

Note From Brothers and Sister

**From Big Brother to Little Brother**

You were looking up to me while I was chasing your inspiration. Now I look up to you. When we did it we did it together. I will always look up to you. Rest in Heaven. I love you Big King James  
-Jermaine

Hi baby brother, this one is hard. My heart completely left my chest. I never thought I would be here crying and mourning my baby brother. Some days I have to touch myself to make sure I'm breathing because I swear I'm dreaming. I love you so much and always will. I remember our long talks and me telling you how proud I was of you and how much you had changed and how you were walking in your purpose. I remember asking all the time; Are you good? Do you need anything? You know I got you! You would always respond, "Sis, I'm good, and I love you." I wanted to question God, but who am I to do that? You did an amazing job! You fought the good fight, you changed so many lives, and you loved us all unconditionally. I will love you forever, my brother. And even though I mourn you I know that you are in a good place smiling down saying, "Sis, don't cry I'm ok." -Love you! Your Sis Retta

The Heart that keeps me going. My Motivation for growth was you. The Man I am is because of you. My Guardian light and Compass in life is You. We will meet again PLAYBOY. -Love Scoot

I Love my brother! Me and you talked about everything and been through things that others would never understand. - Love Gabe

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of James Irby would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for being there through this difficult time but also for loving James while God allowed us to borrow him for 30 years. May God richly bless each of you for your acts of kindness.

~The Family~

Arrangements Entrusted to:  
**The W. J. Gist Mortuary**

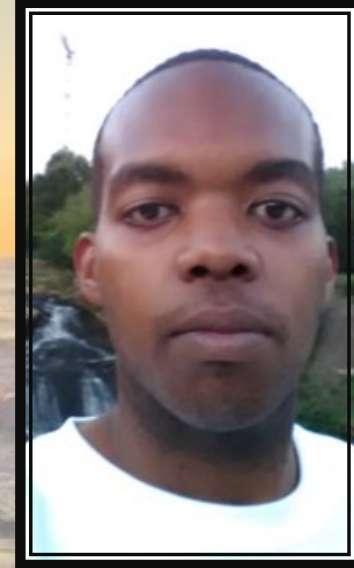
519 Workman Avenue - Woodruff, South Carolina  
Telephone 864- 476-3411

**Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service**

1223 Old Anderson Mill Road - Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Telephone 574-5464 or 576-8800

Www.wjgist.com

*In Loving Memory  
of  
Mr. James T. Irby*



*Sunrise  
January 31, 1993*

*Sunset  
February 19, 2023*

*Monday, February 27, 2023  
Twelve O'clock Noon*

*W. J. Gist Memorial Chapel  
519 Workman Ave.—Woodruff, SC*

*Rev. Chester Trower, Officiating Minister  
Soapstone Baptist Church—Pickens, SC*

*Pastor James Irby Jr., Presiding Minister  
The Shepherd House Ministry—Laurens, SC*

# Life Profile

James Irby was born on January 31, 1993 in Greenville, SC. He was the son of Diane Irby and James Brown. He was raised by the late Priscilla Owens and Rufus Sutton.

James enjoyed spending time with his love ones and playing football when he was younger. He loved pets and enjoyed working at Stratosphere Quality LLC. James was loving and caring and had a great heart. He loved to joke around and make people around him laugh. James lived life to the fullest by joking with friends and family and embracing every moment. James taught everyone to enjoy the moment and love the simple things in life. His memory will forever live on.

He leaves to cherish his memories; one sister, Sheratta Irby; three brothers, Gabriel Irby, Jermaine Owens, and Norwood Allen; James had six nieces and four nephews; and host of other family and friends.



# Order of Worship

*Pastor James Irby Jr, Presiding Minister*

Musical Prelude..... *"Lift Me Up"* by Rhianna  
 Processional.....The Family  
 Selection.....Ronald Browning

**Scriptures:**

Old Testament.....Maxine Duckett

New Testament.....Maxine Duckett

Prayer.....Pastor James Irby Jr

Selection.....Ronald Browning

Poem.....Nyasia Starks

Selection— *"I'm Free"*.....Alicia Rivers

Remarks.....Jermaine Owens

Faye Owens

Jenny Page

Selection.....Alicia Rivers

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Chester Trower

Closing Prayer.....Pastor James Irby Jr

Recessional.....The Family

Musical Selection— *"I Look To You"* by Whitney Houston

**Committal, Benediction and Internment**

**Soapstone Baptist Church Cemetery**

**Pickens, SC**

