



## James "Jimmy" R. Padgett

June 30, 1956 - September 9, 2020

PADGETT - James "Jimmy" R. Padgett of, Jacksonville, Florida, born June 30, 1956 passed away peacefully on September 9, 2020 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Lynette "Tootsie" Johnson; his beloved pups, Lexus, Hammer, and Bella; his sister, Mary Jane Zipperer; his daughters, Rachel Heyman (Jason), and Aleshia Coppage; step-children, Jim Johnson, Jamie Ashe, and Dana Johnson (Nick); grandchildren, Sidney Heyman, James Heyman, Megan Hull (Matthew), Ryan Yarborough (Gabby), and Audrey Johnson; great-grandchild, Maggie Hull; aunt, Helen Wilson; niece, Jessica Kember (Mike); and a host of extended family members.

Jimmy attended Andrew Jackson High School and graduated in 1974, after a handful of years he began his lifelong career with the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) and retired in 2013. Throughout his years with JEA he met and worked alongside amazing people who he kept as close friends for the duration of his life, he always spoke fondly of his coworkers and the people that mentored him along the way and regarded them in the highest esteem.

Jimmy met Tootsie in 1968 in the 7th grade and they remained friends for 43 years before marrying in 2011. Together they embarked on a journey that would lead them to fulfilling his dream of retiring to his very own slice of paradise in Welaka, Florida where he could turn the TV up as loud as he wanted and no one complained, spend his days leisurely lounging with his precious pups, or boating and enjoying every moment of his time with the love of his life.

In his later years, after retiring, Jimmy made the decision to serve as a Master Mason with the Arlington Masonic Lodge #309 in Jacksonville, Florida where he served from 2012 until his passing, during his tenure he also served as the Master of The Lodge in 2017. In addition to his service as a Master Mason he served as a member of The Morocco Shriners from 2012 until 2019 in the Spitfire Unit where he was a volunteer fundraiser for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

A Memorial Service will be held in Jimmy's honor at a date and time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Friends of Jacksonville Animals.

# Comments

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“ I was blessed to have Jimmy as a friend since grammar school. He was one of the sweetest guys you could ever meet. We sure had some great times and awesome memories from good ole Panama Park. Rest In Peace Honey, and we will meet again at our forever home. Love and prayers going out to his beautiful wife Tootsie and family .



**Margie Newmans** - September 19 at 08:27 PM

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“ With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" R. Padgett.



September 18 at 11:24 AM

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“ Sherrie Harris Hansen lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" R. Padgett



**Sherrie Harris Hansen** - September 17 at 11:10 PM

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“ Sending my heartfelt sympathy to Jimmys wife and family. God comfort you in the days to come.

**Vivian Hewett** - September 17 at 04:50 PM

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“ I love you always! God was good to me by giving me you. I will always treasure our adventures and spending our life in your Paradise. You will truly be missed but always know once you have had the best there is no other. You Rest In Peace sweetheart and know I will never forget you

**Lynette Johnson** - September 17 at 02:34 PM

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“ Lifelong friend, neighborhood friend, co worker and an all around great person. Jimmy your type of person doesn't come around much but when they do and you're lucky enough to know them... you know just how lucky you are to have spent time with them. We are blessed and very lucky to have shared our time with Jimmy Padgett during our short time on earth and I'll always remember you brother. Sending love and condolences to the family.

**C.J. " Joe" Foreman** - September 17 at 02:16 PM



“ If you liked to laugh, well Jimmy was the guy you wanted to be around. Make you laugh all night. I'm miss him. RIP Jimmy. I can truly say, you were my friend.

**Holland Harris** - September 17 at 06:37 PM



“ Seems like yesterday we were working, joking, laughing, and reminiscing together. I was blessed to have you as a wonderful friend, and will always be appreciative of your support over the years. We will meet again in that perfect place.

**Steve Lankford** - September 18 at 07:15 AM