



Mary Louise James

April 7, 1941 - March 21, 2026

Mary Louise James, age 84, passed away peacefully at her home in Hohenwald on March 21, 2026. She was born on April 7, 1941, in Collinwood, Tennessee, to the late Hargrow Nelson and Elsie Prince Nelson.

Mary was a woman of Pentecostal faith who lived a simple, meaningful life centered around her family and the things she loved most. She found great joy in gardening, tending to her flowers, and preserving the fruits of her labor through canning. She enjoyed sewing, working crossword puzzles, and keeping up with her favorite soap operas. Whether it was a cup of coffee in the morning or a soda in the afternoon, Mary appreciated life's small comforts. She also had a special bond with her beloved dog, "Pup." Known for her knowledge of healing and herbs, she passed down wisdom and traditions to her children and grandchildren that will continue for generations.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vernard Leaman James; her daughter, Tina Louise Shepherd; her brothers, Odie Lee Nelson and Lonnie Hargrow Nelson; and her granddaughter, Rebecca Lindsey James.

She is survived by her son, Jessie Leaman James; her daughter, Sherry (Travis) Thompson; her son-in-law, Wayne Shepherd; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members and

friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM at McDonald Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at 11:00 AM until service time. Burial will follow at Stephens Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband.

Cemetery Details

Stephens Cemetery

Upper Brush Creek
Linden, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Carol Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise James*



Carol Kelsey - March 28 at 10:51 AM

CC

“ *Cammie Carroll sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary James*



Cammie Carroll - March 26 at 06:39 AM

CC

“ *Cammie Carroll lit a candle in memory of Mary James*



Cammie Carroll - March 26 at 06:38 AM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary James*



Michael Bates - March 24 at 07:29 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Mary James*



Ronald Gammons - March 23 at 08:11 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary James*



Michael Bates - March 23 at 10:58 AM



“ *My mother*

Jessie James - March 23 at 12:36 AM

JE

So very sorry for your loss. Blessings to you and your family.
Johnnie Ruth Elrod

Johnnie Elrod - March 23 at 09:30 PM