



James Stuart Burns

January 8, 1950 - May 15, 2021

James (Jimmy) Stuart Burns age 71 died May 15, 2021 peacefully at home in Asheville, NC.

Born January 8, 1950 in Asheville to the late Dr. Jerome V. and Edna Underwood Burns, he is survived by sons, Ryan Stuart Burns, James Tyler Burns and Joseph Espinosa-Burns; former spouses, Lynn Nesbitt Burns and Katherine Slagle Burns and sister, Layne Burns Taylor, all of Asheville; nephews, John, Jim, and Joe Zuber and special friend, Selene Thoms. Jim was a 1968 graduate of T.C Roberson High School and attended University of TN. As a young man he served in the US Navy. He was a founding member of the Asheville music scene in the late 1960's and he never stopped performing. Jim sang in various bands in many locations with musicians who became lifelong friends and family.

In an unusual career change, Jim worked in the film industry during the first half of the 1990's. From WNC and coast to coast he met and befriended film stars, politicians, and musicians. His mention in the Texas Monthly magazine as an affable guy described him perfectly. He was comfortable in any social situation. Jim would sometimes reluctantly share his stories and always left his audience wanting more whether music related or other interesting life experiences.

His family, friends, fans, and fellow musicians will miss him greatly.

A celebration of life will be from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at Rye Knot, 868 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804. In lieu of flowers,

memorial donations may be made to www.https://mountainpetrescue.org/
Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is serving the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rye Knot
868 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28804

Tribute Wall



“ *James Stuart Burns*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Jimmy was always so sweet. It's sad to know he is gone, but I am happy I knew him.*



Nancie Liles - May 23, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *I would like to extend my sympathy and condolences to Jimmy's family. I have always been fond of Jimmy since I first knew him when we attended David Millard Junior High School together. Then we both ended up going to T C Roberson High School. He was such a nice, kind person and I enjoyed the times I heard him sing. He was so talented. It makes me sad that he is gone. He will be missed by many.*

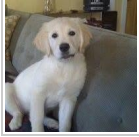
Gail Muirhead

Gail Muirhead - May 19, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *He was my sister's first love and I remember when I was very young they took me and my other sister to the beach. So sad he is gone now. He was a gifted musician.*

Myra Morgan - May 19, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Jim was our next door neighbor. We had many wonderful conversations in his driveway when we should have been cutting the grass. Jim always had great stories and insight. I really enjoyed our talks and learned a lot from him.*

Our dogs always met at the fence for a bark fest. Jim and I just shook our heads. They never tired of it.

I envied Jim's routine of sitting on the porch, reading the newspaper while the evening news played on his TV he had on the porch. The world just lost one more decent person.

He will be missed.

Jim and Sharon Allard

Luca Allard - May 18, 2021 at 04:35 PM

DH

“ *Jim was a good man, always a smile and a funny story. Gone way too soon. Never a bad word to say about anyone, he will be missed. God speed my friend!*

dean Hittleman - May 18, 2021 at 09:19 AM

GA

“ *I was sorry to hear about Jim .Jim was a great guy and liked by everyone he met He made everyone feel comfortable around him. He was an great musician and entertainer. I was lucky enough to be able to play with him one time. He will be surely be missed but not forgotten.*

Greg Allnutt

Greg Allnutt - May 18, 2021 at 07:42 AM