



## James "Jake" Henry Sears

February 16, 1938 - January 22, 2025

James "Jake" Henry Sears of Gates, NC transitioned to his Heavenly home on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Sentara Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, NC. He was born on February 16, 1938, to the late Leroy Sears and Eunice Riddick Sears. He was an Engineer Tech for Norfolk Naval Yard. James leaves to cherish his memories; wife, Jacqueline Sears of Knightdale, NC; daughter, Teresa Gail Dunston of Knightdale, NC; son, Malcolm Sears (Barbara) of Knightdale, NC; sister, Mable Sears of Gates, NC; brother, Albert Sears (Ellie) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

On Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM, the family will receive friends at Hunter's Funeral Home- Gates A private memorial service will be held later for the family only.

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Rose Eure Martin lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



Rose Eure Martin - January 30, 2025 at 09:53 AM

RF

“ *to the sears family*

rosaland I corbin family - January 29, 2025 at 03:36 PM

RF

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rosaland I corbin family - January 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM

LW

“ *My condolences to you and the family. I pray that God will bless you with peace and comfort in the days ahead.*



Linda Wright - January 29, 2025 at 02:53 PM

MC

“ McEIl & Margaret Cross lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



McEIl & Margaret Cross - January 28, 2025 at 06:01 PM

MC

“ McEIl & Margaret Cross lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



McEIl & Margaret Cross - January 28, 2025 at 05:55 PM

BI

“ To Teresa and the Sears Family,

*On behalf of the Booz Allen Aerospace Subcontracts Team, we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved father, James “Jake” Henry Sears. We know how much he meant to you, and we hope you find comfort in the cherished memories and lasting legacy he leaves behind.*



*During this time of sorrow, please know that we are holding you in our hearts, and keeping you close in our thoughts and prayers. May you find strength in the love of family and friends and peace in the memories you hold dear.*

*With love, sympathy, and caring  
Booz Allen Aerospace Subcontracts Team*

Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. - January 28, 2025 at 05:26 PM

AH

“ *Antoinette Holley lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Antoinette Holley** - January 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM

LE

“ *Larry D Eure lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Larry D Eure** - January 28, 2025 at 10:58 AM

EJ

“ *Elaine Baker Jones lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Elaine Baker Jones** - January 27, 2025 at 09:43 AM

AH

“ *Antoinette Holley lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Antoinette Holley** - January 27, 2025 at 08:42 AM

AB

“ My condolences to the Sears family. Jake will really be missed. May God bless each of you.  
Love ❤️ Annie Boone-Carroll



Annie Boone-Carroll - January 26, 2025 at 11:26 PM

SM

“ Sarah M Montague lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Sarah M Montague - January 26, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Nakeshia Boone- Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Nakeshia Boone- Bradshaw - January 26, 2025 at 08:34 PM

CB

“ Clayton Boone lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Clayton Boone - January 26, 2025 at 08:27 PM

WR

“ Whitney Stevens Robinson lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Whitney Stevens Robinson - January 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM

DH

“ Prayers and condolences to the Sears family  
🙏



Delores Harvey - January 26, 2025 at 03:08 PM

DR

“ Devonda Roscoe sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Devonda Roscoe - January 26, 2025 at 01:14 PM

CL

“ Sending love and condolences to the Sears family for a lifetime friendship. Keeping you all in our prayers at this most difficult time. The Howell, Smith, Eure, Harvey and Langston Families.



Cliff & Ella Langston - January 26, 2025 at 12:57 PM

LH

“ *Lloyd And JoAnn Howell lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



**Lloyd and JoAnn Howell** - January 25, 2025 at 11:04 PM

MC

“ *Margie Copeland lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



**Margie Copeland** - January 25, 2025 at 09:52 PM

JK

“ *Janice Knight-White lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



**Janice Knight-White** - January 25, 2025 at 08:45 PM

NA

“ *To the family of Jake Sears, I send my sincere condolences. To lose such a man of distinction and such a pillar of strength is hard. May God comfort and keep you in the days to come.*

*Noah E Davis Sr  
Final Expense Agent  
804-306-9956*

**Noah E Davis Sr - Final Expense Agent** - January 25, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MS

“ *Maude H. Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



Maude H. Smith - January 25, 2025 at 05:04 PM

CL

“ *Clifton & Ella Langston lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



