



James "Jim" Peterson

January 5, 1969 - May 5, 2024

James "Jim" Peterson, of St. Louis, Missouri, was born January 5, 1969 in St. Louis, Missouri to James A. and Helen (nee Badgett) Peterson and entered into rest Sunday, May 5, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 55 years.

He is preceded in death by his yorkie, Canito.

He is survived by loving parents, James A. and Helen Peterson; ex-wife, Lorena; numerous mentors, teachers, co-workers, friends, bandmates, and extended family.

From the young age of 8, Jim embarked on a path of discipline and perseverance, honing his skills in Judo under the instruction of the late Mr. Roth. Through dedication and determination, he attained the esteemed rank of black belt and garnered numerous trophies, a testament to his indomitable spirit.

Venturing into the realm of theater at 8, he found his calling upon answering an ad in the newspaper. His debut performance in "Fiddler on the Roof" marked the beginning of a lifelong love for the stage and performing arts. Over the years, he graced countless productions, leaving an indelible mark with his talent and creativity. Notably, he directed "A Christmas Carol" three times, illuminating the holiday season with its magic and charm.

His professional journey was equally illustrious, spanning various industries and roles. From his cherished beginnings at Six Flags, where he found joy in ensuring the safety and thrill of others, to his tenure at UniGroup, Jet Aviation, Knights Limited, working at The Fox Theatre, and his most recent job in Human Resources at ClearTech, his dedication shone bright through all of his roles. Yet perhaps his most profound legacy lies in his role as a life coach with Connections. Working predominantly with former prisoners, he embodied compassion and empathy, touching countless lives with his guidance and support. His presence was a beacon of hope, illuminating paths to redemption and renewal.

Jim's heart found solace in the harmonies of music, specifically Ronnie James Dio. He was a singer and songwriter for three bands: Whiskey and Thunder with his bandmates John, Tom, and Ryan, Grime Head, and The Defenders. For 17 years, he lent his talent and passion to the Defenders, creating melodies that resonated with audiences far and wide.

Jim was a proud graduate of Northwest High School, class of 1987, where he fostered lifelong friendships with many classmates. Though Jim may have departed this world, his memory lives on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him. He will be forever remembered and fondly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill

6300 Highway 30

Cedar Hill, MO 63016

(636) 274-4100

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ Jim, not many people can say they still have a best friend of 42 years! When we met on the first day of our Freshman year of High School, who knew that our bond would still be strong 42 years later. Your friendship and heart are one of a kind!! Since you left a month ago, it has been hard not to reach out to you weekly as we did. I will miss our conversations, your laugh, your beautiful voice, and your genuine support and friendship!!
You took in my family like they were yours. Robert and the kids are going to miss hearing what you had to say and share weekly. For now we will look up to visit with you, until it's time to meet again. Gone too soon my friend!!
Love always,
Shelly, Robert, Amber & Tyler Dumler

Shelly Dumler - June 05, 2024 at 05:17 PM

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“ Today is the day that your friends and family gather together to celebrate you.

It's been a month now.

And a month of looking through photos since you were born, the incredible person that you were to so many. A friend, a mentor to so many kids in the theatre.

Your mom has such incredible scrapbooks of your Judo, your many, many performances in local theater, directing plays, the bands. And your dad and mom...they were always there for you with building sets, seeing you perform. They are strong, and a wonderful couple.

We were blessed to have witnessed your talent, and be in your friendship circle in your short time here on earth. Miss you Jimmy!

So glad that Tom and I saw you and Helen at Radeackar's Market in April!! I will forever treasure this photo!



Bettye Ruble-Juergens - June 05, 2024 at 11:42 AM

LG

“ Lorena G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Peterson.

Lorena G. - June 03, 2024 at 03:11 PM

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“ I remember when I was in a cappella choir in 10th grade and Miss Bocherding(the music teacher) brought in the room, a freshman. She announced to the class that she wanted us to meet this young freshman and to hear him
Well, let me tell you - when this young man sang everyone was in awe - I thought WHAT A TALENT! So young and a voice from Heaven
Needless to say, that young freshman was Jim!
Jim and I grew to be good friends and I will miss him! He was extremely gifted and I will miss him! Thank you Lord for allowing us to get to know him!

Michael Land - June 01, 2024 at 11:35 AM

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“ Love, Patty, Mark and Sam Sheppard purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Peterson.



Love, Patty, Mark and Sam Sheppard - May 31, 2024 at 02:57 PM

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“ I was best friends with Jim in high school. I remember the heavy metal concerts we went to and the many times we just hung out at his house and listened to music or watched movies. I loved him and am sorry I lost contact with him over the years. He was a great guy and will be missed.

Beth Podorski (Gilbert) - May 29, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Peterson.*



May 28, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Jim, you will forever be missed, my heart is heavy. Still. I am blessed to have shared moments with you in this lifetime. You touched my heart, and every day, I felt as if I was looking into the ocean through those beautiful eyes. Love you, forever brother.*

De'Edra Seawood - May 21, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Peterson.*



May 14, 2024 at 03:02 PM

LK

“ Jim empowered and inspired so many individuals during his time with Connections to Success. His impact will live on forever!!



Lynda Keeton - May 14, 2024 at 02:56 PM