



James "Jamie" Austin Rector Jr.

February 28, 1971 - January 30, 2026

James Austin "Jamie" Rector Jr., 54, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 30, 2026, after bravely facing critical illness for the last three months.

Jamie was born on February 28, 1971, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He spent his life rooted in the Chattanooga area, surrounded by family, friends, and the community he knew so well.

Jamie was known for his respectful nature, easy smile, and the way he could "aggravate" those he cared about just enough to make them laugh. He had a lifelong love for Alabama football, and game days were something he truly looked forward to.

Above all else, Jamie was a devoted father to his son, Ethan Rector, whom he loved deeply and was immensely proud of. He is also survived by his mother, Angela Rector of Chattanooga, TN; his father Austin (Keely) Rector of Chattanooga, TN; his brother, Jimmy Rector of Nashville; his sisters, Lori (Rob) Gass of Chickamauga, Georgia and Susan Rector of Chattanooga, TN; his nephews, Bowden and Garrett Gass; and his aunt, Martha Tiffin; and many other close friends and family members who will miss him dearly.

Jamie was a member of Tiftonia Baptist Church, where his presence and quiet

kindness were well known.

A visitation will be held on February 3, 2026, at Tiftonia Baptist Church, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the funeral service following at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Mark Brandon and Bro. Garrett Reagan officiating. Burial will take place at Tennessee Georgia Memorial Park in Rossville, GA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bus Ministry of Tiftonia Baptist Church.

Jamie will be remembered for his kind heart and the easy smile that made others feel at home. His memory will live on in the lives of all who loved him.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Jesse Tucker, and the dedicated staff of the CVICU, MICU, and IMCU at Memorial Hospital, as well as Vanderbilt Hospital, for the compassionate care shown to Jamie.

Cemetery Details

Tennessee Georgia Memorial Park

724 Hogan Road
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-5533

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Tiftonia Baptist Church
518 Brown's Ferry Road
Chattanooga, TN 37419

Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Chattanooga, TN 37419

Tribute Wall



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Ryan Funeral Home - February 02 at 04:04 PM

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“ All your friends at MCA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jamie" Austin Rector Jr..

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“ All your friends at MCA purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James "Jamie" Austin Rector Jr..



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“ *They Bowers Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jamie" Austin Rector Jr..*



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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jamie" Austin Rector Jr..*



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“ *Jamie was one the kindest people I know. He parked my car a many time at Memorial and always had a smile. I remember him from childhood too. Jamie you will be missed but so glad you are not suffering anymore.*

Linda Manning - January 31 at 07:46 PM