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**J**ames Arthur Akers Jr., 64, ascended to his heavenly home on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

James "Jimmy" or "Jim" was born in Grants Pass, Oregon June 15, 1959, to James Arthur Akers Sr. and Shirley L May Akers Heath. Both have preceded him in death.

Jimmy spent his early childhood in Simi Valley, California and Cape Girardeau, Missouri before his family relocated to Columbia, Missouri, where he remained the rest of his life. He attended Hickman High School. As a teen he worked at Nickerson Farms Restaurant. He was later employed by State Farm, Plaza Tire Service, Columbia Public Schools and Hendren Salvage.

Jimmy was an avid car enthusiast. He took great pride in his knowledge of auto mechanics and car building. That enthusiasm carried over to a hobby of model car kit building. Jimmy was a great animal lover his whole life. He is remembered to always have a faithful dog by his side.

Jimmy is survived by four daughters: Trisha Thurman of Columbia, Monica Akers (Wayne) of Ashland, Jesica Akers of Columbia and Jaynee Akers (Josh) of Harrisburg; three grandchildren Makayla Himmel, Braxton Harrison, Dominik Bratcher; one brother Terry Heath (Marty) of Ashland; one sister Jeanita Harrison (Tony) of Mexico, MO; one nephew Jeffery Heath (Lawanna) of Columbia; three nieces: Kimbra Furlong, Amberly Furlong (Sean) both of Mexico, MO and Heather Patton (John) of Ashland, MO; three half-sisters: Marilyn Akers of Arkadelphia, AR, Carolyn Akers of Alpaugh, CA, and Donna Akers-Williams of Hanford, CA; and stepfather Melvin Heath.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, February 2, 2024, at the American Legion Hall in Ashland, Missouri from 4-6 PM.




## Events

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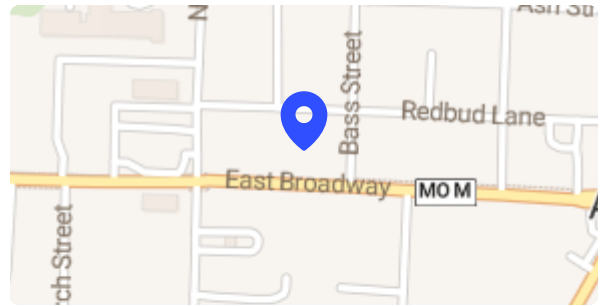
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### Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, February 2, 2024

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT

 **American Legion Post 152**  
123 E Broadway, Ashland MO 65010





## Tribute Wall

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DM

**Don May** posted:

I can attest to the fact that Jimmy's love of anything with a motor started at a very young age. I remember on Orchard Lane they had a go-cart in the garage that did not have a throttle cable or working brakes. Jimmy and I figured we could fix that by wiring the throttle wide open, putting my sister Connie in the seat, starting it and see what happened. It went great, up until the end of the road. That was not the last time my dear cousin and I got into a lot of trouble over the years. There were many more I won't mention. I will never forget you cuz.

January 31 at 8:24 AM

DK

**Don, Donna And Kasey** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Akers family.



January 31 at 7:57 AM

DC

**Dwayne Crites** posted:

I first met Jimmy and his family in the early 70's and got invited to Lake Of The Ozarks where Moe and Shirley had a place on the lake. Jimmy and I soon became good friends and got to learn how to water ski, seems like we were there almost every weekend. Jimmy loved everything with a motor that would go fast. We used to ride motorcycles at the strip pits behind the neighborhood. He once had a Chevy Van that he put a V-8 motor in and that thing would haul. So many good memories shared with him...I will miss you Jimmy and I hope they let you drive hotrods in Heaven!

January 31 at 6:34 AM

DA

**Debbie Winder Ainolhayat** posted:

Jimmy is my cousin, we grew up together. His sister Jeanita is my ride or die cousin. We had so much fun in Cape, Columbia and Jefferson City. I will never forget your kindness and your sweet laugh. My prayers are with you, your family and friends. You will be missed.

January 30 at 8:25 AM

MH

**Mike & Caitlin Himmel** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Akers family.



January 29 at 2:46 PM



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EW

**Eric Woods** posted:

This is Eric James Akers I will miss you man but I will never forget you you took me in when I was 13years old when I had nothing or no one you blood or not you will always be my dad I love ya bro I'll see ya soon

January 26 at 6:07 PM

TR

**Trish** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I hope your up there building chevys and catching catfish ol' man. I love and miss you so much daddy. May you rest in heavenly peace. Until I see you again, Trishalynn

January 26 at 12:05 PM



BH

**Beatrice Hill** January 28 at 5:43 AM

I never met your dad, but I remember you being at Terry and Marty's. I'm sorry your dad has passed. Bea Hill



