



Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison

December 20, 2014

GARRISON, James D. "Jim", 73, of, Plant City, Florida, passed away on December 20, 2014. He was a member of Plant City's First Baptist Church. He loved his family, and was an avid sportsman. He is survived by his loving companion Mary Ann Fussell; children James D. Garrison, II, Cynthia E. Garrison, Sean M. Garrison, and Jennifer L. Garrison; step-father William E. Morris; brothers Jack Garrison and David Garrison; and grandchildren Cassidy, Savana, Tori, and Mikayla. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 2 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 3 at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 31, 2014 at 08:07 AM

JG

Beautiful. Gods blessings to all.life is short.but jesus makes salvation possible to all that trust in his love.wonderful jesus

jean garrison - January 05, 2015 at 08:59 PM



Amen!

Sean Garrison - October 11, 2020 at 03:41 AM

DW

“ Denise Wacaser lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Denise Wacaser - January 07, 2015 at 10:19 AM

RG

So sorry to hear we were out of town during these days. Our prayers to the family.

Robert & Lynett Griffin - January 12, 2015 at 01:48 AM

FS

“ R.I.P Jim Garrison !!! I pray for your family and friends to find peace within themselves with the love/grace of God!!! I remember all the times I played softball against the Creek and you always a competitor but always gracious and smiling no matter the outcome- I think you enjoyed your earthly journey and know you are going to love a place called heaven- see you someday in the future Jim- get together with Doc Tyner, Jimmy Smith, Mike Evans, and my cousin Gary Spells - they will be on a very good team in heaven I sure you will make the team- God rest !!!

Floyd Suggs - January 02, 2015 at 11:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison.



January 02, 2015 at 10:38 AM

SF

“ Sheri Flanagin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Sheri Flanagin - January 02, 2015 at 10:10 AM

SG

“ Sean Garrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Sean Garrison - January 02, 2015 at 01:21 AM

KW

“ Jimmy (Sorry, I just never could call him Jim) was a person who always seemed to get such fun out of life. He made me laugh every time he asked if I had seen the picture of the huge fish he caught, which he kept conveniently located in his wallet. I must've seen it at least 50 times over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family members. He left you far too soon, and his death will be grieved by many, including myself.

Kaye Whitehurst-Miller - December 30, 2014 at 11:15 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 30, 2014 at 06:55 PM

DB

“ JACK AND DAVID,

CAN'T BELIEVE MY BUDDY'S GONE. I'M SO, SO SORRY FOR YOU TWO. JIMMY WAS ALWAYS MY "HERO" AND I MEAN ALWAYS. GOD BLESS YOU BOTH.

DICK BILLS

DICK BILLS - December 30, 2014 at 09:54 AM

PA

“ Pam Almon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Pam Almon - December 27, 2014 at 04:41 PM

PA

I am so very sorry to hear this about Jimmy. My prayers go out to all of his children and to his brother's Jack & David as well as the rest of the family...

Pam Almon - December 27, 2014 at 04:44 PM

JD

I have known Jimmy for many years and admired his relationship and friendship with Mary Drawdy and Randy and Ronald Drawdy. Our friendship goes back to our school days at Turkey Creek High School and I know him mostly through the Drawdy family. We all loved Jimmy and I have only good memories of him. My sincerest condolences to his family on their loss, especially at this time of the year. Joanna Drawdy

Joanna Drawdy - December 27, 2014 at 07:47 PM

SG

“ I feel as if I'm the luckiest son in the world to be able to call him my dad. My dad was the bravest and toughest men I've ever known. He always wanted what was right . He always said "Someone always has it tougher." Or "When you think you have it bad." Referring to kids with cancer or health problems . From hitting golf balls off the very top of the skyway bridge after building it , to shooting 400 lb Jew Fish , being in the Marines 6 years and always looking for the next "Full of Life" event . He raised 4 great kids. He always joked around, made people "laugh and smile" , full of lil surprises , hitting homerruns out of the park at 72 . I'm very lucky to call him "My Dad" . He always worked hard and thinked sensibly . He showed everyone "Respect" but assured you do the same for him. He was a outdoorsy, athletic, lightning fast, animal loving , protective and fought for what was right Dad. Cindy put it best "Be Aggressive" . Be aggressive for what's right and good . I'm Lucky to able to call him "My Dad"

Sean Garrison - December 25, 2014 at 11:37 PM

KF

I'm so sorry Sean, you know where we are if you all need anything at all, call or stop by, love to see you. Prayers and love are sent your way, We love you guys! I just heard so sorry for not knowing sooner, let us know if you need anything at all from running errands to bring food.8136791242

Keri Kilgore & Family - December 28, 2014 at 12:05 AM

RB

WHT A GOOD MAN! I AM SO SORRY TO GET THIS NEWS! JIMMY WAS ALWAYS TO GOOD TO ME AT THE DOT! FUN TO WORK WITH AND A VERY RESPECTABLE PERSON! GOD'S PEACE WITH THE FAMILY...I AM SURE YOU WILL SEE HIM AGAIN!

ROY BEYMER - December 31, 2014 at 07:09 PM

SC

“ Sam And Carol Conrad lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Sam and Carol Conrad - December 24, 2014 at 06:39 PM

JM

“ So sorry. Many great high school memories.

