



James Jeffries

July 7, 2018

James W. Jeffries, age 76 of Bloomington passed away peacefully on July 7, 2018 at the Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital Hospice House. His life journey has ended, but those who knew him will always remember Jim as someone who lived life to the fullest, and was a loving husband and wonderful father, son and brother and high school band director.

Jim was born in Jeffersonville, Indiana and moved with his parents to Bedford, Indiana as a young student. He developed a talent for music and playing the trumpet and followed that passion by attending and graduating from the Indiana University School of Music.

He began his high school band director career with a year at Royal Center High School, a year at Delphi High School and the following two years at Shoals High School and then spent 32 years directing the bands in the North Lawrence School Corporation.

Jim also enjoyed his love of playing trumpet as a member of the Bloomington Brass Quintet for many years. Jim loved the outdoors and fishing at the lake with his father. In his later years he developed a love of cooking and became an excellent chef much to his wife's delight as she became his devoted sous chef.

Jim is survived by his wife of 51 years, Patricia Porter Jeffries; their daughter Jennifer Jeffries Barnhouse and husband Phil of Mt. Washington, Kentucky, son J.P. Jeffries and wife Tina Cooper of Bloomington, four grandchildren, brother Dan Jeffries and sister Sauny Jeffries Zody. He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Mary Alice Jeffries and mother-in-law Vivian Porter.

A Memorial Service will be held July 21, 2018 at 1:00PM at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family

and friends at www.allencares.com.

Events

JUL Memorial Service 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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St Marks United Methodist Church

100 State Rd 46, Bloomington, IN, US, 47408

Comments



“ Jim was only briefly a member of the St. Mark's UMC choir, but in his short tenure there he became a much loved and appreciated member of our bass section. There was no question he was a talented and accomplished musician, but more importantly he was a loyal, kind, gentle, and optimistic man who made all of us better people. My heart goes out to Pat and all the family, who have lost such a genuine, caring, and trustworthy loved one.

Bruce Martin

Bruce Martin - July 27, 2018 at 05:57 AM



“ I came into Bedford High School as a young unsure freshman having played the flute and piccolo for 5 years .Of course I was planning to be part of the Band and when tryouts were posted for drum major I was on board .Mr Jeffries challenged me yet gave me confidence to become the Drum Major of the BHS band for my entire high school experience.Little did I know how valuable this would be in developing me into who I am today He believed in me and therefore I believed in myself .I'm a better person because of Mr Jeffries being part of my life.

Lou Ann Barlow Morelock - July 21, 2018 at 08:42 AM



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sherri martin - July 21, 2018 at 08:16 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of Mr Jefferies passing. He was a wonderful band teacher and musician, I had him for Concert and Jazz band. He always made me feel better about myself during my awkward high school years and pushed me to be a better music student. I've always considered him one of my favorite teachers and mentor.

Sherri Owens Martin
BNL 1982

Sherri Owens Martin - July 19, 2018 at 06:04 PM



“ So deeply saddened to read of Mr. Jeffries passing. I never played an instrument in band but he was still responsible for our Pom group in those days (1969-1972), the Cutterettes. I was honored to know him and really enjoyed him as a talented instructor! May he rest peacefully and may you, Mrs. Jeffries and family keep him joyfully in your hearts with the many memories you hold dear!

Teresa “Kern” Saunders
Bedford High School 1972

Teresa Kern Saunders - July 16, 2018 at 11:03 PM



“ I remember when our Jazz Rock group Starfire bussed to a competition at Perry Meridian around 1980 or 81. We were not very good and we had to leave very early in the morning. Mr Jeffries (I still have to address teachers by their formal names) either allowed or more likely tolerated a number of us wearing pajamas on the bus and walking through the school past the other bands on our way to the put on our outfits for the competition. I am not sure how many of those "serious" competitors who looked sideways at us that remember that day some 38 years ago but I know we remember it fondly with big smiles on our faces. Mr Jeffries cultivated and supported the love we all have today for music and made it all fun with lots of laughs. We all can only hope to be remembered as well. God bless.

Jeff Jackson - July 16, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ Jim was a kind mentor when I took my first teaching position at Shawswick. Blessings to his family now in the way he blessed so many others with his kindness.

Joyce Huck - July 16, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ Jim was a student at Bedford High School at the time I was privileged to be its Principal. I remember him as an excellent student, an accomplished trumpet player, whose skills were used when appropriate Our paths crossed again when I moved to Bloomington, and found him to be the same accomplished person. His career as a teacher of music in the public schools of the area was fulfillment of his love for music, one which he shared with his students. Well done, Jim! May his family find solace as they remember the talented man whose life they were privileged to share.

Harmon Baldwin

Harmon Baldwin - July 15, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ Jim was my best friend for so many years. Kind, silly, sweet, and naive, and just so much fun to be around. The world is a much sadder place without him in it. Love you, Jimbo.

Donna Lafferty - July 15, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing, He was my band director and also my friend as we played music together in a dance band "The Tarnished Brass" for years. So many good memories of those days! unfortunately I am going to be out of State or I would attend the service. May God comfort you all in your loss!

Blessings Tim Sanders

Tim Sanders - July 15, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ So very sorry, Pat. May he rest in peace and may God comfort you during this difficult time. In sympathy, Evelyn Powers

Evelyn Powers - July 14, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ What great memories I have of band during my Junior High and High School years. I remember being in Mrs. Purlee's 5th grade class, her son Richard visited our class with Mr. Jeffries inviting all of us to join the band. From concert band, marching band and jazz band overall we spent much time together. Blessings and comfort to your family.

Susan Lee Mundy - July 13, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ Mr. Jeffries lived across the street from me as a child in Edgewood. He & Pat we're always very friendly people. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. JD Hayes

JD Hayes - July 13, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ He was one of the good guys. I was ready to quit band until Mr. Jeffries was my director in 8th grade, and he brought me to love it. I stayed with it, even added marching band to my concert band interest; and marching band is where I met my husband in high school. I use what I learned about breathing and phrasing and so much more related to music in my audiobook narration now. I have no concept of what my life would look like right now if I'd quit band in Jr. High. My thoughts are with the family.

Angie Hickman - July 13, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Unfortunately, we have been, and are, out of town. We can only offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to Pat, the Jeffries family, and Jim's many friends.

Ken and Bonnie Todd

Ken Todd - July 13, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ He was my band director from the time I was a beginning band student in fifth grade till I graduated high school. He made band fun. I lacked very little talent, but he saw more in me than I thought I had. He was the reason I was able to test out of all my required music classes in college. The angel band in heaven will have a very good trumpet player to add to their band!

Beth Blumenfeld - July 12, 2018 at 03:17 PM