



## Mr. Jay Ferrette

March 24, 1955 - April 23, 2021

Mr. Jay Ferrette, 66, entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 23, 2021.

The relatives and friends of Mr. Ferrette are invited to attend his funeral service on Friday, April 30, 2021 11:00 AM at Monrovia Cemetery.

Viewing for Mr. Ferrette will be on Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, 2119 Dorchester Rd., N. Charleston, SC 29405.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?” Ps 27:1 (The New King James Version)

Jay Anthony Ferrette, son of the late Wilburforce Ferrette Jr., and Mattie R. Ferrette, was born 24 March 1955 in Charleston, SC. Mid-afternoon, Friday 23 April 2021, Jay A. Ferrette departed from this life while a patient at Roper Hospital, Charleston SC.

He received his education in the public schools of Charleston, S.C. He is a graduate of Burke High School Class 1972.

He continued his education by attending Virginia Union University in

Richmond, Virginia graduating with a Bachelor of Mathematics degree in 1977. He also earned a Master's of Science Degree in Management specializing in Project Management from Walden University in 2020.

Jay has been an employee of the Charleston County Public Works for over 42 years. Prior to his passing, he was a member of an engineering team and served as Public Works Project Manager.

Mr. Ferrette is survived by his two daughters: Ms. Jasmine Manigault-Ferrette and Ms. Jenel Ferrette; four grandchildren: LaNiyah, Princess, Jade and Elias; his brothers, Mr. James W. Ferrette (Carolyn) and Ivan J. Ferrette (Dionne); and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Monrovia Cemetery

Oceanic Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home  
2119 Dorchester Road  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 722-3676  
smithmnealfuner@gmail.com

## Graveside Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monrovia Cemetery  
Oceanic Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ I will always remember this sweet man and all the kindness he showed, not only to me, but to everyone he knew. He was always willing to help me on the Citizen's Hot Line during activation of the Emergency Operations Center for any situation posing a threat to our community. May he Rest In Peace....

Darlene Fragale - October 11, 2021 at 03:37 PM

MA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Magy - May 05, 2021 at 04:22 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Magy - May 05, 2021 at 04:20 PM

PS

“ I will always remember that beautiful smile that would light up the library when he came in. Patrice (Hurd/ St. Andrews Library)

Patrice Smith - May 04, 2021 at 04:45 PM

GP

“ *Condolences to the Family of Mr. Ferrette.  
I never knew his name  
Nevertheless, each time I saw him he was always the same  
Words of kindness, laced with gold  
Enriched with grace, that touched the soul  
Farewell, for your earthly journey is done  
Eternal Rest forever in the presence of THE SON.*

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**Gwendolyn Parrilla** - May 03, 2021 at 10:45 AM

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“ *“When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.”  
~ Kahlil Gibran*



*Fly high my smiling friend*

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**CHRIS MARTINO LAMBERT** - May 03, 2021 at 10:39 AM

PW

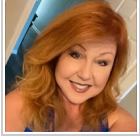
“ *Jay was always a pleasure to deal with. He had a great attitude and was always helpful.*

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**Paul Wood** - May 03, 2021 at 09:49 AM

WC

“ *I will miss your sweet smile and our small talks on our way out of the building. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Wendy Curtis** - May 03, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *It was always a pleasure working with Jay. His smile was infectious and always brightened any room he entered. He will truly be missed.*

Tia Shaw - May 03, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *It has been many years since high school, but through the reading of the many tributes, it is evident that Jay remained his authentic self...kind and caring....thoughtful and sincere...and humble with quiet strength. I will cherish our shared memories.*

Pheobe - April 29, 2021 at 02:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Ferrette.*



April 28, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ *One of the County's best! Your kindness and sweet way will be sorely missed. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the family and loved ones.*

*Christine DeStefano*

Christine DeStefano - April 28, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Ferrette.*



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April 28, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Jay, Your SMILE and personality are truly going to be missed by so many here - but I am sure you are sharing all of it in heaven. Rest easy my friend from PW and prayers for peace for your family. :-) Marti*

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**Marti McPherson** - April 28, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Charleston County Public Works Department purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mr. Jay Ferrette.*



