



## Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.

October 5, 1929 - August 23, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Betty Sue Tyner Griggs and the Griggs family announce the death of her beloved husband, Mr. James Robert Griggs, Sr., 94.

Mr. Griggs entered into rest on Friday, August 23, 2024, with his family by his side. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 3 o'clock on Monday, August 26, 2024, at Bethlehem Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dan Sullivan officiating, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at Griggs Grocery immediately following the service. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in his honor to Bethlehem Methodist Church.

Mr. Griggs was born in Hartsville, SC on October 5, 1929. He was the son of the late Jesse Murray Griggs and Edith G. Griggs.

He graduated from Antioch High School. Robert lived a full and blessed life. He began his career measuring land for the ASC office. The most important

thing to him after his family was being an avid farmer. Tobacco was his favorite crop. In addition to farming, he was a fertilizer salesman for International Mineral Chemical Company for twenty years and then purchased their satellite operation, The Rainbow Farm Center. He was a hard worker and an excellent businessman.

Robert was blessed to have two sons who helped with farming. Bobby farmed with Robert his entire life, and Tim began farming after he retired from Coker College as athletic director. He also was blessed to have a special nephew-in-law, William Hendrix, to farm with them. Robert was also blessed to have a very loving and caring daughter, Faye. She is always thinking of and doing for others, and has played the piano in church all of her life. If there is something she can't do, she'll find someone else to get it done.

Robert served on the Board of Directors for Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority for many years, along with Farm Bureau and Antioch Young Farmers.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Betty Sue Tyner Griggs; three children: Bobby (Cindy), Faye (Harold) Johnson, and Tim (Deborah), all of Hartsville, SC. Robert has six grandchildren: Hal (Julie) Johnson, Sharon (Randolph) Griggs, Leigh (Lander) Cason, Jessica (Ben) Teal, Hillary (Bogan) Hall, and granddaughter-in-law, Lorrie Griggs of Mt. Pleasant, SC. In addition, he has twelve great-grandchildren: Chase and Emma Johnson, Reese, Ryann and Jess Griggs, Griggs and Louie Cason, Grayson Griggs and Brody and EmyKate Hall, Harper Griggs, and Henry Teal.

Robert has three sisters-in-law, Pat Hawkins, Betty Carol McKinney, and Fran Cross, and two brothers-in-law, Gene Wilkes and Don Wilkes.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 28 years, Doris Wilkes Griggs,

and a grandson, James Robert (Bert) Griggs, III, as well as a brother, Richard Griggs, and a sister, Josephine Tolson.

Robert has many very special friends, the staff of Miriam's Kitchen, Fred Townsend and Paul Hunter, Lynn David, James Dority and Jimmy Gainey, Johnny and Sharon Sturdivant, and so many more.

We would like to give a special thank you to Agape Hospice for their dedicated service to our family during our time of need.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery

2240 Bethlehem Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown Pennington Atkins Funeral Home  
306 West Home Avenue  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
info@bpafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Methodist Church  
2240 Bethlehem Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - August 25, 2024 at 02:29 PM

GR

*My sincere condolences to the family of Robert Griggs. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. Georgia Robinson*

**Georgia Robinson** - August 25, 2024 at 05:26 PM

CJ

*Robert was a very blessed man! So many family members, and friends a wife that loved him dearly!*

**Carolyn Jordan** - August 25, 2024 at 08:50 PM

BS

*So glad I got to know Robert. He was a very special man. Betty you and your family have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers!*

**Brenda Sullivan** - August 26, 2024 at 02:29 PM

GB

*Thinking of you Tim with the death of your father. Gertrude Beal SAPC 77*

**Gertrude Beal** - August 26, 2024 at 09:38 PM

SH

*Betty, we're so sorry for your loss. God blessed him with a lot of years, so you were blessed.*

