



James A. Fortney

October 16, 1956 - January 14, 2017

James Arthur Fortney "Jimmy", 60, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2017 at his home in Lorton, Virginia.

Born and raised in the Virginia Hills community in Alexandria, Virginia, the son of Mary Alice and George Riley Fortney.

He is survived by his beloved brother David B. Fortney (Valerie J.); niece Megan E. Haller (Chris); nephew Matthew J. Fortney and great nieces Adley E. and Madison G. Haller.

Jimmy was a truly gifted musician who began playing guitar at the age of 10, and enjoyed playing in many bands over the years. He worked in the family business, Fortney Lawn & Garden for 20 years and one of his greatest passions was tending to his beautiful yard.

He had a genuine kindness and gentleness that endeared him to his family and countless friends. He will be forever loved and missed by all who knew him.

Family and friends may gather at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria VA 22315 on Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 5-8pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Fortney*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Obituary Wall*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:31 AM

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*I always remember that smile!
Many fond memories of Jimmy and Dave on stage and the humor and
kindness both shared. Jimmy will be missed.*

Jay Paul - August 27, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ *May the Heavenly Father welcome you into his everlasting kingdom
and may you have eternal peace.
And my deepest condolences to you, Dave for the loss of your
beloved brother
Cathy Jenkins*

January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh my god....David, I have wanted to call you to know more about Jim, but this was my worst fear that I would come across this (and I was afraid to make that call). But, my finding this, is how much he's been on my mind. I can't tell you how very sorry I am about Jim's passing. I can't believe that on the day of his viewing, that I found out this way...I will be there. I do want you to know how much you and Jim have been on my mind. I will always be grateful for the work he did for me. I am so very sorry. I do hope, in time, you will have wonderful memories to see you through such a difficult loss to go through. Take care of yourself and my sympathy to you and your family.

-- Gail Nevitt

January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Jimmy may you rest in peace you can now jam w the great musicians in heaven. God bless you you were a great guitarist!Deb mcdaniel

January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Jimmy

May you rest in peace, I am grateful I had the opportunity to stop by twice in the last month and visit you at your home. My fond memories of you are back in the 60's and 70's listening to Humble Pie and Led Zeppelin.

Going to the pet store and buying more tropical fish. Your mother and father were always very kind to me through the years. I am only sorry that I did not have the opportunity to spend more time with you through the years. You were a hell of a guitar player.

Dave,

My prayers are with you and your family.

Jimmy is in a better place now.

May he rest in peace.

Semper Fi

Richard Barnes

540-273-7535

January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Jimmy ! Words cannot express how much you will be missed ! We are so glad to have been your friend and neighbor for all these years ðÿ™*

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January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Dave, Jimmy's extended family and friends, I went to school with Jimmy and was close friends with two of his girlfriends who just adored Jimmy. I was very fond of Jimmy and always cared deeply for his well being and happiness. I'm so sorry he died so young and Dave I'm deeply sorry that you lost Jimmy's earthly presence too soon. It must be so hard for you. If there is any help you need just ask, my cell is in the card I sent Jimmy and I'm in the book. I'm my was a great guy and friend to all that knew him and I'm sure to everyone he met in his life. He's playing with the Angels now in our Lord's paradise.

January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I was Jimmy's next door neighbor from 1960 to 1982 when I moved. Jimmy and David had a cool collection of snakes and other animals. Jimmy taught me all about them , how to ride a mini bike,how to play football and was just a very good friend and neighbor. He always had a great smile and would constantly prank me.I think our drive way was David and Jimmy's first project of their new company. Just like their Dad the brothers did every thing perfect. Although there was an age difference, Jimmy was always nice to me and it was kind of cool that you could just walk over to the neighbors house and walk right in. I remember sitting with him in his Mom's Purple Pacer with no ac on to see who could take the heat the longest (car was almost all windows it seemed) I have many fond memories of Jimmy. I am so sorry to hear that he has passed. Heaven now has a great guitarist and man.

January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM