

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
AT HUNTINGTON**

**CHRISTOPHER FAIN; SHAWN
ANDERSON a/k/a SHAUNTAE ANDERSON;
and LEANNE JAMES, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**Case No.: 3:20-cv-00740
Judge Robert C. Chambers**

**WILLIAM CROUCH, in his official capacity as
Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia
Department of Health and Human Resources;
CYNTHIA BEANE, in her official capacity as
Commissioner for the West Virginia Bureau for
Medical Services; WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
RESOURCES, BUREAU FOR MEDICAL
SERVICES; and JASON HAUGHT, in his official
capacity as Director of the West Virginia Public
Employees Insurance Agency,**

Defendants.

SUGGESTION OF DEATH

Defendant Jason Haught, in his official capacity as Director of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (“Defendant Haught”), by and through counsel, Perry W. Oxley, David E. Rich, Eric D. Salyers, Christopher K. Weed, and the law firm of Oxley Rich Sammons, PLLC, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(a), hereby suggests the death of Plaintiff, Leanne James, upon the record. The exact date of death being February 25, 2022, pursuant to the obituary attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing “**Suggestion of Death**” on this 16th day of **March, 2022**, with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of filing, and a copy of the same, to the following CM/ECF participants:

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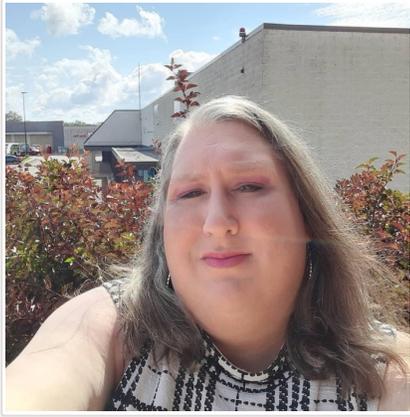
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Leanne Brooke James

October 23, 1976 ~ February 25, 2022 (age 45)



Leanne Brooke James, 45, of Hurricane was killed on Friday, February 25, 2022, in a car accident. She was a systems administrator for Kanawha County Schools and an avid amateur radio operator (K8OHZ). She was also a tireless advocate for the transgender community and for LGBTQ equality at the local, state, and federal levels.

Leanne is survived by her daughter, Marissa Mynes; father, Ernest Mynes; sister, Tammy St. Clair (Marvin Carr) all of Hurricane; and her brother, Jeromy Mynes (Beth Bartlett) of Altamonte Springs, FL. She is preceded in death by her mother, Donna Mynes.

A memorial service has not yet been planned. To further her advocacy, the family requests donations to be made in memory of Leanne to Fairness West Virginia at fairnesswv.org/donate.