**Sandra and Larry Huggins** - August 27, 2024 at 08:10 PM

JG

*“ Bobby, Cindy, and the Griggs Family, Cindy and I ran into each other the other day , and we didn't get to talk long, but we did talk about Robert's passing. Me and Duck were both sick and didn't get to the visitation. But we do love this family and have been praying for you all since Robert passed. The tribute is certainly a true reflection of his life and his love for family. We are sending prayers and blessings to you all.*



**Jean and William Gullede** - September 10, 2024 at 02:29 PM

DP

*“ Denise Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Denise Porter** - September 04, 2024 at 03:02 PM

TP

*“ I have so many fond memories of Rob and Betty Sue from my childhood. They were our neighbors at Pirateland. I remember golf cart rides and eating Betty Sue's boiled peanuts until I had to nap in the hammock. My condolences to all of the family. I am so happy to have had them as a part of my life. My family will always cherish those summers.*



**Tisha Teeter Paugh** - September 02, 2024 at 07:40 PM

PD

“ *Pat Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Pat Dailey - September 01, 2024 at 07:34 AM

TW

“ *Travis Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Travis winburn - August 30, 2024 at 12:02 PM

TE

“ *Tru And Ed lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Tru and Ed - August 29, 2024 at 09:58 PM

KC

“ *Kim Coxe lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Kim Coxe - August 28, 2024 at 09:45 AM

SH

“ Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Sandra and Larry Huggins - August 27, 2024 at 08:08 PM



“ SENDING LOVE AND PRAYERS TO EACH OF YOU DURING THIS TIME!!!



Alice Watford - August 27, 2024 at 08:44 AM

RG

“ Mrs. Betty & Family, So very sorry for your loss. Mr. Robert was a sweet kind man loved by all. He always wore a smile. He will be missed. We love you all and Prayers for all as well



Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Griggs - August 26, 2024 at 11:38 PM

DJ

“ David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



David Jordan - August 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM

SS

“ We loved this man like he was family. He had the heart of a giant, and the friendship that Johnny and I share with him and the entire Griggs family is one that we treasure. Robert’s kindness and compassion will live on in his children. What a legacy he left for them. I will miss you, my friend. I’m sure Doris, Bert, as well as Harry Mc, Wayne, Kay, Shirley, Faye, Mr. Dawkins and many more of our IMC group will love having you in heaven. Till we meet again...fly high.

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**Sharon Sturdivant** - August 26, 2024 at 02:49 PM

PJ

“ Pat James lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



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**Pat James** - August 26, 2024 at 02:30 PM

SJ

“ Sharon Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



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**Sharon Jones** - August 26, 2024 at 01:42 PM

CA

“ You are all in our prayers. We will miss Robert Griggs.  
Carlos and Mimi



Carlos - August 26, 2024 at 12:20 PM

RE

“ Ricky And Marie Euten lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Ricky and Marie Euten - August 26, 2024 at 12:16 PM

RW

“ Ricky & Pat Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Ricky & Pat Winburn - August 26, 2024 at 11:06 AM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - August 26, 2024 at 10:47 AM

CC

“ Carol Gainey Camp lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Carol Gainey Camp - August 26, 2024 at 10:15 AM

TH

“ Tommy Hogge lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Tommy Hogge - August 26, 2024 at 08:56 AM

RP

“ Rosa Lee Millsaps Privette lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Rosa Lee Millsaps Privette - August 25, 2024 at 09:43 PM

DT

“ Don And Doris Teal lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Don and Doris Teal - August 25, 2024 at 09:43 PM

CB

“ Tom and I are so very sorry for the loss of your father. He was a fine man, father, grandfather, and a leader in agri-business field. He will be greatly missed. All of you have fond memories of his generosity, love, and dedication to his family. Love, Cecelia

Cecelia D Brown - August 25, 2024 at 08:45 PM

LE

“ Thinking of the families.  
Liz Eades

Liz Eades - August 25, 2024 at 08:21 PM



“ Prayers to his family and friends.  
Ervin and Jackie Gibson



Jackie Gibson - August 25, 2024 at 07:16 PM

DS

“ ON BEHALF OF THE STURGEON FAMILY  
WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST  
CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS OF MR. GRIGGS! OUR  
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MR .GRIGGS! GOD BLESS YOU ALL  
AN WE LOVE YOU, ONE AN ALL!



