



James Leo Gallagher II

August 21, 2019

James Leo Gallagher II, 54, passed on August 21, 2019. Jimmy was a professional musician from the age of 11, performing keyboards in both his hometown of Kansas City, MO. and in Las Vegas, NV.

“Jimmy Jam”, as family, friends, and fellow musicians knew him, left Kansas City in 1985 to join Jonathan and the Music Magic in Las Vegas. He returned home in 2008 to marry his childhood sweetheart, Mindy Wear. He soon found himself sharing his musical talent with local bands: The Kaopectones and Journeyman, the Eric Clapton experience.

Everyone knew Jimmy as a truly kind and generous spirit. Family, friends, and the music community will dearly miss him.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Mindy, sons Justin Bogeajis and James (Jas) L. Gallagher III, stepson Keenan J. O’Brien, siblings Michael, Dianna (John) Cress, Patricia Scroggin, grandsons Jamie and Kody Gallagher and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents James L. and Margaret J. Gallagher and brother-in-law Pat Scroggin.

Jimmy’s life will be celebrated at Knucklehead’s Saloon, 2715 Rochester

Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64120, on September 19, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be an evening of songs and memories as we relinquish our dear Jimmy Jam to join the other great artists in Rock & Roll heaven.

Tribute Wall

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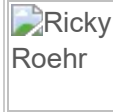
“ Jimmy, you left an indelible mark on this world. You cannot be imitated or replaced. Thank you for sharing your magic with us. It's all about that D note ❤️

KZ Squared - August 29, 2019 at 03:07 PM

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“ To the Family and Friends of Jimmie's: The first time we heard the Kaopectones was at H-Toads at the Lake of the Ozarks. We went back to hear them again the next year. My husband, being a musician for many years, and I, enjoyed them more than any band we've heard in a long time. Since then, we've come to hear them play in the KC area 5 times. We are truly saddened by the news of Jimmie's passing. He was such an incredible musician, a professional in our eyes. I know he will be missed by so many, as well as my husband and I. He left a lasting impression on hundreds of music goers, and we hope his legend will live on in the memories that will be shared for years to come. Our sympathy is extended to you all.....

Judy Baker - August 29, 2019 at 02:26 PM



Jimmy and I grew up in KC but never met. (I'm around 7 years older than he) Starting around 86-87, we played in different bands in Vegas for around 20 years (I'm guessing. Because we never met to my recollection. But it began in the 80's so I could easily be wrong.)

All I know is that in 2015, I was moving back to KC. I knew his name and common roots in KC. I sent him a PM on Facebook. He treated me as if we had been band mates, siblings and dearest of friends all our lives. He treated me as if I had saved his life. THAT is, and always will be Jimmy to me. That was his deepest talent. Humility connects to the deepest part of another person. Connection. And I can't imagine that there would be anyone who knew him who would disagree with that statement.

Musically, he was the same. #1 Humble. #2 skilled to the point where he made it look easy. (that's a big one in my view) #3 skilled to the point where he was still able to make you inch up on your seat when he "did what he did at that sweet spot" in the intro/outro. When he landed the feel of that "he did it!" lick in the solo. And he did it with the least amount of visible discomfort - and eliciting the warmest comfort to the listener. And though I only saw him play a few times, I will always remember his soft grin the moment after that lick. It was almost as if he felt he was lucky to have pulled that wth lick off. He WASN'T lucky. He earned every inch of it.

Jimmy is love incarnate. I can't say "he was" because he is still within me - even if I only met him face to face maybe 6 times. He "is" that because he assumed that someone he had never met was every bit as valuable as any other person on the planet. Anyone who speaks of Jimmy will say this in their own way. They could not "not" state this. There are a few of us here who are privileged enough to have the challenge to describe this giant, soft spirit into words.

Not easy.

Akal (An ancient chant for the wish/support in transitioning well)

Godspeed Jimmy. <3

Ricky Roehr - August 29, 2019 at 05:59 PM