



James Michael "Jimmy" Silvia

March 17, 1953 - February 11, 2020

James Michael "Jimmy" Silvia, age 66, passed away unexpectedly on February 11, 2020 at Advent Health in Palm Coast. Jimmy was a native of St. Augustine and lived here for most of his life. He graduated from St. Augustine High School with the Class of 1971. He went on to study guitar with Lyster Bass in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Dekalb College. Later in Athens, Georgia, he studied guitar with John Sutherland, a renowned educator, who was a student of Andrés Segovia, Christopher Parkening and other fine guitarists.

Jimmy was a guitar teacher and performer, most recently teaching many styles of guitar, including classical, flamenco, flat and fingerpicking, bluegrass, jazz, rock and Christian music at The Music Studio for six years. During his life, he performed in a variety of bands and also taught banjo and ukulele. He was a member of Anastasia Baptist Church where he had played in contemporary and traditional services since 2002.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, James Silvia and Marion Grace Hagan of St. Augustine. He is survived by many friends and students in the community, and his church family, and staffs of his favorite restaurants.

A celebration of Jimmy's life will be held at a later date at Anastasia Baptist Church.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Events

FEB **A Gathering of Family and Friends** 09:30AM - 10:00AM

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FEB **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - February 19 at 04:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Michael "Jimmy" Silvia.



February 21 at 08:41 PM



“ 21 files added to the album LifeTributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - February 19 at 03:58 PM



“ Jimmy was my classical and flamenco teacher for the past couple of years. Although I was a mediocre guitarist, we both thoroughly enjoyed our weekly chats, ranging from the serious to the silly. Rest in peace, Jimmy.

Isabelle Lopez - February 15 at 08:47 AM



“ Jimmy was always a friend to all. He was my sons guitar instructor and was always very motivated to show his craft to others. He was proud of his skill and I'll always be thankful I was able to watch him mentor my son. Noah and I are very saddened by the loss of Jimmy. Rest In Peace

Dameon Church - February 19 at 08:44 AM



“ Jim was a member of Anastasia Baptist Church Orchestra. This is where I knew him. Jim was a kind and gentle man. He loved his instrument. I fondly remember on Wednesday nights after orchestra rehearsal Jim would head to Village Inn for Pie! Rest in God's presence. Helen Powell

Helen Powell - February 19 at 04:52 PM