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**Charleston County Public Works Department** - April 28, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Heather and Bill purchased the Finest Farewell S pray for the family of Mr. Jay Ferrette.*



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**Heather and Bill** - April 28, 2021 at 09:22 AM

DS

“ *My prayers go out to and for the family.*

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**Dr. Denton Carter, Burke High School** - April 27, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JD

“ *You will be greatly missed and irreplaceable. It was a pleasure to work with you for 25 years. Prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. Rest in peace brother.*

*John Davey*

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**John Davey** - April 27, 2021 at 02:50 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Wilkins, Briana and Jennifer Ferrette purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Jay Ferrette.*



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**Barbara Wilkins, Briana and Jennifer Ferrette** - April 27, 2021 at 02:17 PM

KB

“ *Jay, you were a glowing light to this world. Your infectious smile and genuine heartfelt greetings will be sadly missed. Not a day went by without you uplifting all the people that surrounded you. I will miss our hallway greetings and discussions. Thank you for your years of service, and my sincere and heartfelt condolences to your entire family.*

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**Karen Burney-Green** - April 27, 2021 at 12:28 PM

SH

“ I only got to work with Jay for 8 months but he made sure to come talk to me every morning. Over our morning chats I got to know him pretty well. He would tell me about his daughters, he granddaughters who he absolutely adored, and always what he was watching on Netflix. There is a hole in my heart and I didn't realize how much I would miss his smile and his happy demeanor. We already miss him so much! Things just aren't the same here and they never will be.

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**Sheila** - April 27, 2021 at 11:27 AM

KL

“ I had the chance to work with Jay for a number of years. My first day at the County he made sure to come by and talk with me and checked on me along the way. Jay always had a smile for everyone. He was a genuinely nice person and that was so refreshing and needed. He was part of our County family. I will miss him, and I am so sorry to his family for their loss.

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**Kevin Limehouse** - April 27, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JB

“ I will certainly miss your smiling face as we passed in the hallways of Charleston County. Rest in peace my friend. May God be with the family during this difficult time.

*Janet Burns*

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**Janet Burns** - April 27, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JG

“ *Sleep In Peace my friend, I will always remember your smile and great sense of humor.*

*Joyce Gordon*



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**Joyce E Gordon** - April 27, 2021 at 10:34 AM

KJ

“ *I'm am so sorry to hear this sad news. I worked with Jay for years at Charleston County on lots of different issues. He was a pleasure to deal with always. I'm sure he will be missed by many. Peace to his family.*

*Kathy Johnstone*

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**Kathy Johnstone** - April 27, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jay Ferrette.*



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April 27, 2021 at 10:24 AM

MV

“ My deepest sympathy and sharing with your loss the life of a wonderful and kind soul. May the pain you are going through be comforted knowing that he is safely in the hand of God and at peace in his Kingdom. May all the memories shared together remind you all of the internal gift granted to you. May the Lord grant you the strength and peace during this difficult time. Magy



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**Margarita Vedders** - April 27, 2021 at 10:20 AM

MV

Every morning he came by each cubical to said hello, good morning, how we were, and had a smile on his face. We shared our coffee stash and was the person that help me when I started how to search for plat, jurisdiction, and what to refer to Planning and Zoning. He was a wealth of knowledge that will be miss. I will miss you on our lunch get together, but will be thinking of you.

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**Margarita Vedders** - April 27, 2021 at 11:31 AM

HN

“ Jay meant so much to so many people. I had the pleasure of working with Jay for 7 years and came to know him as a friend. Jay's beaming smile and positive outlook spread joy and laughter throughout the office. Our office isn't the same without his presence. My thoughts go out to his family during this very difficult time. We'll miss you Jay!

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**Herbert Nimz** - April 27, 2021 at 09:54 AM

BC

“ I met Jay about 20 years ago when I came to Charleston. He was always so friendly and nice and had a big smile on his face. He was always so helpful when I needed it. My deepest condolences to his family.

*Jay will definitely be missed.*

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**Barbara Canady** - April 27, 2021 at 08:52 AM

BC

*I met him when I came to work at Charleston County.*

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**Barbara Canady** - April 27, 2021 at 08:54 AM

FT

“ Frank Pandullo and Joan Thompson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Jay Ferrette.



