



## James Edward Strother

March 6, 1955 - May 26, 2024

James Edward Strother, 69, departed this life suddenly on Sunday morning, May 26, 2024.

James leaves behind his wife of 29 years, Carol Jane (Henderson) Strother; and his daughter, Brianna Nichelle Strother, of the home.

James was born to the late Everette and Lucille Strother. James attended Mercer County Schools, graduating from Bluefield High School and continued his education at Bluefield State College in Political Science. James never met any strangers. His smile and curiosity was contagious.

He leaves behind many family members and friends who will greatly miss him.

James had an avid passion of being a DJ, computers, and electronics.

We thank everyone for their calls, cards, and payers.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Mercer Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from noon until the service hour.

Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Bluefield, WV.

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Gardens

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BE

“ James and I were the best of friends. I had known him since I was ten years old. We had a lot of fun together growing up from elementary to middle school to high school to college . Playing basketball, going to night clubs and we even worked together at Hills Department Store. He was a fun guy and will always be missed  
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**Bobby Ellison** - December 09, 2024 at 03:02 PM

LD

“ To Carol and Brianna and family our Deepest Sympathies to you all, I was shocked at reading this. I pray for you all Peace in Christ our Lord as He carries you through this valley.



**Letha and Glen Davis** - June 04, 2024 at 08:22 PM

BS

“ I just found out about my sweet friend! He and his sweet family would stop by my work and it was always such a pleasure and joy to get to wait on them! They would always make me laugh. I loved the way him and his daughter would carry on. It reminded me of my dad and I. All my condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

**Bridget Smith** - June 04, 2024 at 06:35 PM

TA

“ I will miss James. Such a sweet, funny. Rest in peace, buddy. You will be missed by so many.

**Toni Albert** - June 02, 2024 at 07:08 PM

JC

“ James and I met in 1974 at BSC. Over the past fifty years our relationship continued. We would always laugh and joke anytime we met. I would call him Mr. Strother and he would laugh. One of our professors at BSC would call on him every day after lunch. It was our inside joke for fifty years. He always had a glowing smile on his face with a laughable remark to follow. He loved his family. When i would go into Bob Evans, he would always make it a point to speak to me. You will be missed dear friend. I know you are having class in heaven. Hahaha. Peace Brother.



*Jim Copolo BSC CLASS 1978 Maybeury , WV*

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**Jim Copolo** - June 02, 2024 at 12:10 PM

J.

“ James has been an inspiration to smile on rainy days ever since we met. His legacy of kindness and friendliness will always remain. Our family gives our deepest condolences to his wife and daughter as they go through this devastating loss. We are confident in God’s love that you will not only heal, but will use his and His love to guide you through the roads that lie ahead. Peace and Love.

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**J.Spencer** - June 02, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RY

*James Strother was a friend to many...always had a smile on his face and a kind word for you . We went to Bluefield State University together. He was always helping and encouraging somebody. He had a smile and a Word for you when you went into Bob Evans. He always came out and greeted the customers. James' kind heart will be missed. Our Prayers and Condolences goes out to his dear family. Remember God's is with you during this tender time of life. He will bring you through. Rest well James Strother.*

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**Reverend Justina Young** - June 03, 2024 at 07:17 AM

TM

“ I came to know James many, many years ago when we shared a mutual interest of music and the art of the DJ. As the years passed by, we went our separate ways, living our lives, but always maintained contact and communication. James was always happy and wore a smile all the time. I will miss him and have great memories to reflect on. My condolences to his wife and daughter. Rest in peace DJ Slice.

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**Tyrone Miller** - June 01, 2024 at 06:58 PM

RE

“ Ruth East lit a candle in memory of James Edward Strother



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**Ruth East** - June 01, 2024 at 11:31 AM

DR

“ We met James when he worked at Bob Evans. We became friends instantly. He and Don liked talking about gardening. Seems as though James never met a stranger. James was one of those people that you couldn't help but like. He always had a smile. James, we will miss you and that wonderful smile.

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**Don&margie reeves** - June 01, 2024 at 09:33 AM

TS

“ James made everything fun. I really enjoyed working with him at Fish Network. My sincere condolences to you and Brianna. My God give you comfort and peace through this difficult time

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**Teresa Scott** - May 31, 2024 at 06:03 PM

KP

“ So sorry to see this. He was a very sweet and friendly guy. Always happy

Kathy Peters - May 31, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JW

“ I'm so sorry Carol and Brianna! I'm gonna miss seeing him in Walmart! I got to thinking I've known yall since I was as a kid! You all are like my family! I'm sincerely gonna miss that smile and laugh!!! And him picking on me! I love you both very much !!!

jamie and lee woody - May 30, 2024 at 07:49 PM

ES

I was quite sad to hear that James had passed away. We were classmates together and I thought the world of him. I will miss running into him occasionally because it always brightened my day. You have my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband and father. I'm recuperating from a hip replacement and will not be able to visit with you at the funeral home. May God envelope you in his comforting arms.

Elizabeth Simmerman - May 31, 2024 at 02:27 PM

SS

When I met James, I wasn't sure who I was going to be. James welcomed me in to his circle. He was a coworker, a coach, and a friend!!! His humor and his belief in humanity are qualities that I came to admire.... James you will be missed, but not forgotten

Steven Stewart - May 31, 2024 at 08:17 PM

SP

I will miss my friend. We attend BSCU many years ago. He was a friend person that knew everyone he came in contact with. My prayers and condolences to his family and friends

Shelton Parker - June 02, 2024 at 12:55 PM