



## Heidi Marie Viau James

August 22, 1965 - February 2, 2014

North Augusta, SC – Memorial Services for Mrs. Heidi Marie Viau James, 48, who entered into rest February 2, 2014, will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel. Father Joseph Whitehurst officiating. Interment will be private.

Heidi was born in West Germany on August 22, 1965 to Ellen Trump Viau and the late CW4 John Lewis Viau, U.S. Army, Corp of Engineers. Heidi graduated salutatorian from Hayfield High School in Alexandria, Virginia, and attended Pennsylvania State University. She lived in Fairfax, VA most of her adult life, moving to North Augusta in 2008. She married Timothy "T.J." James on June 13, 1992 and they were blessed with a daughter, Ella on November 7, 2002. Heidi spent her career in fundraising, working the last several years with the wonderful people at Production Management Group in Columbia MD. She enjoyed boating, golfing or hanging out with the loves of her life, T.J. and Ella. Heidi was thoughtful, fair, hard-working and loyal. She was a caring wife, mother, sister and friend, and she loved her family and friends generously. Survivors include her beloved husband T.J. James; a daughter, Ella Rae Cecilia James, North Augusta, SC; her pet Sunshine; her mother, Ellen Viau, North Augusta, SC; a sister and brother-in-law, Erika and Joe Pracht, North Augusta, SC; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Rose Viau, Maryville MO; an uncle Jack Trump and his wife Joyce, Milton, PA; her mother-in-law, Martha Morabito, Hixson, TN. Heidi also leaves nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, many cousins and good friends to cherish her memory.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Miriam Atkins, Dr. Gregory Ellison, Dr. John Hodges and the staff at University Hospital; Yanette Dias, our home health nurse and Trinity Hospice for their care during Heidi's illness.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorials be made to the Ella James Scholarship Fund, First Citizens Bank, Attn: Laurie Harsey, 1289 Knox Ave, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry online at [www.poseycares.com](http://www.poseycares.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
(803) 278-1181  
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<https://www.poseycares.com>

### Service

FEB 8. 4:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Heidi Marie Viau James



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Heidi Marie Viau James

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Heidi Marie Viau James

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ My lady, A year has gone by .My heart is still and always will be lost and empty without you. Ella is so big and beautiful now.She looks just like you. We are trying to move forward without you but it is so very hard.We will and are doing the best we can.Life ,not sure what to do with it now.You are loved and missed ever second of every day.xoxoxoxo

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**TJ James** - February 15, 2015 at 06:40 PM

JM

“ To the Family of Heidi Marie Viau James,  
So sorry to learn about the loss of your Dear Loved One Heidi.  
Please know that so many people share your grief with you to help  
you through this difficult time of sorrow. Please accept my deepest  
condolences as we await the time when Christ Jesus will awaken all  
of those who have fallen asleep in death; including your Beloved,  
Heidi. (John 11:41-44)

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**J. Moore** - February 12, 2014 at 08:46 PM

Jl

“ To the Viau Family and the James Family - please accept our  
condolences and Love.  
~The Waltersdorff-Rich Family, Northern VA

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**Jill** - February 12, 2014 at 08:27 AM

AF

“ Heidi-- I only knew you thru your work world and you were always a  
happy go lucky kind of girl in my eyes. Working with you was always  
a pleasure, and I enjoyed your fun in life and our conversations... I  
know that you are missed in your work world and I pray for your  
family - Heaven truly has another angel.

*Aimee Flora*

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**Aimee Flora** - February 10, 2014 at 08:22 AM

RW

“ It is so hard to believe the young woman I remember has gone on to live in the garden of heaven. Heidi was an extremely intelligent and beautiful young lady. We both were students at Wood Jr High School when our paths crossed. Though she will not experience the joy of seeing Ella become a grown woman... I am sure she will continue to guide her. I pray my former classmate is resting peacefully. God bless the family.