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**Frank Pandullo and Joan Thompson** - April 27, 2021 at 07:18 AM

RR

“ To god be the glory for the great things he hath done. J you have been a friend and mentor to me you have been an inspiration to Charleston county and i pray that you will recieve a resting place in the kingdom and i pray that god will continue to bless your family and i will always thank you for the smiles and conversations your friend Raymond Robinson may heaven recieve you

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**Raymond Robinson** - April 26, 2021 at 10:04 PM

AG

“ Jay was the biggest ray of sunshine in our office! Not a single day went by without Jay stopping by your cube to say good morning or to ask how your weekend was. I never tired of hearing about his weekends with his grandbabies and he always had a great Netflix recommendation on Monday mornings. I only knew Jay for a year, but he dedicated his life to serving the public and befriending everyone he met. I'm fairly certain I've never met a nicer person than Jay. We should all strive to be a little bit more like Jay and the world would be better for it. He touched the lives of many and I know his memories will continue to live on through all of us that knew him. My deepest condolences go out to his family.

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**Ashley G.** - April 26, 2021 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ Just heard and very saddened by Jay's passing. We both came to Charleston County the same year. Me with the Planning Department and Jay with Public Works. On Mondays we would inspect Plats Land Surveys for land use and drainage. Road many miles and covered most of Charleston County during a period of five years. For over 29 years we would work on other things. After I retired we still stayed in touch. Jay you were an awesome friend and shared many laughs and stories. Rest in Peace and job well done my friend.

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**John n waring** - April 26, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ I recall Jay was the first person to introduce himself when I first moved into the Public Works offices a little over a year ago. He would always come by daily to say hello and check on how I was doing. His kind and pleasant demeanor will be missed by all. It will not be the same without him. His was a good man.

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**John Martin** - April 26, 2021 at 04:55 PM

RY

“ Many years ago, I asked Jay if he were a fighter pilot what his nickname would be and he answered with his causal draw, "Jaybird." We got a good laugh because the answer was so perfect. I'll miss these casual conversations that always ended with a good chuckle. My deepest condolences to the family and you will be missed by so many Jaybird.

Ryan - April 26, 2021 at 09:45 AM

SF

I am heart broken of Jay's passing. I started working at the Public Works Department in 1997. Jay was one of the first to introduce himself. We were friends from that day forward. He always made me laugh. Rest in peace my dear friend. I will truly miss you.

Sue Frost - April 26, 2021 at 06:46 PM

JW

I worked with Jay for 18 years and he was always so happy, positive, and charming. He would ask about my "baby" every single time I saw him... and I know he asked the last time. She's 13 now, but he's such a caring family man, he knows she will always be my baby and he genuinely cared about me and my family. I am sure he was the best dad and grandad.

I will miss your smile and greetings Jay. An outstanding public servant. Prayers to his family and friends.

Jenny Werking - April 27, 2021 at 08:34 PM

SR

“ Jay, I will certainly miss that smile, the pictures stories and laughs we shared. You are truly missed by many.

Sophia Sims Ravenel - April 25, 2021 at 06:48 PM

MM

“ Jay, thank you for your positive outlook and encouraging words. I will miss seeing your smiling face telling me good morning or asking how my weekend was. Our prayers are with your family.

Myree Macko - April 25, 2021 at 06:28 PM

TW

“ Jay, thank you for your knowledge and the laughs that we shared! You will truly be missed

Trae West - April 25, 2021 at 06:25 PM

JH

“ Jay, I certainly enjoyed the years we worked together at Charleston County Public Works. You always had a smile on your face and the nicest guy to talk to about anything. You always took direction on job tasks without being bitter or apprehensive about it. Thank you for brightening up my life and being such a wonderful employee! You will be missed my friend.

Jim Hutto - April 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM

BC

“ Jay, you will be missed by everyone in Public Works and especially by me. Every morning you would make a trip to the other side of the office to say good morning and we would chit chat and talk about the latest movies on Netflix. Way back in 2002 when I was first hired, you were the one to teach me how to research jurisdiction and you were kind enough to share your secret places to look for things. You always had a smile on your face and a positive attitude no matter the situation and you were such a good sport when we would all tease you. Rest in peace, Jay.



