



James T Jardinella

November 1, 1955 - June 19, 2019

Anyone who knew Jimmy Jardinella knew he was passionate about 4 things: family, friends, cars, and music. Born November 1, 1955 in Brooklyn, New York, to Fred and Vicky Jardinella, his brothers asked they name him James after the good guy in the westerns.

Jimmy's love of cars was evident early on when he would zip about the neighborhood in his Golden Hawk pedal car. He was tearing cars apart in the driveway in elementary school, just to see how they worked, and as he got older he turned his passion into a career. An accomplished auto tech, Jimmy worked at the Brooklyn based Picture Cars supplying all things automotive to film and tv productions around the country. As SAG member, he even managed to sneak into a few shoots, if you look closely you may spot him in a Law and Order episode or in the movie the Prince of Tides. For the past few years Jimmy worked helping curate a private Ferrari collection based in Manhattan.

Jimmy's true automotive passion was drag racing. His older brother gave him a 68 Chevy Nova that lit the fire. Over the years he and a tight knit group of friends would work on each other's cars and race as much as they could. He moved to Old Bridge, NJ from his beloved Brooklyn, to be closer to his home track in Englishtown. He was in the process of completing his own dragster when he became too sick to work, true to form his friends have banded together to finish the build.

Jimmy's interest in music began early when he would hang out in the basement listening to his older brother's band. By 11, he won a contest at a resort playing Gene Krupa's drums. Jimmy played all genres of music, from Rock to Jazz to the Blues. Throughout the years Jimmy was the drummer in a number of bands including Fresh Air and Speed Limit. To the end he was still jamming with friends from that basement in Brooklyn.

James T Jardinella, of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2019, surrounded by his many friends and family at Haven Hospice in Edison, New Jersey. We doubt that the hospice has ever seen so many friends and family.

James is survived by his brother William Jardinella and his wife Joan and their children James and Michael, his brother Robert Jardinella and his wife Gloria and their daughter Kira, great nieces and nephews, Elizabeth, Hannah, Charlie, and James 'Jay', and girlfriend Joanne Zion.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, June 21, 2019, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Comments



“ It was an honor to meet and know Jim. I would see him weekly as he would come into my laundromat and we would talk about his health and of course cars. Knowing he was sick, I always tried to send him off with a positive thought. I admired his mental toughness as he would go through and seek additional medical treatment, all with a smile on his face. He will be deeply missed and I send my sincere condolences to his loved ones.

Jason Brown and The Laundry Room Staff - July 05 at 12:32 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to family and friends. Shared some good times with Jimmy and he is fondly remembered often. I remember dragging instruments out of his house and playing in the street in the freezing cold at midnight on New Year's Eve a couple of times. And then there were several great block parties with family, friends, and neighbors. I remember his mother's fabulous pasta fagioli and his father's famous "vacation slide shows". But most of all Jimmy will always be remembered with that big bright smile.

Eugene McGarry - June 26 at 07:33 AM



“ Very sorry for the Jardinella family! He was a great guy and one of the greatest neighbors we could've asked for! It was a pleasure knowing him for the few years we lived across from him!
I'm sure he'll get to finish and race his car in heaven!
Best wishes from Bubba and Melissa Linke

Russell Linke - June 22 at 01:01 PM



“ I wish to express my deepest condolences to the Jardinella Family over the loss of Jimmy. As an old friend to Jimmy, and a fellow musician, I will forever cherish every memory I have of the man for over 50 years. An outstanding drummer, motorhead, and genuine human being. Words alone could never suffice in expressing the loss of such a wonderful soul. Rest in Peace Sir.

Vincent Colaiacovo - June 21 at 07:26 PM



“ I lived across the street from Jimmy. My kids loved when he brought home a dukes of hazard car and the Thomas train. We talked a lot and his band friends would come over and jam with him. Great times So sorry Jim.

Bob Bonfante Sr

Bob Bonfante Sr - June 21 at 01:03 PM



“ 103 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty Funeral Home - June 21 at 12:10 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to Jimmy's family and friends! He was a great musician. He will be missed.
Enid & Jeff

Enid Bush - June 21 at 11:04 AM



“ Jimmy passed too early in life. A great guy who would help anyone who needed some assistance. You will be missed.

Dave Weiner
Dave Ziminski

David Weiner - June 21 at 09:35 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James T Jardinella.



June 21 at 08:35 AM



“ So sorry to see Jimmy leave so early in life, but every single time in the future when I and others hear "Honky Tonk Women" on the radio, it's Jimmy that that you hear blasting that song--
Randy & Carol Sachs

Randy & Carol Sachs - June 21 at 06:55 AM



“ Joanne And Nicolas Jardinella purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James T Jardinella.



Joanne And Nicolas Jardinella - June 21 at 02:53 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James T Jardinella.



June 20 at 09:25 PM