



Joan James

June 13, 1923 - June 8, 2014

Joan James, 90 of Oxford, entered into eternal rest peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at her residence. The beloved wife of the late Frank James. Joan was born in Manchester, England on June 13, 1923, the daughter of the late William and Nellie Williams Collins. Joan resided in the United States for the past 10 years, previously she resided in England. She was a retired civil servant having worked for the Merchant Navy in Great Britain. Joan enjoyed reading and gardening. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends and will remain forever in our hearts

Her loving family includes three devoted sons Brian M. James and his wife Siew Fern of Rotherham, England, Peter A. Eisner of The Lizard, England and Gary D. James and his wife Julianna of Oxford, eleven loving grandchildren and three cherished great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving brother Stanley Collins.

Services and Interment will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Comments



“ May she be in eternal peace, comfort and happiness! My condolences to the James family and friends.

Jennifer Parkhurst - June 15, 2014 at 07:12 PM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to comfort you in your loss. May your memories help to fill the emptiness left behind.

Bonnie Bobeck - June 11, 2014 at 07:39 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Joans passing. While we never met her we are blessed to have her son Gary and his beautiful family as friends. We will be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do ...just pick up the phone & call.
Much love ...The Arnoldsons

Arnoldson Family - June 11, 2014 at 06:39 PM



“ May God Bless Joan and the entire James family. Our world has been made better by knowing Joan must have been a Great Woman. I am very Lucky to know of her son Gary's efforts to help others. Thank you Joan for sharing your love, beauty and children with us. I hope you find peace. You are Loved.

Fredi Bertoli - June 11, 2014 at 06:32 AM



“ Even though I didn't know you I believe you must have been a beautiful person to raise such a wonderful son and I know you are finally at peace and will continue to watch over your beautiful family till you all meet again Rest In Peace

kellie Ryan -Mayerhofer - June 10, 2014 at 08:20 PM



“ Although I never met her I must say that she was incredibly special to raise a son like you. May you be comforted in this time but your thoughts of her and your plans to see her again. Curtis sends his love.

Deborah and Curtis Bradshaw - June 10, 2014 at 08:19 PM



“ Our deepest condolences G! May you and the family find comfort in the days ahead as you reflect on the beautiful memories you made w/ your mum. May God's peace and comfort be upon you all as you go through this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you and your ohana. Blessings!

Joyce N Vai - June 10, 2014 at 07:19 PM



“ To Gary and his whole family, I'm sorry for your loss. But just remember all the special years you had with your MUM. You know she will always be with you!! To know she is no longer suffering and is at peace. She will always watch over you!!

Nicole - June 10, 2014 at 06:59 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Gary. Remember the good times and be grateful that it didn't drag on for a long time and be content on knowing that she isn't suffering anymore. God Bless you and your family! Julie engle

Julie Jones-Engle - June 10, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing you BUT I do know of Gary and his wonderful work on A4CWSN. Thank you for raising a kind, caring, and compassionate son who always thinks of other needs before his own. Thank you for teaching him about loving others as himself and caring for his community. Blessings Gary and family as you continue your good works without your sweet mom. Blessings!

Stephanie

Stephanie - June 10, 2014 at 06:47 PM



“ Heaven gained a new angel when Mrs. James was called home. I don't know much about her, but I do know that she gave birth to an awesome and caring son, Gary, who I know through his wonderful work with A4CWSN. Typically the apple does not fall far from the tree, so it is easy for me to imagine that Mrs. James was a very special woman, indeed! My condolences to the entire James family. I hope that you all will find comfort in a life well lived, and in your precious memories of your time spent with her. Remember that she is not really gone. You carry her in your hearts and she is your new guardian angel in Heaven! God Bless!



Janet Kuhn - June 10, 2014 at 06:02 PM



“ Our hearts are with you and your family, Gary, during this sad time. Remember that she's with friends and loved ones on the other side, watching over you and your family with a smile on her face.

Lynn Chen - June 10, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ R.I.P Beautiful lady I never knew nor met you but you raised a wonderful caring son Gary:/ May you rest in peace and soar high above watching over your family:/ Condolences to gary james and family xo

Michelle - June 10, 2014 at 05:33 PM



“ Donna J Hill lit a candle in memory of Joan James



Donna J Hill - June 10, 2014 at 05:21 PM



“ Gary our prayers are with you and your family at this time. The hardest thing to go through is losing a loved one especially if it is a parent. Lean on God during this time and He will give you strength. We love you and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Donna J Hill - June 10, 2014 at 05:25 PM



“ Terri Jackson lit a candle in memory of Joan James



Terri Jackson - June 10, 2014 at 04:49 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Know she is in a much better place with a God that loves us deeply.