Clifton & Ella Langston - January 25, 2025 at 05:03 PM

AW

“ *I am saddened to hear of your passing. You are the reason I am the person I am today. You became my mentor and ensured I kept my grades, went to college and got me into government when I was in high school and college.*



anthony wilson - January 25, 2025 at 04:01 PM

SM

“ *Susie Melton lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



Susie Melton - January 25, 2025 at 03:28 PM

DS

“ *Deborah Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Deborah Smith** - January 25, 2025 at 02:33 PM

RW

“ *Reginald Williams lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Reginald Williams** - January 25, 2025 at 01:41 PM

FJ

“ *FRANCES JENKINS lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**FRANCES JENKINS** - January 25, 2025 at 03:07 AM

WC

“ *My condolences to the family.*



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**Westelle Cherry** - January 24, 2025 at 11:57 PM

SE

“ *My deepest condolences to this wonderful family. I will truly miss Deacon Sears and his words of wisdom. You are forever in my heart and may you R.I.P....love Selena*

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**Selena Eason-Barnes** - January 24, 2025 at 09:18 PM

CP

*So sorry to hear this about my neighbor James. May he rest in peace. Condolences to the family. In my prayers.*

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**Claire Presley** - January 25, 2025 at 02:11 PM

KW

“ *Katty Watford lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**katty watford** - January 24, 2025 at 08:39 PM

HB

“ *My condolences to the family . Mr Sears was a good man and will be greatly missed.*



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**Heather Bullock** - January 24, 2025 at 08:00 PM

MB

“ *Melvin Boone lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Melvin Boone** - January 24, 2025 at 07:46 PM

DB

“ *To the Family. Jake and I were long time friends. You have my sincere sympathy and condolences. We use to do a lot of walking back in the day.  
I will never forget those days.*

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**Delton Bond** - January 24, 2025 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ *Delton B. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jake" Henry Sears.*



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**Delton B.** - January 24, 2025 at 07:20 PM

EC

“ *Ella Cross lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



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**Ella Cross** - January 24, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TF

🙏 *Life is the great gift GOD has given us.  
Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God.  
Certainly heaven is rejoicing for another soul has reached his true home.*

🙏 *we're sending prayers and our deepest condolences.* 🙏💔  
🙏 *The Ryan Family* 🙏

The Ryan Family - January 28, 2025 at 08:34 AM

TP

“ *We love you Teresa! Our sincere Prayers to your family in your time of loss*



Tawanta Wheless Perry - January 24, 2025 at 06:36 PM

EJ

“ *Ernest & Minnie Jordan lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



Ernest & Minnie Jordan - January 24, 2025 at 09:29 AM

ES

“ *Ethel Knight Stevens sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



Ethel Knight Stevens - January 24, 2025 at 09:19 AM

ES

“ Evelyn Saunders sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Evelyn Saunders - January 24, 2025 at 09:01 AM

EL

“ Deacon Sears was a man of wisdom. Wherever he saw a need it was addressed. A man well respected by all. He is at rest now family. Be at peace.



Esther W Lassiter - January 24, 2025 at 07:59 AM

LC

“ Lisa T. Cross lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Lisa T. Cross - January 24, 2025 at 06:55 AM

SB

“ Shelia Harrison \_ Beamon sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears



Shelia Harrison \_ Beamon - January 24, 2025 at 06:54 AM

VS

“ To the family: Mr. Sears, our friend, our member, a partner, one of our earthly shepherds will forever be in our hearts. Thanking him for political training, educational support and Christian Leadership in our life and in the lives of many others.

*Venessa and Ronald Smith of Gaston, NC/ENCCG*

**Venessa Smith** - January 23, 2025 at 09:50 PM

MB

“ *Mattie Briscoe lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



**Mattie Briscoe** - January 23, 2025 at 09:38 PM

FH

“ *Fred & Gloria Harvey lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



**Fred & Gloria Harvey** - January 23, 2025 at 09:25 PM

FH

“ *Fred & Gloria Harvey lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



**Fred & Gloria Harvey** - January 23, 2025 at 08:41 PM

MB

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. He will be held in our hearts as a man of God.*

Murray and Glendale Boone - January 23, 2025 at 06:08 PM

MB

“ *Murray And Glendale Boone lit a candle in memory of James "Jake" Henry Sears*



Murray and Glendale Boone - January 23, 2025 at 06:06 PM

SM

“ *Condolences to the Sears family. Mr Sears was a great pioneer, a Historian, a kind spirit. A man of awesome substance. He will be missed. Gates County, me and my family are blessed to have had him pass this way. May he RIH.*



Sarah M Montague - January 23, 2025 at 06:03 PM