



# Jim Goodman

JUL 24, 1949 - MAY 24, 2020



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## **Jim Goodman**

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**J**ames LeRoy Goodman was born on July 24th 1949 in Centerville, Iowa. His parents were Helen (Angaran) Goodman and Billy Leroy Goodman. He was raised by his great-grandparents Bessie Privett Goodman and John Louis Goodman. Jim was an only child doted on by his Grandma Bessie. He started work at a young age sweeping up local barber shops in town and in high school, worked at the Daily Iowegian and the Box Factory.

Dad picked up the guitar as a teenager. He was the rhythm guitar player for bands of the time period like the Field Stone Four and the Glass Front, which became some of the most popular local bands in southern Iowa in the mid to late sixties with his cousins Johnny and Benny Goodman, and Dale and Terry Thomas.

Upon graduating high school, he enrolled in Auto Mechanics at Centerville Community College, while working at McGraw-Edison. In 1969 he married the love of his life, Mary Katherine Johnson on June 28th, 1969 at the First Baptist Church in Centerville. Upon graduating from Auto Mechanics in 1970, he was drafted into the Army to serve in Vietnam. He served in the Infantry carrying the M60 machine gun from 1970-1972. He was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service under fire, the Air Medal for 25 missions by Helicopter, two Purple Hearts, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon returning home from Vietnam, Jim and Mary started a family and had a son, Jody Lee Goodman in May of 1973 and another son, Toby James Goodman in June of 1975. In the 1970s Jim worked for Centerville Monument engraving and setting headstones. In 1979 he started working for Iowa Southern Utilities as a Journeyman Electrician and later worked his way up to Substation Foreman when he retired in 2011 from ITC Transmission.

A lifelong lover of music, his taste for rock and roll changed to a love for Bluegrass music after attending the Sally Mountain Bluegrass Festival in Queen City, MO and



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becoming a fan of Rhonda Vincent and the Rage. Jim took up the mandolin, and also became the campground electrician at the Sally Mountain festivals after a time and enjoyed keeping the campers in power. Jim and Mary followed Rhonda Vincent and the Rage all over America and in Europe, going to over five hundred shows over the last seventeen years.

Dad leaves behind his beloved wife, Mary of almost 51 years; his sons, Jody and Toby; his only grandson, Dean Martin Goodman; and Mom and Dads dog, Buckley.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM, Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Jody Goodman officiating. The funeral home will be assisting the public with social distancing guidelines during the service.

Burial will follow the service at Haines Cemetery, north of Centerville, with military rites conducted in honor of Jims service to his country. A visitation will take place on

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville, with the family greeting friends from 4-7 PM. Due to the Covid-19 guidelines, during the visitation,

only ten people will be permitted inside the facility at one time. Memorials have been established to the Dean Goodman College Fund, and may be mailed to Lange

Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

2020-05-26 16:00:00

19:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

1900 South 18th St

Centerville

IA

52544

### Funeral Service

2020-05-27 10:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

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Centerville



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Highway 5 North  
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IA  
52544



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:02 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 3:30 PM



**Steve Hoch** posted:

I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a great guy. Always happy and never complaining. It was a pleasure working with Jim at Alliant.

May 26 at 7:00 PM



**Margery(Walker)And John Sandy** posted:

RIP old friend.

May 26 at 7:00 PM



**Marti Trotter Ficke** posted:

I just want to give my thoughts and prayers to Mary and her boys. I am so sorry to hear the news. I can remember all the class reunions and seeing Jim and Mary and enjoying their company. Thinking of you-Mary.

May 26 at 7:00 PM



**Carol And Richard Wesrwen** posted:

So sad to hear about Jim. Our prayers are with the family he was a great man

May 26 at 7:00 PM



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WS

**Wayne And Janice Smith** posted:

Mary and Toby. We will miss Jim. Always good to be around.

May 26 at 7:00 PM

ET

**Eddie Thompson** posted:

Mary & family. So sorry about Jim. You have my deepest sympathy. I will miss visiting with Jim at Silver Dollar City & other Rhonda shows. Jim showed me how to be a Rager. My prayers for the family.

