



## James "Jim" Garrison

June 20, 1961 - December 20, 2020

Jim Garrison  
Onsted

James Alan "Jim" Garrison, 59, of Onsted, passed away peacefully December 20, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at the Promedica Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital, Adrian.

Jim was a talented musician who enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. An accomplished bass guitarist, Jim could play virtually any instrument by ear and often could be found strumming along with songs on the radio or television when he wasn't collecting antiques and old records.

Jim cut his musical teeth with bands such as Ripper and Bob and the Wiltones in his early years, and was a familiar face at local venues in Brooklyn, Jackson, and the Irish Hills. He was a 1979 graduate of Napoleon High School, where he distinguished himself in drama and in woodworking. Always the man behind the camera, Jim will be remembered for his crazy sense of humor, which he often employed to lift the spirits of family and friends. His Coney sauce was unparalleled and his "go-to" for family dinners and gatherings alike.

Many will remember Jim from his years at Miller Automotive in Jackson, later L&A Automotive, or from Inter-Lakes Market, where he was a meat-cutter for several years, a job he truly enjoyed. Jim also loved animals of all kinds, particularly cats. The neighborhood menagerie of wildlife will miss his kindness.

Jim was a person who "loved hard," a trait his family will treasure along with his sense of humor and imagination. He will be dearly missed.

Jim was born June 20, 1961 in Jackson to William Alan and Judith (Guisinger) Garrison. On February 22, 1993, he married Kristin Lapham in Jackson and she survives. Jim was the proud father of Dustin (Chelsea) and Tiffany (Andy) Newman, all of Jackson; Ginger (Todd) Warner of Napoleon; and Aubrey Garrison and Sam Garrison of Onsted; six grandchildren, Riley Garrison, Aidan and Kime Warner, Lilly Turner, and Everett and Emberlyn Newman; Sabrina Garrison of Grand Rapids; his mother, Judith Wallace of Jackson; a sister, Shirley Rockey, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and his stepfather, Ron Wallace.

Cremation has taken place. The family will welcome friends at the Eineder Funeral Home, 137 S. Main Street, in Brooklyn on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A private service for family will follow with Rev. Mike Strange officiating.

Covid mandates for masking and social distancing will be strictly followed at the funeral home.

Contributions in Jim's memory may be made to Hidden Lake Gardens.

# Events

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**DEC** **Family and Friends Gathering** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel

137 S Main St PO Box 396, Brooklyn, MI, US, 49230

# Comments

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“ So sorry he passed away. He will now be playing with the angels and love ones in heaven.

**Irene Lamkin** - December 23, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ I am sad that he is no longer here, but i have many memories of the conversations him and i had while working together at interlakes market. He will be very missed Shelby holloway

**shelby holloway** - December 23, 2020 at 12:41 PM

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“ Our hearts are broken at the loss of our friend, Jim. His smart wit and laughter would bring smiles to our faces. His deep insights on some unusual topics made one really think. We've enjoyed many conversations with him and learned so much. He had the kindest soul and would stick up for the underdog. Even as deep-thinking as he was in conversations, I always felt that he had an inner private self that he reserved for close friends and family. He was a jovial teddy bear of a man and a dear friend. Shortly after I met my husband, Tom Pulka, I met Jim and he told me that Tom was a good guy. Ever since, I referred to him as my big brother when I would see him. He steered me well. We will miss him dearly. Our sympathies go out to Kristin and the family, and to his many, many friends. He touched so many lives and will leave a big hole in the local musician community. He's probably at the Pearly Gates teaching the angels how to play the antique harp. - Jan and Tom Pulka

**Tom N Jan Pulka** - December 23, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ So sorry to see him go. Now he will be playing with his music for God and all his angels and passed away love ones.

**Irene Lamkin** - December 23, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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“ Bud Classon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James “Jim” Garrison.



**Bud Classon** - December 22, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ Tim & Debra Eagleton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James “Jim” Garrison.



**Tim & Debra Eagleton** - December 22, 2020 at 10:18 AM

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“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James “Jim” Garrison.



December 22, 2020 at 09:50 AM