



## Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.

June 20, 1946 - July 29, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that the McKnight family announces the death of Mr. James Allen McKnight, Sr., 77.

Mr. McKnight entered into rest on Saturday, July 29, 2023. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, in The Chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. Tim Lee and The Rev. Jeff Steen will officiate with burial to follow in Piedmont Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the funeral home.

Mr. McKnight was born in Sumter, SC, on June 20, 1946. He was the son of the late James Wilson McKnight and the late Mary Ann Branham McKnight Yarborough. Allen attended Ashwood High School in Ashwood, SC. He is the oldest of five siblings, and upon the death of his father, Allen put school aside to work and support his younger siblings and his mother.

Allen was an avid Bowler, being a member of the No Handicap League in Camden, SC, for many years. He loved his Harley Davidson motorcycles and owned many over the years. He loved to ride with his friends and also loved to attend bike weeks in Dayton and Myrtle Beach. He was married to his first

wife, Sandra, for over 35 years until her passing in October 2001. He owned Allen's Heating and A/C and Ashwood Bar & Grill and was a very well-known, loved, supported, and respected businessman as well as a constant and loved pillar of this community.

He hosted countless Benefits for people in need, and he never met a stranger. He loved being around people and helping and giving to others in their time of need. He always made time to help others and was a very loving, kind, and giving father, grandfather, husband, brother, & friend to everyone he met. He had two beloved pets, Gracie and Maggie. He was a one-of-a-kind, generous, caring, and loving person to everyone he met, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his son, James Allen McKnight Jr. (Rhonda) of Bishopville, SC; daughters, Sherri Westfall (Scott) of Camden, SC, Trish McKnight Bick (John) of Bishopville, SC; brothers, Larry McKnight (Debbie), Cary McKnight (Jane); and his girlfriend, Catherine Brown.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Lee Spriggs McKnight; brother, Donald McKnight; sisters, Janet Kay McKnight Nichols; stepfather, James C. Yarborough.

Serving as pallbearers will be Eric Westfall, Eric McKnight, Justin Williamson, Donnie Branham, Brian Pack, and Dallas McDougald.

# Cemetery Details

## Piedmont Cemetery

720 Sumter Highway  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home  
200 West Church Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home  
200 West Church Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *I met Allen when I moved back to Bishopville in October 2021 and had trouble with my AC. I realized immediately what a fine and fair gentleman I was dealing with. He also told me about the great burgers at the Ashwood Grill. I'll be headed there soon in tribute to this great, but humble man. RIP, Allen! - Derek Smith*

**Derek Smith** - August 02, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Janice Melton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.*



**janice melton** - August 02, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Debra B. Mims lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.*



**Debra B. Mims** - August 02, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JS

“ I first met Alan when he ran the Outback in bishopville he always treated me nice he was all around a great and person he sure know how cook great food he will be greatly miss sorry for family loss prayers be with you

John Tweed Florence SC - August 02, 2023 at 10:12 AM

JT

I first met Alan when he ran the Outback in bishopville he always treated me nice he was all around a great person he sure know how cook great food he will be greatly miss sorry for the family loss prayers be with the family

John Tweed - August 02, 2023 at 10:21 AM

PS

“ Phyllis Sturkie lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



Phyllis Sturkie - August 01, 2023 at 07:01 PM

PS

We all will miss "Sweet Daddy". So many fond memories of him and hanging out at Ashwood Grocery. Prayers for the whole family and may God ease your grief. I love you all!

Phyllis Sturkie - August 01, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr..



August 01, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr..*



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August 01, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ *My condolences to the McKnight family. Mr Allen was a good man and may his light continue to shine on the McKnight family.*



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**Julia Williams** - August 01, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *I have't seen any of you in a long while but remember Allen so sweetly. The picture I see here reminds me so much of my Daddy, Ben Ray, Sr. The Ray blood goes a long way. May God be with all of you as you go through the next days, weeks and months. Let his memory linger but try not to be sorry. Thank God for the time you had to share with Allen and for the memories he helped you make. May His love surround you and give you a peace that you might not be able to understand. I love y'all though I doubt you remember me. God bless and keep each one of you in His care.*



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**Myrtle Ray Hancock (John)** - August 01, 2023 at 10:47 AM

“J

“ I’ve realized during the beginning of daddy’s funeral arrangements with my sisters, my concentration not completely in the room but I got something about a good memory right now I’m still trying to find just one, Luckily me my entire life he’s always there each and everyone . Daddy I know exactly what you would say but, you’ gotta know I love you good or bad I love you each and every way. “  
*James Allen*”

“James Allen” Mcknight jr. - August 01, 2023 at 02:01 AM

LT

“ LLisa & Bill Trout lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



LLisa & Bill Trout - August 01, 2023 at 01:47 AM

CA

“ Cherlyn Arrants lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



Cherlyn Arrants - August 01, 2023 at 01:36 AM

JO

“ Jonni lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



jonni - July 31, 2023 at 09:18 PM

JO

*Love you always!!*

jonni - July 31, 2023 at 09:19 PM

RM

“ Prayers and condolences for the family



Ruth Myers - July 31, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ Sharon Chabassol lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



Sharon Chabassol - July 31, 2023 at 07:08 PM

DS

“ David Ellison Sr. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr..



David Ellison Sr. - July 31, 2023 at 06:44 PM

DS

“ David Ellison Sr. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr..

David Ellison Sr. - July 31, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr..*



July 31, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Shalon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.*



**shalon** - July 31, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for the families loss! All of you are in my prayers!*



**The Hopkins Family** - July 31, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *Judy Scurry lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.*



**Judy Scurry** - July 31, 2023 at 12:17 PM

AA

“ Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



Archie and Kay Amerson - July 31, 2023 at 10:35 AM

BR

“ Brooke & Jason Raley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



Brooke & Jason Raley - July 31, 2023 at 10:00 AM

MW

“ Mid Carolina Ext-Ritchie West purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr..



Mid Carolina Ext-Ritchie West - July 31, 2023 at 08:48 AM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - July 31, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ *Dianne Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Allen McKnight Sr.*



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**Dianne Williams** - July 30, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ *Sending prayers and love to the family. We Love You Allen and you are missed greatly. You will be in our hearts forever. Shine on buddy.*



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**Susan Welch** - July 30, 2023 at 10:20 PM



*Sending Prayers for the family. He gave us all happy memories. We will miss you. We know you will be riding that beautiful bike to the stars.*

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**Cheryl Hatton** - July 31, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Prayers for the family. Allen was a good man that will surely be missed. Always willing to help his fellow man. 🙏🙏*

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**Tim Faulling** - July 30, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family and friends. He was a true gentleman and will be greatly missed by many.*



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**Lynn Mccaskill and Trey** - July 30, 2023 at 05:48 PM

BM

“ *Sorry for your loss prayers for the family* ”



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**Boyd and christi Mims** - July 30, 2023 at 04:35 PM

PR

“ *I am so very sorry for the families loss! All of you are in my prayers!* ”



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**Paulette Riley** - July 30, 2023 at 03:01 PM