May 25 at 7:00 PM

BG

**Branwen Gerard** posted:

I guess I technically don't belong here, but sadness is a sort of thing that ripples, so I'm here anyway. My dad (named Jim Gerard) told me yesterday about his passing, and from the things he mentioned about him, I could remember that he was someone who my dad has mentioned at least a few times in the past here and there. He's definitely sad about it, and I'm kinda just an easily emotionally-worked-up sort of person so even I had to cry about it despite myself not having a bond. My dad clearly had a lot of respect for Jim Goodman, saying he was one of his heroes, and We've lost one of the good ones. Condolences to everyone who know the guy... I'm sure it's a rough loss.

May 25 at 7:00 PM

JC

**John.W.Bowen@Gmail.Com** posted:

Mary & Family. We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with you at high school reunions. Jim was a great guy and always had a smile. John & Barbara Bowen

May 25 at 7:00 PM

DR

**Dan Wonderlich, Capt, Usn Retired** posted:

My most sincere condolences to Mary and family. As a newcomer to Centerville at the beginning of our Senior year, I remember Jim as always happy and smiling and readily accepted me into his sphere of friends. I truly enjoyed the band and their rock and roll events at the Community Center the Fall of '66 and SpringSummer '67. Jim should be remembered as a true combat hero he served his country with great honor and courage! Jim... I salute you...may you Rest In Peace ...

May 25 at 7:00 PM



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JB

**Jack Brice** posted:

Jim was always a mainstay at family gatherings, I will miss his quick wit and sense of humor. He was always a bright spot for me to see him around town. He will be missed. You are all in our prayers

May 25 at 7:00 PM

PT

**Patty Timmens** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Jim was a fine human being and he will be missed by all who knew him.

May 24 at 7:00 PM

PC

**Papagram1@Hotmail.Com** posted:

Mary,Jody and Toby fond memories of Jimmy,Sundays on grandpa and grandmas porch,playing ball down the street,chasing the milkman and asking for free samples of choco milk,playing dances and drowning ourselves in Brut and English Leatherpeace be with you Ben

May 24 at 7:00 PM

CH

**Chris Hudson** posted:

Jim was such a caring man. Thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Jody, Toby, and Dean.Chris and Mandy Hudson

May 24 at 7:00 PM

FF

**Frank Ranes Family** posted:

Jim was a wonderful guy, always so kind and caring. We will miss seeing his friendly wave and smile. Please know dear family you are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray God will provide comfort to you in the loss of this special man. We trust he rests softly in the comforting arms of the angels.

May 24 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Shirley Morlan** lit a candle in honor of Jim.

Lit a candle in memory of Jim Goodman

May 24 at 7:00 PM





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ST

**Sara Tait** lit a candle in honor of Jim.

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DO

**Derek Oden** posted:

Jim was one of the most generous men I've ever met. His warmth, humor, and presence filled a room. The Goodman home was a meeting place for all of my best friends in junior high and high school. No matter how many of us packed in to the house and how much noise we made, he was always kind and patient with us and even joined in with our fun. Some of my favorite memories with my buddies happened in the Goodman household. Many prayers for Mary and the rest of the Goodman family. --Derek Oden

May 24 at 7:00 PM

RN

**Row1@Windstream.Net** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. RIP Jim!

May 24 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Cheryl Pasa** posted:

RIP Jim Goodman - we will ALL miss you! Prayers for Mary and your sons as they move forward in a life without you! Thank you for your kindness and that AMAZING SMILE!

May 24 at 7:00 PM

NG

**Norman & Kay Guffey** posted:

Mary and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a great guy and he will be missed. Sending our thoughts and prayers.

