



James "Jimmy" Austin

September 23, 1952 - December 30, 2023

Lakeland – James “Jimmy” Austin, 71, passed away December 30, 2023.

Jimmy was born in Amarillo, Texas on September 23, 1952. He worked as a forklift operator, and was a member of IATSE Local 835.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Christine “Chris” (nee Erickson) Austin; children, James Austin and Tiffany (Milos) Savic; grandchild, Madison James Savic; siblings, Clark, Tena, Bridget (Ewell) Carter; step siblings, Mary (Hector) Ramirez and Emily (James) Stafiej; his special sister in law and brother in law, Lynda and Tom Rumrill; multiple nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Rex; and step brothers, Melton and Paul.

Visitation will be Monday, January 8th from 5-8 pm at Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland, FL. Services for Jimmy will be in Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Rest in peace Jimmy, we always had great conversations while working on shows together!! You will be missed.*



Andy Cohen - January 10, 2024 at 03:46 PM

PS

“ *Jimmy has been a friend, neighbor and poker buddy for over 17 yrs. Our visits and conversations with him will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with his wife, daughter, granddaughter and other family and friends in Chicago.*

Phil and Sharon Sidoti - January 08, 2024 at 05:53 PM

MH

“ *Melinda Holsman lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" Austin*



Melinda Holsman - January 08, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Austin.*



January 06, 2024 at 07:44 PM

MR

“ I remember his smile. And his good heart when he was concerned for us when we lived in South Florida when a hurricane was coming our way and he offered us a place to stay away from the storm. I also remember his word for what happens (whappens). I loved it. Anyway, he will be missed.

Mary Ramirez - January 06, 2024 at 10:26 AM

MN

“ I worked with Jimmy for many years at GES. I will never forget how proud he was to become a grandfather. He visited me at the warehouse a few weeks ago showing me all of the cute photos and couldn't wait to go visit for the holidays. No matter how long it went that I didn't see him, the first thing he would always say was..... "well I didn't hit the lottery yet" very nice man, I will forever cherish his kindness. God bless his family

Michelle Nathan - January 05, 2024 at 08:18 PM

TR

“ We fondly remember Jimmy posing as Santa Claus for our grandchildren. His size made for a perfect rendition of Santa. We remember the surprised and amazed looks on the faces as Santa would enter with a big bag of gifts. We are grieving but so thankful that he was able to attend Maddie's first birthday party.

Tom & Lyn Rumrill - January 04, 2024 at 12:39 PM