David Sturgeon - August 25, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JB

“ John Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



John Byrd - August 25, 2024 at 05:25 PM

CJ

“ My heart goes out to your family, Betty Sue I am so sorry! Robert was a caring man he did a lot for my parents, he will be missed by so many!!Praying for all his family.💙

Carolyn Jordan - August 25, 2024 at 04:17 PM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Al & Melinda Sansbury - August 25, 2024 at 03:04 PM

BC

“ Dear Griggs family, extended family and the Byrdtown Community. Robert will always be remembered as a pillar of the Byrdtown Community. When I think of Byrdtown Community, I think of Robert. My Dad (Tommy Bryant) worked for Robert many, many years ago. He gave my dad a job he truly loved. I never expressed to Robert how thankful my family and I were for that but I'd like to say it now, Thank You! I know you will be missed greatly but you left a beautiful legacy. Hugs and Prayers for all of you during this difficult time. The Bryant family, Betty, Lee, Kim and Chip Clanton

Bryant family; Betty, Lee, Kim and Chip - August 25, 2024 at 02:43 PM

DH

“ Dawson Hemby lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Dawson Hemby - August 25, 2024 at 02:32 PM

RA

“ You are all in our prayers.  
Robin and George Atkins

Robin Atkins - August 25, 2024 at 02:09 PM

AG

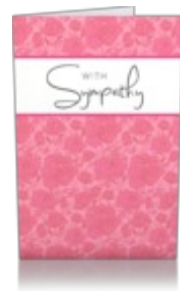
“ April Griggs-Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



April Griggs-Woods - August 25, 2024 at 01:57 PM

SP

“ Sybil P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr..



Sybil P. - August 25, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - August 25, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ *Jerry Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Jerry Griggs** - August 25, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.*

**Charles McLendon** - August 25, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ *Betty Sue and all the family: Gerald and I are sending up prayers for all of you! We enjoyed talking to Robert when we came for Sunday lunch. He always had a friendly smile and had a way of making you feel welcomed. I know you all will miss him greatly! May God comfort you all!*

**Gerald and Cathy Lynch** - August 25, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JM

“ *Jamie And Sonya (Rodgers) Mangum lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Jamie and Sonya (Rodgers) Mangum** - August 25, 2024 at 12:19 PM

BH

“ *Bil Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Bil Howle** - August 25, 2024 at 10:55 AM

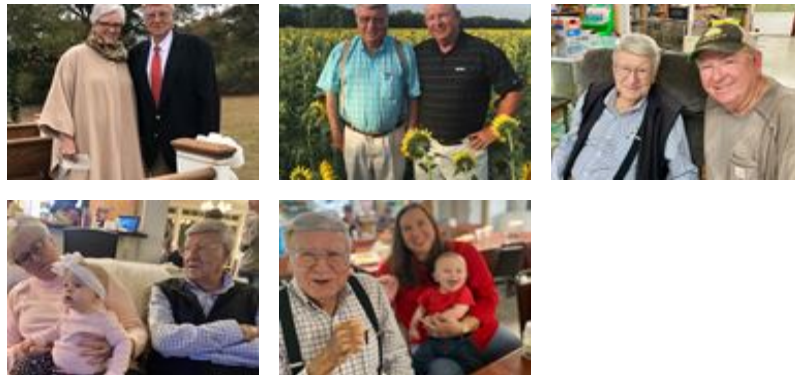
JA

“ *Bobby and family my thoughts and prayers are with the family*

**Jimmy Andrews** - August 25, 2024 at 10:25 AM



“ *93 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - August 25, 2024 at 10:25 AM

