



James Daniel "Jim" Flanagan

August 24, 1952 - August 4, 2021

James Daniel "Jim" Flanagan, age 68, of St. Augustine, passed away suddenly at his home on August 4, 2021. Jim was born on August 24, 1952 in Jacksonville, Florida to Peter Jack and Edna Bowen and was a 1970 graduate of Andrew Jackson High School. From an early age, Jim knew that he wanted to be a professional artist and his dream job was working for Disney. A talented artist, he developed his skills and spent the rest of his life fulfilling his dreams. For many years, Jim worked as a graphic artist, beginning his career with the Jacksonville Library where he designed a huge paper mâché giant for the library's "Take a Giant Leap into Reading" campaign. He started an entry level job with Walt Disney World in 1976 and was quickly recognized for his creative aptitude. Promoted to management, Jim spent time with Disney in California helping develop the Epcot brand. As Manager of Marketing Art, he created many of the logos and typefaces still used in Disney properties today. Jim met Sarah, a fellow employee at Disney, and they married in February of 1995. She will always be his biggest fan. Jim went on to continue his career at the Wooldridge Group and later founded his own company, Creative Du Jour, which he successfully operated until his retirement in December of 2014. After retiring, Jim moved to New Smyrna Beach where he lived for 4 years until he and his wife, Sarah, moved to St. Augustine. He has been a resident of St. Augustine for the past 3 years. Jim was creative in many ways. In addition to his graphic works, Jim loved the Beatles (especially John Lennon), Superman, the Wizard of Oz, and most of all his family. He loved comic books, movies,

telling stories (after 18 years at Disney, he had some good ones), and a good Bloody Mary. He was a man of God who always put other peoples' needs and wants above his own, and no one knew how to worship better than him.

He taught us how to read, how to write so it looks like the comics, how to draw, and how being cool was all about embracing what you love even when others think it is weird. In other words, he taught us how to be our true selves. But more importantly, he showed us through his everyday actions how to be kind, how to be patient, how to take responsibility, how to take care of others, that your life is how you make it, how to have fun, how to persevere, how to have hope, how to believe, and that magic is real (you just have to make it). Our Daddy, Husband, Brother, Friend, he loved us without question. And that is how we knew that we were worth something.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

He was preceded in death by parents Peter Jack and Edna Flanagan and sister Donna Gibson. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Flanagan of St. Augustine; daughters, Ashley Flanagan Giroud (Benny) of Miami, Michele Flanagan of Anchorage, AK, Danni Flanagan Reedy (Jacob) of Jacksonville, FL and Meagan Boals of Charleston, S.C.; sisters, Kathleen Mayberry (Tom) of Orange, MA. and Rose Wright of Jacksonville, FL. and a brother, Timothy Flanagan of Jacksonville, FL.

On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, which would have been his 69th birthday, at 5:00 pm please join us and raise a glass to him.

Service will be held at a later date.

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

Tribute Wall

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Greg White - June 03, 2024 at 07:57 AM

GW

“ Wow! Just this week I heard of your passing Jim. I feel badly that 3 years have crept by without my knowing. A flood of Disney and comic book memories come into my mind. I cannot count how many visits you made to my comic book store 1988 to 2004. The numerous collections of vintage comics you brought to me, we hemmed and hawed but worked out a deal every time. I still have all of the print out lists of each item, from every transaction (so organized and efficient). I remember your time with Gladstone, in Arizona, when you were able to sneak my name into one of the Walt Disney Comics that Bruce published. The new, innovative ideas you brought to Gladstone were so well received. My favorite memory, of course, is your generosity in providing Lisa and I with those special VIP seats for the wonderful Magic Kingdom Candlelight Procession each year 1989 - 1992, rubbing elbows with Dick Nunis, Ralph Blaine, Micheal Eisner and other management luminaries was much fun! I still retain many of the old comic books that I purchased from you over the years. Last time we saw each other was at the MegaCon in Orlando - how fitting! Rest in peace my comic collecting friend. As Hendrix said 'I will see you on the other side'!

Greg White - June 01, 2024 at 07:05 PM

ST

“ James has been my best friend for over 50 years. We used to buy comics at a bodega at 7th and Main. We used to ride our bikes all over Jacksonville. After years abroad, I was fortunate enough to see him and his lovely wife Sarah in St. Pete a couple of years ago. I will cherish that memory.

