



Jimmy Chowning

August 20, 1949 - March 10, 2017

JIMMY L CHOWNING

Jimmy L Chowning, 67, of Kansas City, Kansas passed away March 10, 2017 with his girls by his side. A memorial visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m. Private inurnment will take place at a later date.

Jimmy was born on August 20, 1949 to Willard Lee and Gertrude Mildred Chowning, Jr. Jimmy was their first son with five more boys to follow. He attended Junction Elementary and graduated from Turner High School in 1967. He then became a Gorilla at Pittsburg State University. He joined the United States Navy in 1968 and was in the reserves until 1974.

Jimmy married the love of his life, Vicki Lynn Arnold, in 1971. Their first daughter, Kristen, was born in 1971. In 1974, they welcomed their second daughter, Stephanie. And, in 1978, their third daughter, Denise, was born. Jimmy and Vicki raised their girls in Turner, Kansas and all graduated as Golden Bears. Jimmy loved watching his girls play volleyball, basketball and softball. He especially loved coaching softball, often staying up late into the night planning batting orders and field positions.

Jimmy was elected to the Turner School Board and served as a board member from 1989-1993. He was proud of his service to the Turner community and in that role, loved handing diplomas to his favorite graduates. He also was a proud member and graduate of the Kansas City, Kansas Leadership 2000 program.

Jimmy started working at an early age for his dad in the family business, Argentine Transit Lines. Argentine Transit Lines operated public transit lines in Kansas City, Kansas, provided school bus service, and charter bus service. There, Jimmy learned every facet of public transit from sweeping and driving buses to leading a staff of mechanics, operators and drivers. In 1969, Jimmy started working at KCATA, after it purchased Argentine Transit Lines. He started at KCATA as a mechanic and forty years later retired an executive as the Director of Plant Management.

Although Jimmy was proud of his work at Argentine Transit Lines and KCATA and also of his service to the Turner Community, his greatest success was as a son, brother, husband, father, uncle and pappy. He was a family man in the truest sense of the word. He inspired his family to work hard, love deeply, and live a life of service. His family members knew they could take on any challenge because he always had their back. He was the leader to which the family turned in times of crisis and their biggest cheerleader in times of success. He was a shoulder to cry on in times of sorrow and the biggest motivator when a family member needed a kick in the butt. He carried those he loved on his wide shoulders, not always by choice, but always with humility and grace. While his inspiration will continue, he will be missed more than words can say.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Gertrude. He is survived by his loving wife, Vicki Chowning; daughters, Kristen Martin (Patrick), Stephanie Damron (Doug), and Denise Chowning (Phil McKindra); brothers, Robert Joe (Karen), Timmy (Carleen), Gary, Steven, and Stacy (Lynette); his mother and father-in-law, Donna and Marvin Arnold; his grandchildren, Daniel, Harper, Evan, Matthew, Aarionna, Kadence, Jacob and Jordyn; and his nieces and nephews, Kandi, Kim, Robbie, Cammie, Joey, Troy, Jessica, Tracy, Brandi, James and Jessica. "Never, never, never quit."

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmy Chowning*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 13, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JA

I love this I really enjoyed all of Vicki's different hair styles. thank you for doing this. I felt like it gave me time to say my goodbyes to my big brother. I love you and know that I will see you again in heaven. R.I.P. Thank you for being a big brother to me and all the times you helped me with my cars. Janet Arnold

Janet Arnold - March 14, 2017 at 01:16 PM

SW

*Beautiful tribute video.
So sorry for loss. I worked with your mom Vicki. Prayers for comfort & peace.
God be with your family during this sad time. Shirley Waterman-Watson*

Shirley Waterman-Watson - March 14, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ *Jimmy Chowning*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Jimmy Chowning*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Leah Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Chowning*



Leah Whitehead - March 15, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ *I remember your dad, husband and family member very fondly. I think it was with him that I recall first being treated like a grown up at the Kansas City Royals game when I was in high school. You guys have always been a second family to me and I'm so sorry that you are experiencing this sadness. Hugs to you all. I'll always love you all! And, Kristen, you will always be my best friend.*

J Todd Wheeler - March 15, 2017 at 04:21 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy for Vicki and the girls and the whole family. Jim was a good man and a great friend. He was a wonderful person to work with on the Turner Board of Education and our family shares lots of good memories. God be with you all. Prayers to you all. Joy and Bob Beery and family*

Joy & Bob Beery - March 14, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy Chowning.