## Media

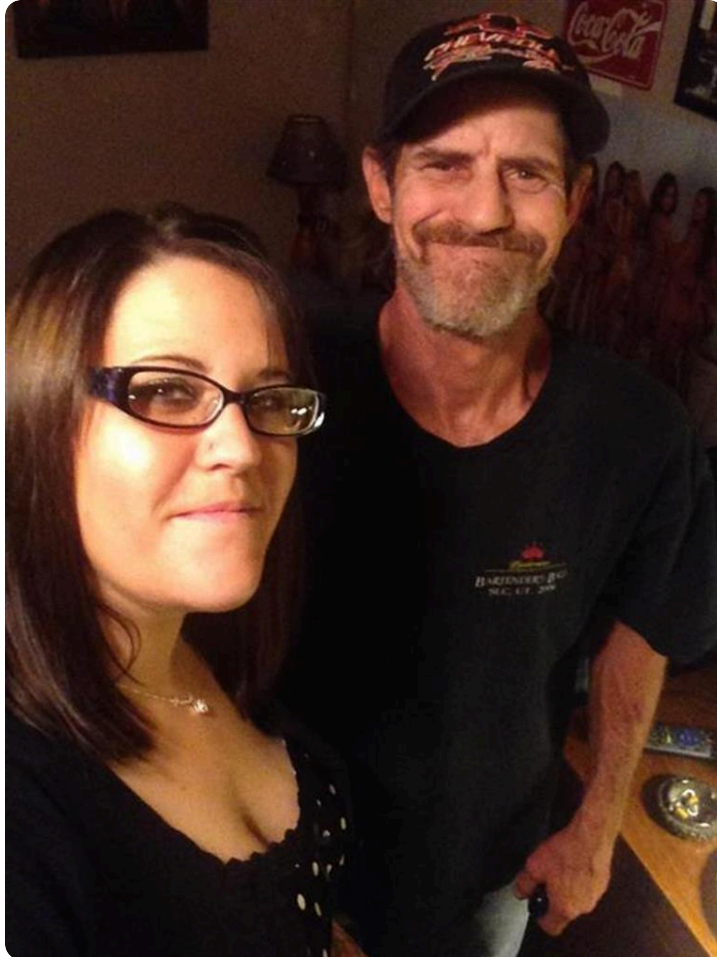
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**Sharon Pauley** January 29 at 8:10 PM

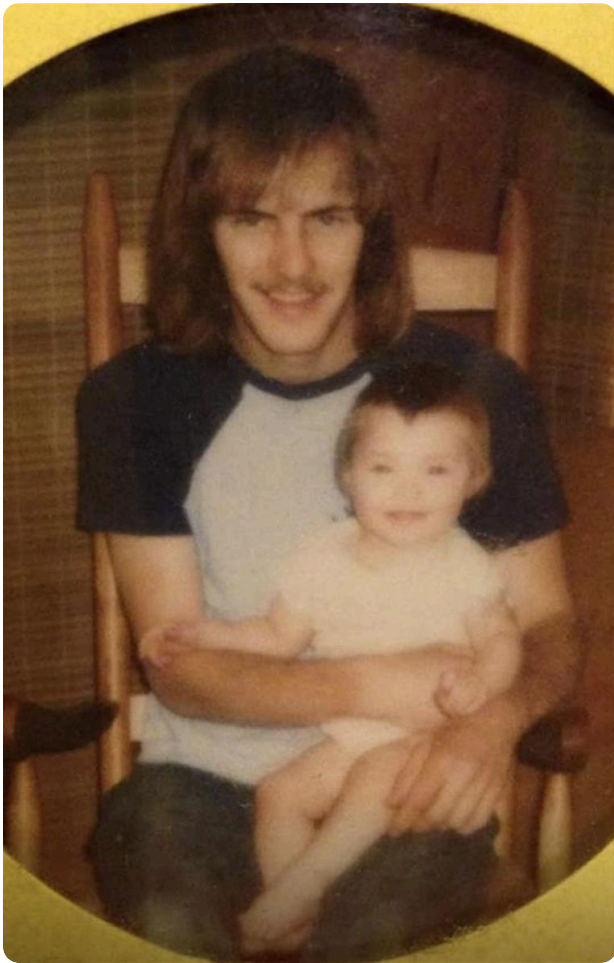
Jimmy and Trisha.



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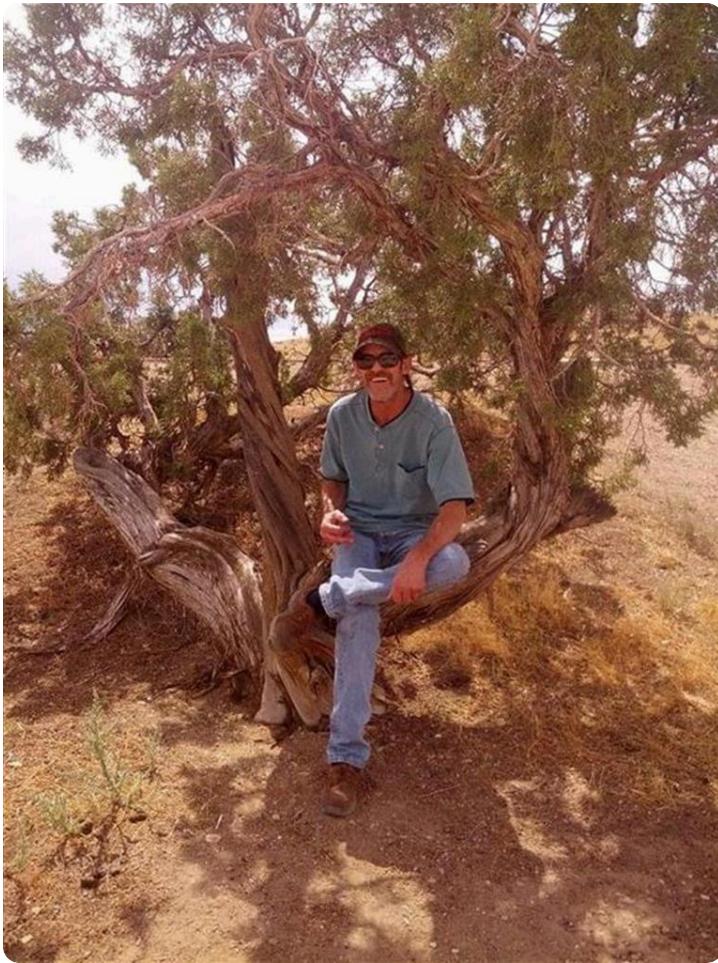
Jimmy.



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**Sharon Pauley** January 29 at 8:11 PM

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