



James "Jimmy" Thomas Payton

September 7, 1948 - January 21, 2021

James "Jimmy" T. Payton, age 72, of Hobart, passed away January 21, 2021. He was a graduate of Lew Wallace High School, Class of 1966 and he also attended Ferris State College in Michigan. Jimmy attended Great Lakes Naval Academy and served in Vietnam as a Seabee, something that he was very proud of. He was an active member of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and the VFW Post #988.

Jimmy was a kind and compassionate man who was always willing to do for others. He was a master carpenter who did beautiful work, and a crafted handyman who could fix anything. Lucky for us, he left his mark in all of our lives and homes. We will always have a part of him with us. Jimmy will be deeply missed.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents-James and Lillian Payton; sister-Carol O'Donnell. He is survived by his beloved wife-Beverly Payton (nee DeFrance); stepson-Max (Sasha) Bernstein; grandchildren-Ella, Molly and Jack; brothers-in-law-Larry (Judy) DeFrance, Bob DeFrance and Don (Phyllis) DeFrance; nieces-Kim (Jim) Hayden, Debbie (John) Gutierrez; nephew-Brian (Nikki) O'Donnell; many loving great nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Jimmy will be Tuesday, January 26, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Interment at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens

8178 Cline Ave
Schererville, IN 46375

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I loved playing pickleball with Bev and Jim. His passion for it was so infectious that it inspired me to be better. His courage to continue playing despite his health problems was humbling to all who played with him. You uplifted all who you touched in this life. Gallant Jim, you will be sorely missed. Heaven gained a great soul. We share your loss, Bev.

Joyce Dietz - January 26, 2021 at 10:43 PM

LC

“ Dear Beverly and Family,

*I am deeply sorry for the loss of your husband, Jimmy.
May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

Sincerely,

Linda Coleman

Linda Coleman - January 26, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Thomas Payton.*



January 25, 2021 at 02:29 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was one of my favorite cousins. Always smiling and always had time to talk. I remember back was he was in the navy on deployment and I was just a young kid. He came home and brought me a navy hat. He will sure be missed at the reunions.

Randy Carben - January 25, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ Jim was our old neighbor from when he lived on Whittier (we lived in the yellow house), before he married Bev and moved. He was the nicest man. He used to visit with him and his dog, “Fuzzy”. We will always remember how kind he was and I’ll miss the smell of his pipe. Our condolences to his family!

~The Smith Family: Ron, Jamie, Sarah, and Ryan (we lived in the yellow house)

Jamie Smith - January 24, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JT

Jim was our neighbor that lived behind us. He also former coworker at healthcare facility in Valpo. He will always be remembered for his kindness smile n willness to help others. Rip Jim. Bill n Judy Taylor

Judy Taylor - January 26, 2021 at 10:30 AM

BG

“ Bev,
Sorry for your loss. We pray for peace and healing for you. May his memory be eternal.
Bill and Miriam Guinee

Bill Guinee - January 24, 2021 at 03:39 PM

EZ

“ I am so very for your loss Bev. I liked Jimmy the first time I met him. His laugh was so infectious. I could also tell he made you very happy

eric zitz - January 24, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Thomas Payton.



January 24, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ I remember when Beverly met Jimmy, she was so happy! Every picture I saw of them they were always smiling, especially visiting the grandkids! I'm sorry for your loss Beverly. You guys had a great life together, and some great memories to last you the rest of your life. Love you Bev. Linda and Gary Jordan.

Linda Jordan - January 24, 2021 at 11:34 AM

JG

“ Beverly, We are so sorry for the passing of Jimmy. He was a great guy. I hope you will be alright. We are thinking of you.
Jon and Kathy Groth

Jon Groth - January 23, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ Jimmy was one of my dearest friends in school. We always made a point of getting together at every reunion we attended. He was such a kind hearted soul. So sorry to see he left us. May his memory be eternal. Affie (Papakosmas) Perdicologos

Elias Perdicologos - January 23, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JD

“ Jimmy was always smiling. Even if he didn't feel like it. He was always there with a helping hand. He was able to come visit us here in Washington state. He had a blast!! We all did because he was here.



Judi DeFrance - January 23, 2021 at 01:29 PM

SB

“ Everything a mother would ask for in a Grandfather for her children.
A One of a Kinda Papa.
That Smile ❤️
- Sasha Bernstein



Sasha bernstein - January 23, 2021 at 01:11 PM

SR

“ Jimmy was a kind and helpful person. I do remember him in School always willing to help. My condolences to Beverly and family. Rest In Peace Jimmy.
Sandy Varela Rodriguez

Sandy Rodriguez - January 23, 2021 at 11:54 AM

MP

“ Every time I ran into Jim, he always had a big smile! I remember running into him right after his marriage to Beverly, he was over the moon about it! I was so happy for him. My condolences to his family and friends.

Marlene Bowman Pajor - January 23, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Thomas Payton.



January 22, 2021 at 07:58 PM