Stephen - August 19, 2021 at 07:12 PM

TF

“ He set my feet back on the right path. I became a Christian as a teenager but as the years passed I made some bad decisions which turned me down the wrong path. Eventually I lost my way. In the year 2007 James invited me to move down to Orlando. He re-introduced me to Christ and to a fresh start. Not all went as planned and at times it was a difficult journey. But, I survived and am a better man for it. Thanks to my brother James I am well with the Lord. I love James and will miss him very much but I know that I will see him again. God bless you James and thank you!

Timothy Flanagan - August 18, 2021 at 10:49 AM

TS

“ Sarah, you said all the words I had in mind for Jim and they are perfect. I loved that in being with him you always felt like the only other person in the room, he was intentional about the way he loved us all and it is our great honor and joy to have known him. We will miss him every day until we join him in our Fathers house. We love you and are praying for you and the girls.

Tom and Susan Swain - August 16, 2021 at 01:36 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Daniel "Jim" Flanagan.*



August 15, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *From the moment Jim entered our lives, & hearts, in the late 70's Doug & I have been blessed with so many precious memories together! His kind-soul, the twinkle in his eyes, his big smile & even bigger heart; the way he loved life, people, the beach, the Beatles, but mostly his love for Sarah, Ashley, Michelle & Danni will be the memories sketched forever in my heart!*

He was loved by everyone who knew him & he will be deeply missed!

Until we meet again my dear friend 🙏

Char



Charlotte Aide - August 13, 2021 at 04:34 PM

MK

“ I will never forget when Jim came into Sarah's life. They were truly made for each other in oh so many ways. Their deep love and devotion was always apparent. His love for his family was remarkable and what an incredible family he has! That great love will live on in their hearts forever. I'll never forget Jim's mischievous Irish smile, including the twinkle in his eyes, his deep hardy chuckle, and that laugh that was so embracing. So many good memories over the years, so blessed to have known such a great man. Our loss is heaven's gain, look forward to seeing him again when it is my time. Lots of love from Big Michele.

Michele Kogler - August 13, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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Fritz - August 12, 2021 at 09:54 PM

BH

“ Sarah and family,
We are so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was an amazing soul and a true pleasure to be around. We'll see him again.
Much love to you,
Doug and Bonnie

Bonnie Hoskins - August 12, 2021 at 08:25 PM

JC

Such a beautiful tribute. Jim was one of a kind. We will all miss him terribly. He's leaving a huge void in all of our lives. Our love to you Sarah and the girls. Jan and Marty

jan cummins - August 13, 2021 at 09:14 AM

RW

“ I remember walking in my big brother room and see on his wall in big letters. ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE. I'll miss you much.

Rose Wright - August 12, 2021 at 08:19 PM

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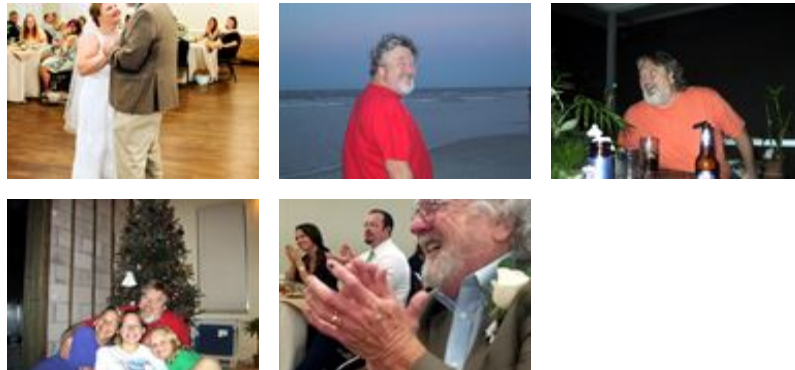
“ What I will always remember most about Uncle James AKA Uncle Danny is his big personality and his smile. Whenever we visited him in Orlando he'd get us into Disney and even showed us some of the secret parts. I still have a picture of Mickey he drew me when I was younger. He was the coolest uncle a girl could have. I will remember him with love forever.

Tracy

Tracy Gilmore - August 12, 2021 at 07:23 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 11, 2021 at 10:58 AM