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I NEVER LEFT YOU

By: John F. O'Connor

"I watch you every day I'm always very near
I know deep in your heart you realize I am here.

I watch you while you sleep in your bed at home
I hear you when you speak to me, when you're on your own.

You cannot understand the reason why I have gone
But I will never leave you I'm always there to keep you strong.

Talk to me I hear you, though you may not see
We share an unbroken bond that will always be.

Death won't keep us apart for our love is forever
Just remember me in your heart and one day we will be together.

Live your life and live it full, don't waste a single day
Remember I'm always with you, every step of the way."

Love, James

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to thank everyone who has kept us in prayer and supported the family through this difficult time. Your kind words and thoughts are greatly appreciated.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF *James Willie Neal, Jr.* USN PO1 Retired

Sunrise
May 6, 1963

Sunset
July 26, 2026



Service
Saturday, August 15, 2026 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church
4082 Mockingbird Lane
Rock Hill, South Carolina
Pastor Sandra Mason, Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Invocation Pastor Sandra Mason

Selection..... Hymn Choir

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks (limit 2 minutes, please)

Acknowledgements.....Robinson Funeral Home

Selection..... Hymn Choir

Eulogy Rev. Clark Brown

Recessional

**Repast will be served in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following
the service.*

OBITUARY

James Willie Neal, Jr. was born on May 6, 1963, to Betty E. Neal and Willie James Neal, Sr. in Rock Hill, SC. He departed this life on July 26, 2026, in Charlotte, NC, surrounded by his family.

James attended Rock Hill Public Schools, graduating from Rock Hill High School in 1981. While attending high school, he worked several part-time jobs, including working as a butcher at Winn-Dixie Supermarket. He also served in the ROTC program, which marked the beginning of his career in the armed services. After graduating, he joined the United States Navy, where he traveled to Greenland and Iceland, and lived in both Japan and Hawaii. He served for 20 years before retiring in 2001 from the Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia.

James met and married Tammy McConnell in 1986. From this union, James and Tammy had three children: Anthony, Latasha, and Terrell. He had two grandchildren whom he loved dearly and who were the light of his life: Aaliyah and Nasir. James grew up in Rock Hill, where he lived with his paternal grandparents, Rosa Neal Brown and John T. Brown. He also spent a lot of time with his paternal great-grandmother, Ella Neal, affectionately known as “Big Ma,” whom he loved dearly. He attended Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Rock Hill, SC, where he sang in the choir.

Anyone who knew James knew a few undeniable things about him: he loved his family, he loved serving in the Navy, and he loved to talk junk to anyone, anywhere, about anything. He was also a passionate fan of the Dallas Cowboys and loved cooking, fishing, and playing poker.

He was predeceased by his mother, Betty Neal; his father, Willie James Neal, Sr.; his eldest son, James Anthony Neal; his grandmothers, Alberta Hunt and Rosa Neal Brown; his grandfather, John T. Brown; his great-grandmother, Ella “Big Ma” Neal; and his uncles, Steven Brown and John “Junior” Brown.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 40 years, Tammy Neal of Virginia Beach, VA; his daughter, Latasha Jones, and son, Terrell Neal, both of Virginia Beach, VA; two grandchildren, Aaliyah and Nasir; his sisters, Lora Siders of Dover, NJ, Susan Brooks Foster (Nick) of Spartanburg, SC, and Pamela Neal-Gray of Wharton, NJ; his aunts and uncles, Joe Brown, Keianna Brown, Jamie Brown and Christopher Brown; as well as Reverend Clark Brown, Delores Moore, Gary Brown, and Doris Givens, all of South Carolina. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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