Terri Jackson - June 10, 2014 at 04:50 PM



“ Melvin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan James



Melvin Johnson - June 10, 2014 at 04:42 PM



“ Joan I never had the pleasure of meeting you but I did have the pleasure of watching your son start a non-profit that has helped so many disadvantage children...you sure taught him well! Thank-you for being the mom you are and showing your son what it takes to care about others...

Melvin Johnson aka Melodie - June 10, 2014 at 04:42 PM



“ Gary send her balloons from the kids!! My boys send my brother their Uncle Chuck or Mom-Mom Rita them on their birthdays day of their death and holidays. This way you keep her memory alive within them. As you know you will see her again!! She is now your children's Guardian Angel as well as yours!!

veronica McDonnell - June 10, 2014 at 04:36 PM



“ Dear Nan,

I will always cherish our last chat only a few days ago, a week before your 91st Birthday. I want to remember your voice forever and I can't believe I won't hear it again! I told you I loved you and we talked about how much we loved spending time together, especially all those years ago in Mullion during my Summer holidays. As you said, we had all the time in the World and I loved every minute.

It was always hard saying goodbye to you, so instead we said I'll see you again. Say hi to your dear brother Stanley and Grandad for me,

I'll see you again

All my love

Mandy xx (Granddaughter)
and
Jenna and Isla xx (Great Granddaughters)

Amanda James - June 10, 2014 at 04:07 PM



“ Mrs. James gave the world an amazing gift...her son Gary.
My thoughts and prayers are with Gary and his family.

Peace, Love and Blessings,
Liz C

Liz Cioci - June 10, 2014 at 04:00 PM



“ Gary and family,
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother. I did not know her, but she had to of been a wonderful compassionate lady. She raised a wonderful son, who goes above and beyond to help children through a4cwsn.Please remember that although she is gone from this earth, she will always be with you. You will still make her smile when she sees little things you all do. GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.



Kathy Phillips - June 10, 2014 at 03:48 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with family, friends, and all who knew and loved Mrs. James. Gary's work with special needs children via A4CWSN is a true testament to the love, compassion, and care instilled in him by his Mom. It is never easy to say goodbye, but I hope she knows how much support her family has. A beautiful soul has made it's way to heaven, an angel to watch over Gary, his siblings, and their families. May you all find comfort within your hearts until you meet again.

Lisa, Tyler and Theresa Baker

Lisa Baker - June 10, 2014 at 03:47 PM



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Amanda James - June 10, 2014 at 03:39 PM



“ Gary

So sorry to here about your mum.

I will never forget your mum driving us around the country to all our athletics meetings while listening to Michael Jackson. Would never have been able to compete without her supporting us so much. She made it all happen. One of the most memorable was when we broke down outside Exeter in the infamous Morris Traveller. We had such an adventure.

Joan was a very special lady with a huge heart who never stopped helping others. Sounds like you have taken a leaf out of her book.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family buddy!

Mark Bannon

Mark Bannon - June 10, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ Blanche lit a candle in memory of Joan James



Blanche - June 10, 2014 at 03:11 PM



“ I never had the opportunity to meet Joan, but felt like I somehow knew her through her son Gary's postings for A4CWSN. I would like to personally thank her for her dedication, understanding, and compassion for children with special needs. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this difficult time.

Andra Shipley - June 10, 2014 at 02:44 PM



“ I wrote this the other day and wanted to attach photos of Jenson and my family, however... So I am going to send it out anyways as she is in all of our thoughts. These are only my own memories which are special to me but I still want to share them anyway.

Love to all

Martin

Dearest Nanny James

Firstly you are in my thoughts everyday at this time and I wanted you to know that the memories of my childhood and our time spent with you in Mullion will stay with me for the rest of my life. As I look back with warm thoughts of those wonderful fresh morning walks along the cliff tops of Pollurion Cove when we walked Prince and Chep through the feilds and too the beach below. When we got home you would make us that lovely porridge with lots of syrup to warm us back up as we sat near the open fire.

