



## James Loyd Blair

May 16, 1955 - February 7, 2024

James Loyd Blair, also known as Jimmy, Jim, Jimbo, Dad, or Papaw, passed away on February 7, 2024, at 68. He was born on May 16, 1955, in Indianapolis, IN. Jimmy was a husband, father, and grandfather to his two grandchildren.

Jimmy moved to Florida at a young age, where he met his wife of 47 years, Rachel Boyette Blair. They faced the world together daily and created many memories. They had two children: Melisa Blair Elliott & Ryan James Robert Blair. They all enjoyed playing the guitar and singing along to the songs written by Jimmy and his children. They also loved fishing at the pier next to the "choo, choo train" (Rossi Park). Jimmy worked as a Supervisor at Tropicana in Bradenton, FL for over 30 years, where he retired. He then worked part-time in retirement at The Powel Crosley Estate in Sarasota, FL, where he made many friends.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Rachel Blair; his daughter, Melisa Elliott, and her husband, Brendon Elliott; his two grandchildren, Lexie Elliott and Austin Elliott; his two brothers, John Blair (Terri) and Donald Black (Jennifer); and his two sisters, Mary Lou Carr (Earnie) and Nancy Griffith (Clyde). He was predeceased by his mother, Lucille Black (Canada), his brother, Hobert Bruce Brown, his sister, Jacqueline Palmer, and his son, Ryan Blair.

Jimmy is now playing his guitar and singing his songs as he reunites with his mother, brother, sister, and son.

A memorial for Jimmy will be held Monday March 11, 2024, 9:30am at The Powel Crosley Estate, 8374 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243.

In lieu of flowers, please cherish your memories with him and think of him often.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 9:30 AM (ET)

The Powel Crosley Estate  
8374 N. Tamiami Trail  
Sarasoa, FL 34243

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gene, Jenny, Alex, Faith, and Eli Black purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Loyd Blair.*



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**Gene, Jenny, Alex, Faith, and Eli Black** - March 10, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Loyd Blair.*



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March 09, 2024 at 07:08 AM

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“ *I worked with Jim for years at Tropicana and he became a friend although years have passed quickly and contact less frequent as we got older. He was a good man and a friend to all who knew him. I wish to send thoughts to his family and offer this, keep him in your thoughts daily and he will always be by your side.*



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**Phil Guercio** - February 16, 2024 at 05:25 AM

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“ *There will never be another Jimmy. I never saw him that he was sporting that sneaky laugh & grin! Prayers for all of his precious family & friends in their time of loss. I love you Jimmy* ❤️



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**Judy Reinsmith** - February 13, 2024 at 12:43 PM



Brendon Elliott

“ *1 file added to the album Family Memories*



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**Brendon Elliott** - February 13, 2024 at 11:10 AM