



Ida Mae James

November 8, 1949 - April 18, 2026

Ida Mae James, lovingly known for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering devotion to those she loved, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 18, 2026. She was born on November 8, 1949, at Women's Medical College of Philadelphia to the late Walter O. James and Flossie M. James.

Ida was predeceased in death by her beloved brothers Eddie James, Walter James, and William "Bobby" James. She leaves behind her devoted brother Jessie James (Olivia), along with a host of loving cousins, nieces, and nephews who will forever cherish her memory.

From an early age, Ida's life was rooted in love, faith, and family. After moving from Philadelphia to New Jersey at the age of three, she grew up to become a proud graduate of Woodbury High School, class of June 1967. She continued her education at GCC before embarking on a successful career in accounting. Over the years, she worked for several companies like Curtis Publication and Foreway Industries. Through the support of her brother Bobby, Ida began a long and fulfilling career with Bell Telephone, now known as Verizon, where she dedicated many years before retiring.

At the age of 13, Ida made a life-changing decision to be baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, following in her brother Eddie's footsteps. Her faith became a cornerstone of her life. She found great joy in sharing Jehovah's

word, often going door to door with her mother, an experience that brought them even closer together. She was always eager to meet new people and share her message of hope. While at Laurel brook, she continued to attend meetings via Zoom and would share Jehovah's message whenever possible.

Ida was a woman of independence and adventure. She embraced life fully, even spending time in New York and traveling extensively. Among her most treasured memories was her trip to Europe. She also looked forward each year to her trips to Florida with family and friends, as well as visits to Jamaica. She cherished spending time with her nieces, nephews, and close friends. Some of their fondest memories with her were the trips to the ice capades, Jamaica, and Sixers' games.

Ida loved fashion and was a gifted seamstress. She found joy in sewing and took pride in teaching others her craft. She loved sports, a passion inspired by her brother Bobby. She especially enjoyed attending Sixers games and cheering on her favorite football team, the Dallas Cowboys.

She loved spending time with her brothers and could hold her own in lively debates with them.

Ida had a deep appreciation for quality and beauty. She enjoyed her Lenox dinnerware and crystal and had an impressive music collection featuring her favorite artists like The Commodores, The Whispers, Gladys Knight & The Pips, and Teddy Pendergrass. She was known for her impeccable taste - any gift from Ida was sure to be both thoughtful and cherished.

Ida never married, but her love for her family knew no bounds. She had a particularly special bond with her niece Brooke and her great-nephew Jeffrey, both of whom loved her dearly. She also shared a deep and meaningful friendship with Candy Bracy, who remained faithfully by her side. She held a

special place in her heart for her caregiver and dear friend, Rizza, who was a treasure to her and the family. She also loved and appreciated her other caregivers, Toya, and Fuchsia. She will be missed by her neighbor, Mary, whom family and friends adopted with love.

Ida Mae James will be remembered as a kind, giving, and spirited woman who touched the lives of everyone she met. Her legacy of love, faith, and strength will live on in all who knew her.

Her favorite color was blue - a fitting reflection of the calm, warmth, and depth she brought into the lives of others. She will be deeply missed and forever loved!

Services Private.

Arrangements by BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08096.

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