



James "Uncle Jimmy" Leone

January 25, 1956 - March 9, 2019

James "Uncle Jimmy" Leone, 63, of Hillsborough, passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Somerville, with his family and friends by his side.

Uncle Jimmy was born in Trenton, NJ. He was raised in Manville and spent time in the Port St. Lucie area of Florida working in construction. He moved to Hillsborough in 1995.

A 1974 graduate of Manville High School, Uncle Jimmy was a 3-year letterman in football. He was an outstanding open field runner and punt returner. He loved every aspect of football, from playing to watching, but he especially enjoyed the comradery of his teammates. He was a die-hard Oakland Raiders fan and watched all the Yankee games. Uncle Jimmy earned his pilot's license, having his first solo flight in 1976 at the age of 20. He was a brilliant musician and will be remembered by his original ballads on the guitar which soothed the soul. In addition to the guitar, Uncle Jimmy was a self-taught piano player. He loved Rock and Roll, especially The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and The Rolling Stones. In recent years, he enjoyed sharing his music at open mics in the area. Uncle Jimmy had a great sense of humor with the ability to laugh at himself. His hearty laugh was contagious. Uncle Jimmy believed that family comes first and was accepting of ALL people. He showed compassion to everyone he met and was a kind soul. We should all be like Uncle Jimmy. His last act of kindness was being an organ donor.

Uncle Jimmy was predeceased by his father, Angelo V. "James" Leone and

step-father, Augustine L. Genovese. He is survived by his mother, Helen Genovese, of Hillsborough, NJ; brothers, Carl of Hillsborough, NJ and Jeff of Stuart, FL; sisters, Denise Formanowski and husband Robert of Manville, NJ and Karin of Stuart, FL; many extended family members of the Chupaks of Trenton, PA, Leones of Clinton, NJ, Rosens of Manville, NJ and Claytons of Port St. Lucie, FL; and many friends. Uncle Jimmy also leaves behind his dear nieces, Audriana and Brielle Formanowski of Manville, NJ whom he had the greatest love for.

A celebration of Uncle Jimmy's life will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10am to 12pm at Ketusky Funeral Home, Manville, NJ. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in Uncle Jimmy's name to Alternatives, <http://www.alternativesinc.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Uncle Jimmy" Leone.*



April 01, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *Prayers to the family.. so many gone to soon... may your many memories carry you through till you meet again..*



Cookie - March 16, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ *I do remember a lot of laughter when Jimmy and Carl were together! He had a great sense of humor and when the two were together it was like a stand up comedy routine! I too remember his love of music, my mother gave him a box of 45's from the jukebox that was in our old restaurant. And i remember him playing the guitar! Lots of good childhood memories! ❤️*

Serena - March 16, 2019 at 12:07 PM



Thanks so much Serena. We all had a great time together

Carl Leone - March 16, 2019 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Sharon Leone Reynolds lit a candle in memory of James "Uncle Jimmy" Leone*



Sharon Leone Reynolds - March 16, 2019 at 11:18 AM

CL

Thanks so much Sharon. This is a tough one

Carl Leone - March 16, 2019 at 07:05 PM

AA

“ *Jimmy was an incredible man and an even more incredible wit!! I remember fondly the great times at the house with my brothers and Jim's sense of humor. Sending love to the Leone family and prayers for comfort. RIP.*

Amy Phillips Alford - March 16, 2019 at 08:48 AM

CL

We had a blast there. What a great group of people to grow up with

Carl Leone - March 16, 2019 at 07:07 PM