Marci Ann James

March 16, 1967 - December 5, 2018

Marci Ann (Kettrick) James, age 51, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. She was born on March 16, 1967 in Seattle, Washington. Her parents, Nancy M. (Kettrick) Farmer and Kenneth E. Kettrick raised Marci and her brother Mitchell in North Seattle. Marci attended St. Marks Parish School, and later graduated in 1985 from Holy Names Academy, Seattle Washington. While attending Washington State University, she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, graduating in 1989 with a degree in Elementary Education. In 1989, Marci married Michael R. James of Chelan, Washington. Both Marci and Michael started their teaching careers on the west side of the state in the Everett area. In 1997, the family moved to Chelan to raise their three sons, Tyler, Bryan, and Kyle. Both Marci and Michael continued their teaching careers at Morgen Owings Elementary. Marci loved being a teacher. She was truly talented as an educator, well loved by students and staff. She always approached teaching with joy and compassion, loving her students and helping each student discover the joy of learning. Marci also loved being with her boys. During the summers, she enjoyed family time with camping trips and afternoons at the lake. She enjoyed supporting her boys in their many activities from music concerts to athletics. After moving to Chelan, Marci was an active member of St. Francis Catholic Church. From teaching religious class for children to the annual Christmas pageant, Marci was very involved with her church. She later became a member of Real Life Lake Chelan, participating in several small groups. Sadly, in 2014, Marci started her

long four & half year battle with cancer. As her illness continued to progress, she left teaching in 2016. Despite struggles and challenges with her illness, she maintained a positive, upbeat attitude, with her quick wit and smile, appreciating each and every day. Marci is survived by her husband, Michael James; their sons, Tyler (& Annie Milligan James), Bryan James, Kyle James; Marci's brother Mitchell (& Carla) Kettrick; her parents Nancy (Kettrick) Farmer and husband, Rusty Farmer; Ken Kettrick; and Charles James. Marsha James and Barbara (McMillan) Kettrick preceded her in death. Services for Marci will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 12:00pm at Chelan High School Performing Arts Center. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be made to The Community Center at Lake Chelan.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **5**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Chelan High School Performing Arts Center
215 W. Webster Ave.
Chelan, WA 98816

Tribute Wall

Marci Ann James

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

SD

Mrs. James was my first grade teacher. Certainly the sweetest teacher I had. She always checked in on me. I'll always remember the day she saw me crying in the hall, and even two years after she had me as a student, she asked me what was wrong, talked through everything with me, and sent a note to my classroom, inviting me to eat lunch with her. I did and that small act of kindness will stick with me. That small gesture made such an impact on the situation I was in. She made me feel like she was more to me than just a teacher. She gives me hope that there are more kind, wonderful, sweet, and empowering people like her out there. I will forever miss her.

Stella Dempsey - April 10, 2019 at 02:14 AM

LM

Laurie MacMillan lit a candle in memory of Marci Ann James

Laurie MacMillan - April 05, 2019 at 12:42 AM

Dan Quigley lit a candle in memory of Marci Ann James

Dan Quigley - January 08, 2019 at 06:37 PM

RR

Marci was always so positive and kind to me before and after I started teaching at MOE. Al also continually remarked on Marci's kind demeanor towards us. Her smile is imprinted on my mind. We are thinking about mike and the boys these days and pray you are comforted.

Rachel Robison - January 05, 2019 at 02:03 PM

LA

Word has just reached us in the Seattle area and we are so very sad for your loss. Marci was Sarah's first grade teacher back in Chelan, and she was a joy and a wonder in the classroom. Mike taught Sarah in 4th grade. Our hearts go out to him and the rest of her family and friends.
Laura, Mark & Sarah Freeman

Laura - January 03, 2019 at 06:36 PM

PW

The bell rang and another angel got their wings when Marci joined them. Knowing how she loved, and was loved is very comforting but missing her will take time. The sweet little girl that grew up to be the most wonderful daughter, wife and mother will be forever remembered. Our Sun Ray Shore family will have those memories forever as she was so apart of our community. Marci will be missed but our memories will live on... The Woeck's

Patti Woeck - December 28, 2018 at 02:29 AM

EO

Mike and Nancy, words cannot express how sorry I am for the loss of your beloved Wife and your Daughter. I know that she is in a far better place than suffering through her pain amongst us. We will all meet again somewhere down the road of happiness but for now let her enjoy the peace and tranquility of her journey into the heavens.

Ed Ortiz

Edward Ortiz - December 18, 2018 at 08:24 PM

KG

Thank you Marci! You showed us strength! We will miss Your smile, your laughter, the love you shared with all, but we will treasure the sweet memories always knowing we have an Angrl in our midst!

Kaye Gill - December 17, 2018 at 10:30 PM

My husband and I were fortunate enough to be able to go to Mike and Marci's beautiful wedding years ago; as we were from California. I was so excited to see my cousin Mike and his beautiful bride- to- be and couldn't wait for the party to start. I had not met Marci yet at this point. And during the ceremony Marci looking right over at me, smiled and waved at me. Later she told me that she recognized who I was from family pictures and was very happy that Rich and I were able to be there to help celebrate their day. I thought that was so sweet of her to do and say to me! That little moment made me feel so special that I obviously never forgot it. A heart full of love! Love you Marci, cousin Cheri

Cheri James Lamont - December 16, 2018 at 09:07 PM

MP

Such a wonderful gal. So sad. My heart goes out to Mike and the boys. Such a fortunate family to have her in their lives.

Melissa Prizant - December 16, 2018 at 03:34 AM

JB

Jill Burbery lit a candle in memory of Marci Ann James

Jill Burbery - December 16, 2018 at 01:44 AM

JB

Jeff David Barker lit a candle in memory of Marci Ann James

jeff david barker - December 14, 2018 at 04:57 PM

KC

i will always cherish the times that Marci, Mitch and my girls, Darcy, Debbie and Dana would put on skits for the Sun Ray park. They would practice for hours and we would get our chairs and watch each precious one. The Crandell Family will miss Marci and always love her.

Kaytie Crandell - December 14, 2018 at 02:34 PM

JN

I will always remember Marci as a genuine person. She was a true friend who touched my heart with her laughter, wisdom and kindness. She was an amazing mom! She loved her boys and she loved Mike! She was also a talented teacher who instilled a love of learning in her students. I will always miss her. My life was enriched by her.

Julie Northcraft Newby - December 13, 2018 at 11:53 PM

JP

Jeannie Pinel lit a candle in memory of Marci Ann James

Jeannie Pinel - December 13, 2018 at 11:40 PM

MP

Marie Palmer lit a candle in memory of Marci Ann James

Marie Palmer - December 13, 2018 at 10:24 PM

AS

Marci was a gift to everyone who knew her. Her smile and laugh were infectious; her love, unstoppable. Weldon, Wayne, and I send our deepest sympathies to all of her family and friends.

Amy Spangler - December 13, 2018 at 10:53 AM

DM

Marci was such a caring and kind soul. I will forever miss her hugs. Love you Marci. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help with the service. My heart is with you.

Devin Morrison - December 09, 2018 at 02:43 PM