



Dr. James P. Rutland

June 7, 1951 - December 25, 2020

On December 25, 2020 at 6:38 a.m., Dr. James P. Rutland went to be with our Heavenly Father on Christmas Day. Heaven received the best Christmas gift imaginable.

A native of Aiken County, son of the late James Preston Rutland, Sr. and Josephine Scott Martin, he was the current pastor of Harvest Baptist Church in Princeton, former pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Mauldin for 19 years and former pastor of Grace Temple Baptist Church in Chesnee for 8 years. He was a faithful servant and man of God for over 50 years. Dr. Rutland was a loving husband and father to his wife and two children.

Surviving are his wife, Vonda Oliver Rutland of the home; a son, David Scott Rutland of Greer; a daughter, Rebekah Ann Rutland of Greenville; three sisters, Jo Ann Caldwell of Gilbert, Sylvia Kizer of Charleston and Patsy Coleman (Bill) of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 28, 2020 at Southside Baptist Church, 410 S. Main St., Greer, SC 29650, conducted by Rev. Chuck Hyatt and Rev. Jonathan Shook. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memory Gardens with Dr. Robert Smith officiating.

Visitation will be held 9:45-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Honorary escorts will be any pastors, preachers, missionaries and spouses.

The family respectfully request that masks be worn and social distancing guidelines be observed.

The family is at the home of his son, David Rutland.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Harvest Baptist Church in Princeton.

Memorials may be made to Harvest Baptist Church, 14201 Highway 25, Honea Path, SC 29654.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Southside Baptist Church
410 South Main Street
Greer, SC 29650

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I love you so much. I am going miss Brother Jim Rutland he was a good friend that love for a long time.your best friends that love the word of God bless you 🙏❤️ Regina Beard



Regina Beard - December 28, 2020 at 11:24 PM

RB

This is Regina Beard I want to said that I sent you a nice cards in the come your way ok. And I sent Miss Rebekah Rutland a nice cards in the mail box today. I going miss Brother Jim Rutland. Always he is your prayers 🙏 St.john 3-16. ST.JOHN 14-6. PROVERBS 17-17 OK. Have peace in your Heart ❤️. He was a good friend and a good pastor and a good Preaching that love the lord ok. Regina Beard

Regina Beard - December 29, 2020 at 11:28 PM

EH

“ Dear Vonda, I just learned of Jimmy's passing. I am so sorry. I would have come to his funeral if I had known in time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Elaine Rector Huttenstine

Elaine Huttenstine - December 28, 2020 at 01:16 PM

DP

“ Vonda ,David, Rebecca your in my prayers. I know gram and papa was at the gates waiting for him. Sending my love and prayers. Diane Oliver Palmertree



Diane Palmertree - December 28, 2020 at 02:11 AM

PS

“ Dear Rutland family,
I can't hear "Acres of Diamonds" without thinking of Pastor Rutland.
What a blessing he has been to so many over the years! We don't
say good-bye to Pastor Rutland, we say, "Good night, we'll see you
in the morning."
Pastor Chip Sellew

pastor Chip Sellew - December 27, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JP

“ When we heard of preachers passing we were without words it was
such a shock to us we both cried together jim was the best preacher
we have ever had he could be serious and then when u thought he
was being serious he would say "that's a funny" words that will stick
with us in our hearts for ever he was always helping every one he
could and loved his wife so much and his children he will be so
missed and never forgotten we love u Vonda you are in our hearts
thoughts and always in our prayers love James and Lee Patterson

James and lee Patterson - December 27, 2020 at 07:33 PM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dr.
James P. Rutland



Mertie Taylor - December 27, 2020 at 01:40 PM

MT

“ Vonda, I am so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. Prayers for you and your family. I truly believe your sweet mom and dad were waiting with open arms for him. What a Christmas they all had. My mother entered Heaven 32 years ago on Christmas Day and to me Jesus took them home on His Birthday since they were so special.
Love, Mertie

Mertie Taylor - December 27, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JV

“ Dear Rutland Family,
We were so sorry to hear of Jimmy’s passing. We are praying for you all.
Joe and Ann Voyles

Joe and Ann Voyles - December 27, 2020 at 07:44 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James P. Rutland.



December 26, 2020 at 06:12 PM

KF

“ Kelly Veatch and Dave's Valet Living Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Dr. James P. Rutland.



Kelly Veatch and Dave's Valet Living Family - December 26, 2020 at 04:02 PM