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**Rochelle Willis Wade** - February 07, 2014 at 10:58 AM

BH

“ Heidi you had a beautiful smile and a great laugh. I always looked forward to you and TJ visiting our home or attending one of the many fun gatherings you and TJ had at yours. You always made things fun and it was so obvious how much you were loved by your many friends and family. You drew people to you. I will miss you dearly. Love , Beth

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**Beth Harris** - February 06, 2014 at 10:54 AM

 Adam Stender

“ In the thousands upon thousands of pages that make up my life story, there's a page in there with you. I was your brothers friend, but you were always very "cool" to me. That was 1983, and it wasn't until 2009 that our paths crossed again at your cousin.... Vinnys' place.....26 years and so many pages later, you remembered me with a smile. I share in the grief and sadness of all who were touched by you.  
~Adam Stender

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**Adam Stender** - February 05, 2014 at 11:10 PM

KY

“ You were so much and more!! My heart was broken when John delivered the news, all I can think about is all the fun we had in school !! I often think about what God has in store for me. He needed an ANGEL ASAP is all I can figure !! Love you Sweetheart, you're in Heaven now !! Keep an eye on me!! ~Keith

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**Keith Young** - February 05, 2014 at 06:54 PM



“ To n old friend, u r missed. Hadnt seen u since wood jr. N boy were them some times. I know ur still silly n heaven wit that contagious smile n laugh.

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**Yvonne J Morrison** - February 05, 2014 at 04:49 PM

“ I met Heidi at the beginning of our ninth grade year when we were students at Wood Junior High on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I had never met anyone like her. Who was this girl who seemed to be on every committee, an officer for every school club and a key member of every team? She was so involved with the running of that school it seemed she was as much a faculty member as a student. The school yearbook, of course she was on the yearbook committee, was called “Cadetication”. It could have just as easily been called “The Heidi” because half the pictures seemed to be of her.

Even though I was attracted to her – she was very pretty, and anyone who has met her has been graced with her brilliant smile – I immediately decided I didn’t like her. I thought that anyone that involved had to be pushy, self-absorbed, or worse, a joiner, someone who was desperate to belong. But, then I got to know Heidi, and I realized how terribly wrong I was. Heidi wasn’t looking to join anything. She was a leader. She was looking to make a difference and in a hurry to do so. She was smart, intellectually curious and cared, about everything and everybody. Her grace and sense of humor, she had the rare capacity to laugh at herself, were inspiring. You wanted to join Heidi and achieve something with her.

We were both Army brats, and both moved away halfway through high school. We lost touch after college, but over the years, when I looked back on our time in Missouri, it was almost always with a smile, because I associate much of what I remember of the time with her. A few years ago, we reconnected on Facebook, and for that I am so grateful.

And now, though I write this with such a heavy heart, I also feel so thankful that some thirty-five years ago this wonderful young woman blessed me with her friendship. God take care of you, Heidi, I’ve still never met anyone else like you.

*John Ciarlo*

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**John Ciarlo** - February 04, 2014 at 08:01 PM

KY

*I have an 8x10 photo of us during Spirit Week at Wood it was 50's Day. Back when we all went to the Base Theatre for free. I know I watched GREASE 2 weeks in a row for free !!*

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**Keith Young** - February 05, 2014 at 09:02 PM

BL

“ *Heidi had an incredible smile and sense of humor. She was an amazing athlete, outstanding scholar and a great friend. I am so glad to have had the opportunity to know her. The next time you see a shooting star, brighter planet or even when you hear the thunder, it just might be Heidi throwing, kicking or tossing something while playing her favorite sport. Team Angel just got an MVP.*

*Berry Long~Class of 1983 Waynesville Senior High School  
Waynesville, Missouri*

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**Berry Long** - February 04, 2014 at 07:54 PM

JV

“ *2/4/2014  
Hey John and Erika - this is hard now that we are at this age ! I cannot begin to imagine what either of you are going through with the loss of your sister. Please know we think of you all often and have got to get our families together. We spoke about doing so at your dad's service in PA and now more than ever, that needs to happen. Please give our best to TJ and know you are all in our prayers and thoughts thru this very difficult time. Love you guys...JoAnn, Jeff, Joe, Jeannine, Jennifer, Justin and Julie Viau and of course Aunt Ann*

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**JoAnn Viau** - February 04, 2014 at 06:19 PM

JV

“ 2/4/2014

*Dear Heidi - we are so heartbroken over this tragedy. When your brother called my brother Joe, he immediately sent the RI and CA Viau families the announcement. We will all miss you and the way your smile would light up your eyes. Although everyone here now has to adjust, we are comforted in knowing you no longer suffer and that you are now "home" with your dad and Uncle Joe. Your husband and daughter and brother and sister and their families will have each other for support. I love you, cuz!! I will see you someday at the Pearly Gates - Rest in Peace, love. Jo Ann Viau and Family - Aunt Ann, Jeff, Joe, Jeannine, Jennifer, Justin and Julie*

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**Jo Ann Viau** - February 04, 2014 at 06:14 PM