



## James "Jay" Henderson,

July 30, 2012

James Sanders "Jay" Henderson, IV, age 21, of Rocky Gap, Virginia went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 30, 2012 at his home in Rocky Gap. He was born in Richlands, Virginia and was the son of Sandy Sanders Blankenship of Rocky Gap, Virginia and James Sanders Henderson of Saltville, Virginia. Jay was a special child of God, and his spirit will live forever among those who knew and loved him. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Thelma Sanders; and his paternal grandparents, Dr. James Sanders Henderson, Jr. and Geraldine Henderson. Those who survive him are: His Mother, Sandy Sanders Blankenship and husband, Kevin of Rocky Gap, Virginia His Father, Sanders Henderson, III and wife, Jill of Saltville, Virginia Two Sisters: Marisa Henderson of Rocky Gap, Virginia Rachel Blankenship of Rocky Gap, Virginia Two Aunts of the heart: Terri Plunkett and husband, Victor Myranda Castilon and John Special Cousins: Cage Castilon, Emily Plunkett, Laurann Plunkett and Courtney Plunkett also survive Funeral services for James Sanders "Jay" Henderson, IV will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Friday, August 3, 2012 at Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel, in Richlands, Virginia with Rev. Rick Blevins officiating. Interment will follow at Hess Family Cemetery at Fletchers Ridge near Rowe, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: George Brown, Paul Cook, Victor Plunkett, Kevin Blankenship, Rick Hall and Jimmy Tucker. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Staff of Hurst-Scott Funeral Home, Richlands, Virginia, Danny Vandyke, Clayton Hale, and Ron Jackson. Visitation will be Thursday evening after 6:00 pm at

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home; 1401 Second Street; Richlands, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Smyth County Special Games; c/o Chilhowie Elementary School, P. O. Box 348; Chilhowie, Virginia 24319. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jay" Henderson,*

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January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *James "Jay" Henderson,*

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January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *May God bless the family and I trust your memories will be held together by your faith that God has a plan for all of us. Sanders, I hope to see you soon and tell you in person.*

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**Mitch Anders** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just wanted the family to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and that I am sorry for the loss of Sanders Jr. May God give you peace in this time of need.*

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**Robbie Perry** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are praying for you and agree Jay was a special child of God. He is whole and healed in God's presence. May God's grace be with you.*

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**Paul & Kathy Griffith** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *May God bring peace and a somber joy to you and your family in your loss but God's gain, many blessings*

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**Lee Riffle** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss,y'll are in ours prayers*

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**Dexter Harmon** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ *God, take this child in your loving arms.No more can he suffer any harm.*

*Bless him always and bless his family too.Be with them and help them to make it through the days to come. Our sympathy for your loss.*

*Jane Ellen Horton*

*Rocky and Pat Horton*

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**Horton** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Sanders,  
What a joy Jay will be to heaven's angels. He will be so excited!  
I know your heart is broken now but try to imagine him bossing the  
angels around! I had not seen him in some time but that's how I  
remember him. He told you what he wanted and he'd better get it  
quick. He was always so sweet and loveable. I remember I told him  
once he was so handsome and I loved him and he just smirked and  
shook his head NO. You need to be proud of the fact that you and  
Sandy were very special parents to a very special child and our  
thoughts and prayers will be for you both and of course, Marissa.  
I'm so sorry I can't be there for his service. We're going out of town  
but my thoughts will be on you all.  
Love you,  
Joan

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**Joan Helton** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Mr.Henderson,  
  
I am so sorry to hear about your son. May the Lord above give you  
piece and comfort during this difficult time.  
  
Cookie Hopkins

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**Frances Hopkins** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Sanders our deepest sympathy and thoughts and prayers are with  
you and your wife.

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**Mike and kim Sturgill** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Sanders & Jill

*Please accept our heartfelt sympathy  
God Bless you.*

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**Don & Cina Adams** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ Sorry to hear about Jay.

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**Carl & Mary Lou Uridge** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Sanders and family,  
*You and your family are in my prayers. I remember sweet Jay at Cedar Bluff Elementary School and he was indeed a special child of God. Just a sweetie! My prayers are that the Lord will place you in His loving arms and carry you through this very difficult time. The angels in Heaven are having a field day welcoming this special young man. My thought and prayers go out to you and yours.*

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**Sharon Lowe** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Our deepest and sincere sympathy to the loss of your precious child. He is celebrating in Heaven now with no pain or suffering. Had not seen him in years, but he was such a sweet little boy. May God bless and comfort you is our prayer. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jerry & Pat Warner** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Mr. Henderson and family our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Praying for you all.*

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**Ratliff** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *God Bless you and your family! You all or in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ed Murphy and Family** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *The birth of a child into this world is nothing short of a miracle. To those parents who have experienced it, have their life changed forever. Jay was no exception. He was a special gift to his family and to all those who loved and cared for him. May he rest in peace.*

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**Kenneth Hindle and Family** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Sanders, Sandy, Marisa, and Rachel,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Jay. You all will be in my prayers during this difficult time.*

*--Laura Blair Plaster*

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**Jared and Kristen Haynes** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Sanders,  
We are very sorry for your loss. May God be with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Ronnie and Regina Mathena** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ We are sad to learn of Jay's passing. May fond memories give you peace. Sorry we cannot attend the visitation or the service tomorrow. We will be with you in thought and prayer.

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**Gail and Frank Blair** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I know that GOD has gained a wonderful Angel, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Barbara and Maggie Cannon** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Just know that God has gained a new angel in heaven, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Barbara and Frankie Heath** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you

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**John & Betsy Altizer** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Praying for your family...

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**Richard & Teresa Surber** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Sanders, please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Terry & Shelia Maxwell** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Sanders,  
You and your family are in our prayers.

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**David "Bud" Nelson** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Mr. Henderson,  
My deepest sympathy for you and your family. May God comfort you  
in the coming weeks and help you through this difficult time!  
Remember, there are no more struggles for Jay.

Sincerely,  
Kilby

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**Susan Kilby** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Sanders & Jill , I am praying for your family. God bless you all.

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**Kim Sweat** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ I just heard about Jay and wanted you to know how much I am  
thinking of all of you. I have never forgotten Jay or Marissa. Enjoyed  
both students so much in the school setting.  
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jim, Sally and Max Uridge** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I'll be praying for your family during  
this difficult time.

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**Sarah Blair Brown** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dearest Family,

*We will all miss our little Jay. I will always remember his smile, especially when you would sing to him. He was so loving like a little angel and a blessing to all who knew him.*

*He was very special and I am blessed that he was in my life.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are always with but especially now.*

*Love you very much,*

*Amy & Tony*

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**Amy & Anthony Benavidez** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God bring you comfort and may you find joy and peace in the wonderful memories you have.*

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**Judy Stamper** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM