, 2022 at 12:11 AM



*My condolences to SFC ROGERS family. He was a great friend and leader. He was a soldiers soldier and we had great time in the military. He was a positive influence in my life with the positive attitude he always presented throughout our career in the unit. This world has no sorry Heaven cannot heal and we share in your hurt but always remember he is with the king of kings and no more troubles or pain in this world. Goodbye my brother see you in the morning of glory God bless you all.*

**Pastor Keith Rose** - November 20, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Rodgers, Jr..*



November 17, 2022 at 03:31 PM