WH

“ *Mr. Robert Griggs is my friend for over [30] years i am sorry for your loss he will be missed by a large number of people i will missed not being able to talk with him and get his advice. Willie Herbert.*



**willie herbert** - August 25, 2024 at 10:24 AM

CH

“ *Charlene Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Charlene Hodges** - August 25, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TD

“ *Teresa Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Teresa Dixon** - August 25, 2024 at 09:55 AM

BF

“ *Billy Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Billy Fuller** - August 25, 2024 at 09:26 AM

BF

*Betty Sue and family Brenda and I will be in prayer for y'all on the loss of Robert. It was a Blessing to have be able to chat with him last month when we drop in for lunch at the store. We are here for you as well. God Bless . Cousin Billy and Brenda*

**Billy Fuller** - August 25, 2024 at 09:33 AM

DT

“ *Debbie Talbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Debbie Talbert** - August 25, 2024 at 09:21 AM

GO

“ *Tim and family, I am sorry to hear about your loss. Prayers for you all*



**Grady L O'Neal** - August 25, 2024 at 08:52 AM

DJ

“ *David Newsome Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**David Newsome Jr.** - August 25, 2024 at 08:11 AM

AC

“ So Sorry for your loss praying 🙏 for Y'all.



Angela Coward - August 25, 2024 at 07:33 AM

CG

“ Connee Gamble Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Connee Gamble Grantham - August 25, 2024 at 07:29 AM

AT

“ I will miss Mr. Robert so much. He was one of a kind. I pray for his precious family during this difficult time. Sending love.

Andrea Turner - August 25, 2024 at 06:42 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ms Betty and all the Griggs family during this great time of loss.



Robert and Rose Steen - August 24, 2024 at 11:36 PM

PP

“ *Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**Paulette Payne** - August 24, 2024 at 11:27 PM

JA

“ *Betty and Family  
I'm so sorry to hear of Robert's passing.  
Prayers for you all through this difficult time.*



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**Jeanette Atkinson** - August 24, 2024 at 10:53 PM

RS

“ *Ronald And Faye Sellers lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**Ronald and Faye Sellers** - August 24, 2024 at 10:10 PM

JB

“ *Robert was well known throughout Hartsville and the community. He always came to the farm when I was growing up. Then I worked at IMC one summer after college. He will be missed by many. Prayers for the family and may God give you strength and peace in the day's and months to come. Love in Christ.*

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**Janelle Teal Britt** - August 24, 2024 at 10:00 PM

MH

“ Martha And Mel Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Martha and Mel Hall - August 24, 2024 at 09:16 PM

LW

“ Letitia Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Letitia Ward - August 24, 2024 at 08:56 PM

BR

“ Betty Sue Millsaps Ralley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Betty Sue Millsaps Ralley - August 24, 2024 at 08:43 PM

WY

“ Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - August 24, 2024 at 08:26 PM

BR

*My condolences.  
Sorry for your loss.  
Prayers for family members and friends.*

**Betty Sue Millsaps Ralley** - August 24, 2024 at 08:44 PM

HW

“ *My deepest condolences. He was a very sweet man.*

*Hillary Winburn, Aynor, SC*

**hillary winburn** - August 24, 2024 at 08:11 PM



JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*

**Jewel Walters Gibson** - August 24, 2024 at 08:02 PM



JC

“ *Jeri And Jim Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*

**Jeri and Jim Cox** - August 24, 2024 at 07:23 PM



CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**carol elmore bryant** - August 24, 2024 at 07:14 PM

CB

*Love and prayers for the Griggs' family*

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**carol elmore bryant** - August 24, 2024 at 07:16 PM

LL

“ *Prayers for the entire Griggs family* 🙏



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**Lawrence & Cindy Lowe** - August 24, 2024 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ *Bill & Angela Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**Bill & Angela Stokes** - August 24, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DT

*So very sorry for your loss!! Prayers for you all!*

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**Don and Donna Tiller** - August 24, 2024 at 07:12 PM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Robert will be missed.

