



## James Ernest Sams III

October 22, 1990 - April 21, 2009

James Ernest Sams III age 18 of Kingston passed away Tuesday April 21, 2009. He was a member of CedarGroveBaptistChurch and attended Cowans Chapel. He was a senior at RoaneCountyHigh School, where he was on the football, basketball and track teams. Preceded in death by mother Lisa Sams, grand parents Dave and Alberta Sims. He loved the Lord, life and his family and was loved by everyone who came in contact with him.

Survivors include:

Father James Ernest Sams, Jr;

Sister Jasmine Mae Sams;

Brother Darian Jammaul Sams;

Grandparents James Ernest Bagwell, and Minnie Sams;

Aunts Lynn Shipley; and Sandra Sams;

Uncles Mark Sims and wife Denise;

Clark Sims and wife Kelly;

Rodney Shipley;

Lamont Sams and wife Sarah; and Andre Sams;

and a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral 6pmFriday April 24, 2009 at CedarGroveBaptistChurch with Pastor Mike Miller and Pastor James Guthrie officiating. Burial in CedarGroveCemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 until 6pm Friday

at the CedarGroveBaptistChurch. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ He is so missed.he was a very fun sperated person inlife still Miss to this Day

Shannon Livingston - October 29, 2024 at 09:10 PM

SS

“ James its been a year n some months since paseed away but everyday that passes your still on our mines day in n out!!! Say hello to Aunt Lisa for us n we dearly love u!!

Sonia Sams - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. It is amazing how you have comforted everyone else while they are trying to comfort you. Although this has been a tragedy, your unwavering faith in God has been so inspiring for others around you. You know God loves you and I pray you continue to see the out pouring of love from His people.

God Bless You,  
Jill Turnbull

Jill Turnbull - April 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ We are so sorry for your loss, we love you and James very much. Our hearts are broken along with yours. You are on our minds every second and in our prayers constantly. We know God has a special football playin angel right now. We always enjoyed being around James, his laughter and attitude were very contagious. He will be missed. Love, Kenny, Maryann, Tyler, Lane and Savanna Evans

Maryann Evans - April 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I did not know Sam, really all that much. I had seen him around a few times, in the few months that I was in RCHS, but everytime you saw him, or heard of him, or when people had convers, they were always smiling and laughing about him. Its sad to see him leave this world so early, but he is up in Heaven now with the Lord. He had a bright future ahead of him, Was a hero to many, and a postive influnce to others. R.I.P. The family is in my thoughts and prayers, but remember, he may be gone to where we cannot see him, but he is always with us in our hearts, and sprits, and he will always be on the football field, cheering his teammates on.

Sorry for your loss.

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**Erin \*** - April 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My prayers are with your family during this tough loss. I coached Darien in little league football and there was never a time that I did not see James or his brother without a smile on their face. You will be sadly missed.

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**Tom McCallie** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My prayers go out to big James, Jasmine, and Darian. James was very special to me and my family and I will miss him coming in my kitchen yelling, Mom whatcha got to eat? My son will miss him greatly, he was a good friend. We are not sad for James though, he is playing football in heaven today. I thank God for the change He made in James' life over the last year and I am thankful I got to watch that transformation.

*And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you.* John 16:22

*We loved you like our own, Jody, Gena, Jake and Ali Moore*

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**Gena Moore** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our family had only known James for a short time but that was enough to make him like family and for him to have made such a positive impact on our family especially our children. James was a fine young man that always brought a smile to our faces and warmth to our hearts. We will miss him dearly, he will never be forgotten and always be with us spiritually in our hearts. Thank you James we will always love you and appreciate the memories you have left us with. Gob bless the Sams family and be proud of him as so many were.