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DH

**Doran Hayes** posted:

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great co-worker and a good friend. Worked on several projects with him and I appreciated his knowledge and enthusiasm. No matter how early I arrived at work, his white pickup was already in the parking space nearest the door. Thank you Jim for your service, RIP

May 24 at 7:00 PM

DB

**Diane And Bill** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers Mary. RIP Jim.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

AC

**A77mckelvy@Gmail.Com** posted:

So sorry to hear about pop's. Your in my heart and prayers

May 23 at 7:00 PM

BL

**Bonnie Lambert** posted:

Toby and Family so sorry for your loss. Dennis and Bonnie Lambert

May 23 at 7:00 PM

DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

Dear Mary & Family,Jim was a special guy. Always friendly, enjoyed his music, and easy and fun to talk to.Please know you are all in our hearts and prayers.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

PM

**Pearl Mcgrann** posted:

Prayers to all the family...Michael Harvey's mom...Pearl McGrann

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NC

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VS

**Vicky Ashby Sande** posted:

RIP my friend. I have so many fun memories with you and Mary. I loved being around your Dad and grandparents, your sense of humor, your musical talent was fantastic. I know David has welcomed you with open arms along with all your family and friends that have went before you. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Jody, Toby and Dean. Also your good buddy Buckley.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Max Cox** posted:

We shared some great times Jim from childhood thru GTO(GOATS) AND BECAME BROTHERS IN ARMS. WE MADE IT THRU VIET NAM AND HAD GOOD TIMES AFTER . I WILL MISS YOU GREATLY BUDDY MAX

May 23 at 7:00 PM

SK

**Stan & Donna Knipfer** posted:

We send our prayers to Jim Goodman's family, we enjoyed his music at Exline where we met them, always enjoy playing music there.Stanley & Donna Knipfer

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RN

**Regjo50@Netins.Net** posted:

An amazing person. Thoughts and prayers to Mary and his family. Thank you for your service, above and beyond.

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**Skip And Linda Campbell** posted:

Our deepest Condolences to the Goodman family. Jim was always such a pleasant gut to be around and easy to talk to. He will be missed. Friendly Person. R.I.P. Jim.

May 23 at 7:00 PM



**Jane Ann Mcelvain Mahon** lit a candle in honor of Jim.

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## Media

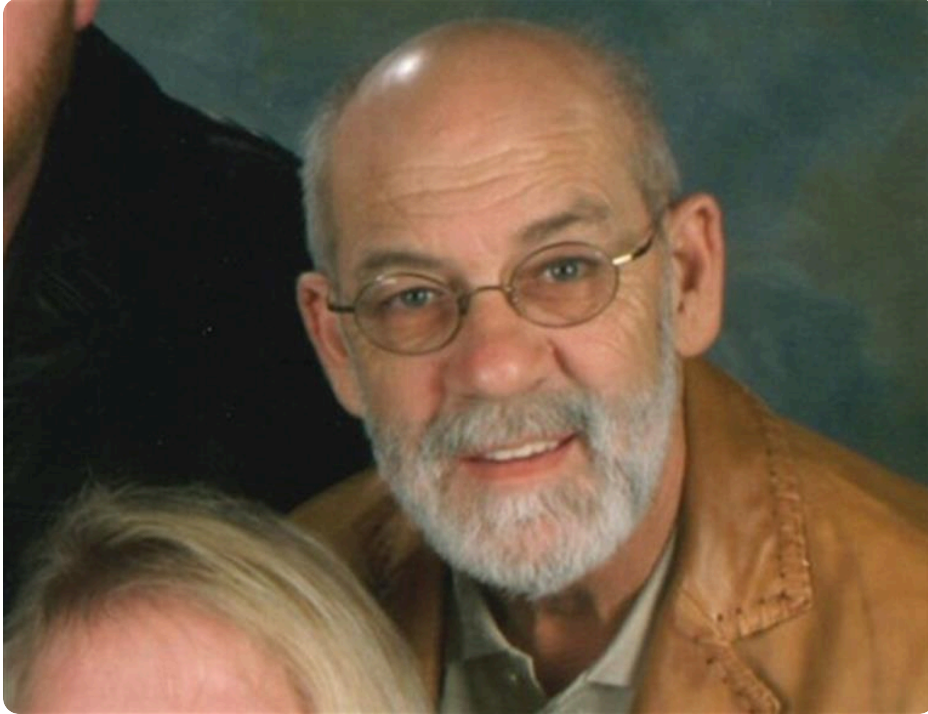
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October 13 at 3:30 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jim by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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