March 14, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ Janet Arnold lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Chowning



Janet Arnold - March 14, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ I was thinking about when Jim and Vicki was dating and after they were married. Jim loved to tease me and embarrass me by saying what you know Janet Jo. and he would tease me at Christmas about missel toe. and how he was going catch me and kiss me. although he never did. Vicki, Kristen, Stephanie, Denise, and families are in my prayers and thoughts. Love all of you.

Janet Arnold - March 14, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jimmy Chowning.



March 14, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jimmy Chowning.*



March 14, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ *Edd Bucklew and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jimmy Chowning.*



Edd Bucklew and family - March 13, 2017 at 10:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jimmy Chowning.*



March 13, 2017 at 10:06 PM



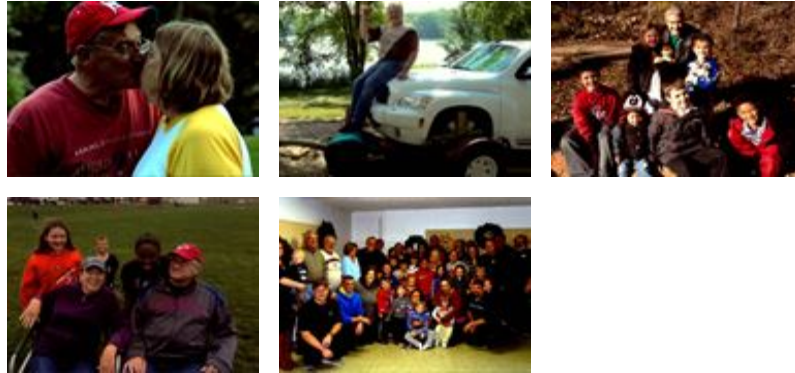
“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Jimmy Chowning.*



March 13, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 13, 2017 at 04:07 PM

DH

“ Dennis and Dottie Haag purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jimmy Chowning.



Dennis and Dottie Haag - March 13, 2017 at 02:55 PM

TF

“ The Martin and Gorrell Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jimmy Chowning.



The Martin and Gorrell Families - March 13, 2017 at 10:55 AM

RB

“ Prayers for all of you. He will be greatly missed by not only Vicky and their family but by all of the Chowning family. And praying for peace for each of you at the difficult time.

God Bless,
Randy and Gerrie Boerema

randy boerema - March 13, 2017 at 09:43 AM

Jan Sumner

“ Jan Sumner lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Chowning



Jan Sumner - March 12, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jimmy Chowning.



March 12, 2017 at 10:45 PM

NK

“ Nora Groves Watterson, Isaac, Mick, Rachel, Kristi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jimmy Chowning.



Nora Groves Watterson, Isaac, Mick, Rachel, Kristi - March 12, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jimmy Chowning.*



March 12, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. My sympathy to Vicki and girls and to the remaining Chowning boys. Many happy memories at Fair Haven Baptist Church with all this great family. May God bless you and give you strength always.*

Paulibe Brown - March 12, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ *The Grimsley kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jimmy Chowning.*

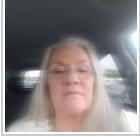


The Grimsley kids - March 12, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. Carol Williams*

carol williams - March 12, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ *A good man and neighbor with a special family and courageous wife. Our sympathy and love to all of you. This is a great loss to not only your family but those of us who knew Jim. Love, Yngve and Barbara*

Barbara Tamburo - March 11, 2017 at 05:56 PM



“ *Vicki, girls and brothers: So sorry about the loss of Jim. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May happy memories live vividly in your hearts. -- Bob and Fern Kohler*

Fern Kohler - March 11, 2017 at 02:30 PM



Many memories of working with Jim. So sorry for your loss, Vicki and family. Rest in Peace, my friend -- Charlene (Moore) Clark

Charlene (Moore) Clark - March 14, 2017 at 10:12 AM



As a child I always looked up to Jim, and I remember him letting us play in the bus a time or two. I remember that being such a treat for my brother and I! He was a man worth remembering, and one of the most kindest men I have ever known. Within the past two years my brother and I have spent some time working on our Dads house, and even then while he was weak, he still came over to talk to us and say hello. Those and all of our families interactions are memories that will stay with me forever. My love and prayers go out to all of his family and friends. Sincerely, Jesse Dahl and Family

Jesse Dahl - March 14, 2017 at 04:36 PM