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**Joe Baarlaer** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Although I did not know James personally I had seen him around. My son goes to RCHS and knew James and Darian and Jasmine. I do remember that anytime I saw James, he was vibrant and full of life. I can tell by the outpouring of emotion in the community among school mates, church members and the community at large that this young man had made a difference. It saddens me deeply that he is gone and with him is gone his chance to make differences on a greater level. However, with his passing comes a time for all of us to learn more and live more. James, you will always be a hero here in Kingston. To his family, be strong and lean on those that love you and they are numerous.  
LONG LIVE #8, IN OUR HEARTS!!

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**Beth Snider** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your tragic loss, the loss of a young man with a promising future ahead of him. I know that your family is in such grief at this time, I can only ask that you console one another through the many wonder memories that he has given you. Think of all the good times. He may not be with us physically on earth, but his spirit is with you all. You can rest assured that he is sitting at the side of our Savior and has joined his mother in a better place.  
We did not know your son, but we were involved in collecting monies in his honor. May God bless you all and give you the strength to get through the tough times ahead.  
Our deepest sorrow,  
Sandy and Dave Owens

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**Sandy and Dave Owens** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Such a tragic loss, the family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Keresa Smith** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ JAMES AND CHILDREN,I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.I AM A MEMBER OF PARADISE CHURCH IN ROCKWOOD AND I GOT TO KNOW YOU WHEN YOU WERE MEMBERS THERE.I WATCHED JAMES PLAY FOOTBALL AND YOU COULD TELL HE WAS DOING SOMETHING HE LOVED.I KNOW YOU WILL ALWAYS MISS HIM BUT REMEMBER HE IS SAFE IN THE ARMS OF OUR LORD.YOU WILL SEE HIM AGAIN.MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.  
IN HIS LOVE-VERA KOON

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**VERA KOON** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ As James's Senior English teacher, I can say that his presence, energy, and enthusiasm are certainly missed at RCHS. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as you cope with your loss.

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**Michael Vanlandingham** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ what can i say james ur a hero when you were on the field running with ball u opened the eyes of alot of little kids who wanted to be like u when i worked the foot ball games u were always ready to put on a show. #8 we all will miss you. my thoughts and prayers go out to the family

#8 WE LOVE YOU

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**brad guinn** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To the Sam's Family, I just want you to know that it was a pleasure to know James with that incredible and loving smile. I thank God that in the mist of being a teenager that he expressed the joy of loving the Lord. Mr. Sam's, Jasmine and Darian, trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path. Remember that weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

God Bless You All,

Alfrieda Forney

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**Alfrieda Forney** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I had the pleasure of having James in my junior English class last year. He ALWAYS added to the class and had something to say about everything. I'll always look back fondly on the time spend with him. James had a great personality and never met a stranger. RCHS will miss James.

Mrs. Smith

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**Debbie Smith** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ James and my daughter have been classmates off and on since first grade, and I have cheered him on at football games for the past four years. I feel that he has been a part of our lives too, and he will be greatly missed.

Cathy Jones

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**Cathy Jones** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Words seem to be inadequate at a time like this.  
May time, and the love of friends and family accomplish what no words can during this difficult time.  
We're with you in our thoughts and prayers today.

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**Kevin and Debi King** - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this hard time. James was a wonderful young man who had the world at his feet. God will give you peace to continue on through the rest of your journey.

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**Jayme and Devin West** - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To the Sams family our thoughts and prayers are with you

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**sherrion stokes** - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our prayer are with you all during this very sad time. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. I'm going to miss you my friend, but I will see you again in Heaven.  
Sgt. Bo Smith & Family

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**Bo Smith** - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We remember James from when he was very young and his family went to church with us. James, Jasmine & Snookie, we are praying for peace for you all. He may not be on the field but he will continually be 'waving from the 'endzone' as he told me when we played against Kingston. Please know what a true role model he was to the younger generation. It goes to show there are still 'good' teenagers in this world and he was one of the best.

Our prayers and sympathy for you and the rest of your family. He will be truly missed.

God Bless You,

Joey, Kim, Jonathan & Jacob Andrews

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**Kim Andrews** - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM