



## Mr. James E. Speight

January 10, 1949 - November 16, 2017

James "Lil Speight" a.k.a. Josephi Earl Speight, 68, of Norfolk, Virginia passed away on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at his home.

James Speight was born on January 10, 1949, in Whitakers, North Carolina to Devine and Queenie (Spragley) Speight. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1967. James graduated from Norfolk State University in 1974, and played football while he was there. He worked for Access Spirit in Dallas, TX, and the United States Postal Service in Richmond, VA.

James is survived by his son Anthony E. Speight (Iesha) of Grand Prairie, Texas, his sister Verna L. Speight, one grandson; Caleb A. Speight, two nephews; Maurice S. Speight (Alicia) and Edward L. Speight (Tiffany), aunt Ammie Shaw (John).

James was a long time member of Lota Phi Theta Fraternity, and he leaves his Frat Brothers to mourn him as well as his class of '67 of HHS, and many other friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Devine and Queenie Speight, and two brothers; Elizie Speight and Edward Speight.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James E. Speight*



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**M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 24, 2017 at 12:42 PM

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*We send our condolences to the family of my departed friend. William (Buck) Ricks*

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**William (Buck) Ricks** - November 24, 2017 at 08:54 PM

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*R.I.P. Brother. Loved running into him and seeing you periodically. Always will remember him looking out for me, and telling me to let him know if anyone was bothering me. He was another big brother. Nice memorial pictures of my family and friends alike. Thanks for sharing. Condolences from The Turner Family. Peace and love to you all.*

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**Evelyn (Rabbit) Turner-Reed** - November 27, 2017 at 07:50 PM

BD

“ *I remember "Lil Speight" from times at Huntington and in the community. He was a real sweet guy and well respected. I am so very sorry for your loss. There was a similarity among the Speights, they were real good and nice people. Verna, I imagine your pain at having loss all of you siblings. I pray for you and your family. Be encouraged and blessed.*

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**BEULAH DAVIS** - November 29, 2017 at 01:30 PM

CS

“ *When someone special to you becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*”

*There was a resident joy in knowing/ being in the company of James. What with his infectious nickname 'Lil Speight' and the augment of such a congenial manner, his friendship was a keepsake.*

*I extend heartfelt thoughts to Verna and family. And that your enduring memories of James.*

*Charles Sullivan*

*Newport News, VA.*

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**Charles Sullivan** - November 24, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ 17 files added to the album *Life Tributes*”



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**M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 24, 2017 at 11:16 AM

CH

*Sending my prayers and heartfelt condolences to the Speight family.  
May he live forever in your hearts.*

*Warmest Regards,  
Candace Hope, daughter of Merritt E. Hope, Jr. and family*

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**candace hope** - November 28, 2017 at 11:17 PM

LL

“ *Love, Ray, Fay, Raymond, Al, Jean, and Lillian purchased the White Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Mr. James E. Speight.*



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**Love, Ray, Fay, Raymond, Al, Jean, and Lillian** - November 22, 2017 at 04:40 PM

RA

“ *James "Josepie" will always be remembered by me with love and gratitude. His leadership, friendship, kindness and true brotherhood continues to form me! I will always remember you, my friend! God be with your family and bless your soul!*  
*Randolph "Kackalacki" Reid (Lota Phi Theta)*

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**Randolph** - November 22, 2017 at 09:54 AM