I recall the amazing ice cream we would get from the farm around the corner and playing in the gardens of White Horses, around the back part near the coal shed, the apple tree and where Grandad James' ashes were laid. I visited the house a few years ago and the new owner kindly let me in to see the development work done to the house which now looks fantastic with its converestion to a very modern property indeed. I am often brought back to those thoughts when I sense certain smells of wild vegetation, even to this day! I even insist that Sarah, my partner, buys 'bounce' as the smell takes me back to your home and the utility room where the tumble dryer would bellow. These are but a few thoughts as I look back with nostalgia. I even recall myself insisting you let me clean your car, a brown Austin Maestro and I would take the opportunity when you were not looking to sit in the drivers seat and pretend to drive it down the gravel driveway, along the bumpy road and into the village using nothing but my imagination.

I am now 36 and have my own small family, my partner Sarah and a beautiful son named Jenson, your great grandson, and your first great grandson who will pass on the family name from the footprints you leave us. We are doing well, I have managed to be successful in my career no doubt through lessons you have taught me along the way. I earn a good wage and provide well for my family as we reside in Bideford - North Devon. I have been in the retail industry from when I left school and I am now at a point in my life where I am looking for a change, I am currently considering a move to teaching as I believe I have strong transferable skills which will enable me to do so.

Whist there are many things you may have taught me, there are a couple that stick with me in a profound way. Chris and myself were becoming very strong runners with my particular presence being long distance, you told me that when my muscles ached I was getting stronger, you told me that when I feel nervous about something it's because I was good at it and had a good chance of winning and that it was myself

telling me that I cared enough to be nervous about it in the first place, I thank you for that and I have never forgotten it, I apply those principles even now in my daily life.

Whist I would have loved for you to stay in the uk I understand your preference to move to the states and I hope you rest well there. I have attached some photos for you most of which will be of Jenson Harry James, who carries the next generation of our family into the future.

As said earlier you are in my thoughts and I thank you again for your guidance when I was a young lad. Rest well Nanny James.

Lots of love

Martin, Sarah and little Jenson James.

Xxxxxxxxxxx

Martin James - Grandson - June 10, 2014 at 02:43 PM



“ Jonathan lit a candle in memory of Joan James



Jonathan - June 10, 2014 at 02:41 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

Tina Taylor - June 10, 2014 at 02:24 PM



“ I've only known of the James family for a short time but I do know it took a wonderful woman to raise and teach Gary to be the wonderful person he is today. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of such an amazing woman and mother. Many prayers and condolences to all in the James family.

beulah w - June 10, 2014 at 02:16 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Just thinking about being in the presence of God and KNOWING you will be together again in perfect health and body gives comfort. A beautiful lady who raised a beautiful son!

Beth Embrey - June 10, 2014 at 02:11 PM



“ I pray that your family may have comfort in this time of trial. The world is wonderful place, but your presence in it will be greatly missed by those who knew you best.

Christina Kugler - June 10, 2014 at 02:03 PM



“ May you be at peace & remain forever in the hearts & memories of your family & friends. Your son, Gary James, has changed the lives of thousands of children, around the world, through his efforts with Apps for Children with Special Needs. He is amazing & you must have been proud of him! You must have done a good job of mothering!

Kathleen Allgood, Eugene, OR - June 10, 2014 at 01:52 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. She looks like she was a wonderful lady. May God bless your family during this difficult time.



Terri Berden - June 10, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ Sending lots of real prayers and cyber hugs to your family Mrs James!

Fay LaFrage - June 10, 2014 at 01:05 PM



“ Thank you for your support of A4cwsn and for raising a son who is willing to go out of his way to support the needs of others. May your family and loved ones find comfort and peace during this sad time. ??????

Kelly - June 10, 2014 at 12:56 PM



“ Gary James lit a candle in memory of Joan James



gary james - June 10, 2014 at 12:46 PM



“ Mum,
Thank you believing in me and supporting me throughout your life. You were always there to offer advice and guidance and you will be missed greatly. I never thought this day would come, it feels so strange not to hear your voice. I love you very much and will cherish the day when I see you again.
Gary

gary james - June 10, 2014 at 12:46 PM



“ Gary I was deeply saddened and shocked to hear the passing of your Mum I know we lost touch the last few years but Joan was never far from my mind . Remembering when I first met her living in Darlington we became good friends .She was there for me when I was at an all time low gave me the confidence to carry on .Joan was one in a million .She did love you as she did all her family .Like you thought she would always be there Please accept my sincere sympathy .Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day Love to all the family xx

angela - June 10, 2014 at 04:28 PM