*Steve and Gail Funderburk*

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**Steve Funderburk** - August 24, 2024 at 05:57 PM

PW

“ *Tim, Deborah, and family,  
Len and I send love and prayers your way!!*



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**Phyllis and Len Watson** - August 24, 2024 at 05:50 PM

JG

“ *Prayers for the Griggs family.*



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**Jeff Galloway** - August 24, 2024 at 05:25 PM

BM

“ *Billie McManus lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**Billie McManus** - August 24, 2024 at 05:25 PM

AS

“ Aaron And Stephanie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



Aaron and Stephanie Smith - August 24, 2024 at 05:18 PM

DP

“ Danny Ray And Gail Peavy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



danny ray and gail peavy - August 24, 2024 at 04:47 PM

KH

“ KARIN HALL lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



KARIN HALL - August 24, 2024 at 04:39 PM

GG

“ Betty I am so sorry for your loss. All of you are in my prayers.

Genevieve Garrity - August 24, 2024 at 04:28 PM

MR

“ *Marty Robbins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**Marty Robbins** - August 24, 2024 at 04:20 PM

KM

“ *So sorry to hear of Robert's passing. Thoughts and prayers for the family. He will certainly be missed.*  
*Rodney & Kathy McFarland*



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**Kathy McFarland** - August 24, 2024 at 04:15 PM

GJ

“ *Geraldine Jordan-Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**Geraldine Jordan-Griggs** - August 24, 2024 at 04:15 PM

AM

“ *Angie Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



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**Angie Moore** - August 24, 2024 at 04:10 PM

WG

“ So sorry to hear about Mr Robert he was a kind person



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**Wilford Griggs** - August 24, 2024 at 04:08 PM

AL

“ Alexisleeegriggs@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



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**alexisleeegriggs@gmail.com** - August 24, 2024 at 04:06 PM

FL

“ Praying for your family during this time.

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**Fran Bailey Langley** - August 24, 2024 at 04:02 PM

MD

“ Marcia Jacobs Deshazo lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.



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**Marcia Jacobs Deshazo** - August 24, 2024 at 04:00 PM

VC

“ *Van Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Van Chapman - August 24, 2024 at 03:58 PM

AK

“ *Allison Kelchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Allison Kelchner - August 24, 2024 at 03:50 PM

PC

“ *Paul Cannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Paul Cannarella - August 24, 2024 at 03:46 PM

CM

“ *Cody Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Cody Mitchell - August 24, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DJ

“ *Dennis And Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Dennis and Robin Johnson - August 24, 2024 at 03:37 PM

KE

“ *Kaye Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



Kaye Ewing - August 24, 2024 at 03:36 PM

TF

“ *Mrs.. Betty and Family!! I am so sorry to hear of the loss of our beloved Neighbor... Praying God wrap's his arms around y'all for the days to come... We love y'all*



Tabitha Griggs Faile - August 24, 2024 at 03:29 PM

GG

“ *Prayer for family and friends!*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - August 24, 2024 at 03:20 PM

DT

“ *Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Robert Griggs Sr.*



**Dave Thompson** - August 24, 2024 at 03:15 PM

BF

*Praying for the family.*

**Brenda Floyd** - August 24, 2024 at 06:58 PM

FE

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences on your loss.*

**Fred and Nancy Edinger** - August 24, 2024 at 08:17 PM

KL

*Love and hugs to this precious family. Prayers being lifted to each of you during this time.*

**Kathy Lawhon** - August 24, 2024 at 09:39 PM

BW

*May God bless & be with the Griggs family during this difficult time. Mr Robert was a great man & will surely be missed by all*

**Becky Wiggins** - August 25, 2024 at 08:08 AM