Jackie Hardee McCullers - December 24, 2014 at 12:07 PM

ML

“ Jimmy was one of the greatest men I ever knew. I grew up around him and later work with him with the FDOT until he retired. I played ball with him, which was one of his passions in life. He was someone I could confide in with anything.....Up until August I called him at least once a Month to check on him. I am really going to miss him.

Mike Lytle

Michael Lytle - December 24, 2014 at 11:16 AM

GH

“ There's so little one can say or do, but we pray that it may help somehow to know that loving thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Jimmy was a great classmate and friend. Leo and Ginger Houck

Ginger Houck - December 23, 2014 at 11:30 PM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family. May he rest in peace.

Diana Nagel McNeill - December 23, 2014 at 10:05 PM

DV

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Jim & I shared our problems about a year ago, we both were up beat at that time. May he rest in peace.

Don & Juanita Vaughan

Don Vaughan - December 23, 2014 at 09:55 PM

PA

“ Praying for peace and comfort for the entire Garrison for God's peace and comfort during this most difficult time and so sorry for your loss! From: Renus Knowles, Peggy Gardner Adams and Shanna Adams.

Peggy Adams - December 23, 2014 at 02:00 PM

PA

"entire Garrison family"

Peggy Adams - December 23, 2014 at 02:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison.



December 23, 2014 at 11:18 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison.*



December 23, 2014 at 10:07 AM



“ *Dear Jimmy, Cindy and family - sending love and prayers from Utah to all of you! - Pietro (Pete) D'Alessio*

Peter D'Alessio - December 22, 2014 at 10:31 PM



“ *God the Father just wanted him in heaven for Christmas.*



Mary Ellen Kirkwood - December 22, 2014 at 10:02 PM



“ *Gary And Tami Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison*



gary and tami griffin - December 22, 2014 at 09:32 PM

SF

“ Sheri Flanagin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Sheri Flanagin - December 22, 2014 at 09:12 PM

PB

“ Patti Britt-Walker



Patti Britt - December 22, 2014 at 09:03 PM

SG

“ Susan Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison



Susan Greer - December 22, 2014 at 08:55 PM

CM

“ Mr garrison was always very kind every time I saw him. Prayers for all of his loved ones.



christina mooneyham - December 22, 2014 at 07:36 PM

JC

“ *Janice Carr lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison*



Janice Carr - December 22, 2014 at 06:32 PM

JC

Gentleman he was an brought happiness into the room! Always a tender heart! Jimmy thank you for all you were to my daughters a great mentor of life! Your memories always with us!

Janice Carr - December 22, 2014 at 06:35 PM

TW

“ *Traci (Johnson) Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Mr. James D. "Jim" Garrison*



Traci (Johnson) Wheeler - December 22, 2014 at 06:30 PM

CG

“Dad was an honorable man and a wonderful father to me. I have a lifetime of memories playing all kinds of sports, fishing, snorkeling and being on the water with him. My favorite thing he said to me was "Be aggressive!" We shared a lot of things in common including the love of nature, math and organizing, making things with our hands, and he and I especially loved finding and collecting sharks teeth, shells and rocks. I admire Dad's tenacity as he fought cancer since 2006. He gave me the book "Live Like You Are Dying: A Story About Living" and told me to "Read, heed, and do." He cherished every moment and had lots of fun playing softball and taking beach vacations, even in those last 8 years in between his treatments. We had serious talks about what living was to him. He never gave up; he chose peace in the end. He bought me a plaque with the serenity prayer when I was a kid, and for me, speaks to his courage and acceptance of God's plan of his time here on earth. I will miss him and remember his fighting spirit until I see him again.
His loving daughter Cindy

Cindy Garrison - December 22, 2014 at 04:28 PM

DO

Such a touching tribute to your Father. He taught you well my dear friend. Kim and I are thinking of you and our prayers are with you and your family. Don

don - December 22, 2014 at 04:55 PM

SF

Uncle Jim was and always will be a loved by his whole family. I always looked forward to seeing him walk through the door during family gatherings especially Christmas eve. He made everyone laugh and smile. He always called me "Smiley" when I was little because I was always shy. He knew exactly how to make people laugh and have a good time. I still can't believe he's gone but his memories will always be around. Love you Cindy, Jimmy, Sean, Jennifer, uncle Dave and my dad Jack Garrison.

Sheri Flanagin - December 22, 2014 at 05:23 PM

CK

So Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great man. He was someone that always looked up to. You and Jimmy were very fortunate to have such a wonderful Dad. I know he will be missed dearly. Please give our love to your entire family. We will be praying for you.

Chris Kent - December 22, 2014 at 06:06 PM

JC

Such a gentleman always kind hearted and brought joy wherever he was! Would give you the shirt off of his back as they said in the old days! Never complained! Always positive yet very witty in ever conversation! Memories flood our minds of the joy he brought to everyone!

Janice Carr - December 22, 2014 at 06:41 PM

EA

I'm so sorry about the loss of your beloved dad. Your kind words speak volumes about what a wonderful mentor and father he was to you, Jimmy, Sean and Jennifer. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Eva

Eva Ales - December 22, 2014 at 07:58 PM

SM

Prayers and thoughts are with the entire Garrison family. Jim was a legend in the athletic arena. Best of all . . . he was a gentleman and kind to all. He leaves behind an incredible legacy for his children and grandchildren to cherish. We will all miss the positive, happy personality of Jim Garrison. Love to all . . . Sherrie Mueller

Sherrie Mueller - December 30, 2014 at 08:25 PM