



## Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.

November 24, 1978 - April 17, 2023

James "Jig" Hightower Jr. 44, of Peoria departed this life on Monday, April 17, 2023 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. James was born on November 24, 1978, in Peoria, IL to Carol Webster and James Hightower Sr. (Herman Fortney). James loved fishing and playing cards. He shined bright for many with his big loving heart.

James leaves to cherish his precious memory to: father: Herman Fortney; three sons: Latavyan Wells, Travis Staples, and Kashmir Jones, all of Peoria; five daughters: Lynesse Smith, Lorentece Mitchell, Jhaliya Hightower, Miyeangel Hightower, and Jayla Hightower, all of Peoria; seven brothers: Martell (Shannon) Webster, Jeremy Bond, Jermaine Bond, Ken Bovan, Camorris Bovan, Laterrius Bovan, and Edward Parker; seven sisters: Sharon Webster, Latosha Webster, Bonita Webster, Keonia Bovan, Deshundra Bovan, Maharmony Bovan, and Ghia Parker; five grandchildren: Aaliyah Dillard of Peoria, Tayerra Williams, King Higgins, and Kayden Wells, D'Tayveon Wells all of Springfield, IL.; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends who will miss him dearly.

James was preceded in death by his mother: Carol Ann Webster; his father: James Hightower; one brother: Vincent Alexander; and one sister: Sharonda Webster.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Church of Living God (2815 West Lake, Peoria, IL 61614) at 10:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Alvin Riley Sr. will

officiate and deliver the Eulogy. Interment will be at Lutheran Cemetery. Arrangements were made especially for the Hightower family and professionally directed by TW Parks Colonial Chapel. At the request of the Hightower family, Live Streaming Service will be available on TW Parks Colonial Chapel's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscoloniachapel/>. Online condolences and acknowledgments can be made at [twparkschapel.com](http://twparkschapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of The Living God of Peoria  
2815 West Lake  
Peoria, IL 61614

## Celebration of Life

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Church of The Living God of Peoria  
2815 West Lake  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Crystal Webster lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.*



Crystal Webster - April 29, 2023 at 01:03 PM

RW

“ *Rena Crystal Webster lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.*



Rena Crystal Webster - April 29, 2023 at 01:02 PM

DW

“ *My heart ❤️ and pray 🙏 for family and friends sorry for you all rip in Jesus name nephew i am going to miss you*



Dorotha williams - April 28, 2023 at 06:18 PM

TH

“ *Jig you are & will truly truly be missed down here n this place called hell.. I can jus hear you sayin my name Toniaaaaaaaa!! You cracked me up!!*



Tonia Harris - April 28, 2023 at 08:48 AM

CB

“ I think I was the only one who use to call you James... maybe cause you use to make so mad at times. I love you... Thank you for helping me create my only daughter. Let you tell it I couldn't have a girl until I met you.. Jig we really made a beautiful little girl. All the memories we have together even before Jayla I'll forever cherish. My favorite when we was in Cali on vacation and we were laying on the beach at night... you sung to me.. I've watched that video 700x since you left... Jig I just want you to know I got Jayla... I promise to always do right by her.. Even Kiran has been having a hard time processing this. But we will get thru... I love you.. I miss you. I'm so sorry this happened to you... You are my family and I promise to never let Jayla forget how great of a father you were. When it's all said and done we will never forget you and the legacy you left...



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Cierra Bailey - April 28, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr..



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April 27, 2023 at 12:36 PM

MB

“ Sending My Condolences 🙏 to the Family Jig Fathers Day will never be the Same In Peoria Il you will be truly missed 🕊️



Marion Bovan - April 27, 2023 at 08:05 AM

SL

“ Prayers For The Kids And Family At This Time.



Shenell Langford - April 27, 2023 at 01:49 AM

LK

“ Lura Kramer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.



Lura Kramer - April 27, 2023 at 12:03 AM

GW

“ Nephew you will be missed by so many I know you in heaven still helping other 😊❤️ Give everybody a bear 🐻 for me 🥺



Gwendolyn/Webster/Ezell - April 26, 2023 at 11:55 PM

PR

“ Love you Jiggy... Fly high Boss as I know you will. 😇☐



Precious - April 26, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ My condolences to my family, may god be with you and guide you in these hard times....Amen, I love y'all and R.I.P.... Jig and Carol.....



Kam Webster - April 26, 2023 at 11:30 PM

NS

“ Condolences to the family & all the friends.,, we gone miss u dearly ghee 😞☐👤💙🖤



nikki skinner - April 26, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ My heart ❤️ and 🙏 prayers are with you all i will miss you rip in Jesus name amen



Dorotha Williams - April 26, 2023 at 10:06 PM

CB

“ Candace Broadway lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.



Candace Broadway - April 26, 2023 at 09:32 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.



Joanie Brown - April 26, 2023 at 12:18 PM

SH

“ Shirley Robertson Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.



Shirley Robertson Hughes - April 26, 2023 at 12:16 PM

MP

“ Nancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.



Nancy Pittman - April 25, 2023 at 03:56 PM

RL

“ Sending my love and condolences to my great nephew James (Jig) Hightower Jr. Family praying for all of you that God strengthen each of you during this difficult time. I will miss him but I'll never forget him.

*From Your Auntie  
Rose Hightower, Latchison  
Grand Blanc Michigan*

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**Rose Hightower, Latchison** - April 24, 2023 at 06:51 PM

CH

*We the Hightower Family of Shreveport, La. send out condolences and love to our Hightower/Webster Family in Peoria, IL. We are praying for you and your family during this most difficult time. As the days and weeks pass and as you return to life's routine may you continue to be comforted by God, HIS Son, Jesus, and be uplifted by the Holy Spirit. May the love and support of Family and friends make your days happier. God bless.*

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**Calvin & Pamela Hightower** - April 28, 2023 at 03:28 PM

CA

“ Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James "Jig" Hightower Jr.



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**Carolyn** - April 24, 2023 at 10:59 AM

PG

“ My condolences to all of yall. First Carol now Jig. It just dont seem real. May God comfort your hearts & provide the strength you need to get through your mourning time. Love yall



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**Pam Gaston** - April 22, 2023 at 01:12 AM

SH

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family and children rip jiggy ❤️❤️❤️



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**shalanda** - April 21, 2023 at 07:58 PM