Beth Cornelius - April 25, 2021 at 05:03 PM

FP

*You were my dear friend and mentor as I navigated through my new home in Charleston County from New Jersey. I will cherish the memories. I'll miss you*  
*Frank*

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**Frank Pandullo** - April 26, 2021 at 12:57 PM

JP

*Where to begin my friend. You truly will be missed, but Heaven has gained a happy angel!! Thanks for always thinking of my family and showing all the care during the past few years. Our office will never be the same. Fly high my friend and make everyone in heaven smile!!*

*Jackie*

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**Jacqueline Proveaux** - April 27, 2021 at 09:03 AM

BH

“ *Anytime we would pass each other, I could count on a kind word and a huge smile. Jay, you made a great impact on so many, and I am so glad that I could call you my friend. You will be missed so much.*

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**Brian Hayes** - April 25, 2021 at 03:27 PM

TV

“ *Jay will be so missed by many people. I had the pleasure of getting to know, and working with Jay, when I started with Public Works three years ago. Every day he would come by and say good morning and chat for a few minutes. He loved his family and we spent many days talking about his granddaughter and things they had enjoyed on weekends. He was always happy and had a kind word for everyone. God Bless you Jay. I will miss you. Teresa Vickers*

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**Teresa Vickers** - April 25, 2021 at 03:07 PM

MK

“ Although I only knew Jay for a few years, I will always remember him for his positive attitude, the love he had for his family, his dedication to Public Works, and, of course, his big smile. When our departments merged and we moved into the Public Works space, Jay was one of the first to greet me and offer any help he possibly could. I always admired that he made a point to stop by everyone's office every single morning to say hello. Even if you came in late that morning, he made it a point to find you later on. It was a daily reminder of what was important and how to start the day- That your relationships with your co-works, family, and friends come first. We will miss him dearly and wanted to extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

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**Mackenzie Kelley** - April 25, 2021 at 10:50 AM

SB

“ Jay, you will be terribly missed by me!! Each day you came to say good morning with a smile, followed by asking about my family and I doing the same with continued conversations throughout the day about work and life. Your daughters and grand babies were the highlights of your life. I inquired about you often during the week and hearing this news brought me to tears. I know you're at peace! My deepest condolences to your family. Rest easy my friend!

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**Syretta Blowe** - April 24, 2021 at 05:01 PM

MG

“ Thank you Jay for the many laughs we shared every time I saw one another. You kind ways and wisdom will truly be missed. Rest easy my friend.

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**Marvin Green** - April 24, 2021 at 03:51 PM

KS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*



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**Kendrick Swinton** - April 24, 2021 at 03:41 PM

EA

“ *Jay will certainly be missed in the office. He would always make a point each morning to stop and sincerely wish you a good morning. What a great and uplifting way to start the day! I can't imagine the office without his smile. My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the family.*

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**Eric Adams** - April 24, 2021 at 01:33 PM

NC

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to Jay's family and friends, he was one of a kind with a smile that could light up a room! I've known and worked with Jay since 2006, he never failed to say good morning and ask about how my daughter and my dogs were doing. We shared laughs on many occasions. Jay had made many friends throughout the County over his 42 years of service and our entire Department is deeply saddened by his loss. He will truly be missed!*

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**Nancy Clark** - April 24, 2021 at 11:25 AM

SG

“ Jay, this saddens my heart to see your name in the paper. Who am I going to pick on in the hallway now? Who is going to help me carry my stuff to my office and be the hallway keeper? Who is going to keep me informed with what is going on in PW. Jay you will be greatly missed! My condolences go out to your family and your 2 beautiful daughters and your grandbaby that you talked about so much and love so dearly! The hallways in the PSB will have a different atmosphere cause your presence will no longer be seen, but I will hold on to our last conversation and how you said you were proud of me! Take your rest my colleague until we meet again!

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**Synovia Green** - April 24, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ The last time I spoke with Jay he called to make sure I was still working at the county we had a huge department changeover. He's said he had to call to just hear my voice that his favorite condemnation paralegal was still at the county. His smile and positivity are already missed in the PSB hallway! Rest In Peace my Friend!

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**Amanda Turner** - April 23, 2021 at 06:13 PM