



## James Mark Thayer

December 4, 1961 - May 26, 2024

James Mark Thayer, a cherished son, brother, husband/life partner, and friend passed away on May 26, 2024, at the age of 62.

Jim was born on December 4, 1961, in Dearborn to Donna and Larry Thayer. As an adventurous child, Jim was known for his friendly nature, always eager to strike up a conversation and make new friends. He graduated from Garden City High School in 1980 and went on to serve honorably in the U.S. Navy for 10 years.

A man of many talents, Jim was a master mechanic and most recently worked as a Chief Information Security Officer. He enjoyed rebuilding cars, fixing houses, and was the go-to "Mr. Fix-It" for his family and friends. An avid outdoorsman, Jim loved campfires, kayaking, and spending time in nature.

Jim was a proud member of the Justice Riders Motorcycle Club for over 30 years, including holding the positions of Treasurer, Vice-President, and President. His fellow club members remember him as a true leader and a dedicated brother.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife/life partner, Barb Rentschler; his loving mother, Donna Thayer; and his dear sister, Julie (Chris) Sharer. He was the loving and devoted "Uncle Jimmy" to Erica and Rachel Sharer. He was the

cherished "Grandpa Jim" to Janice (Ray), Tanisha, Desa'Rae, Jameera, James, and Layla. He was preceded in death by his father, Larry Thayer, and his siblings, Jerry and Jill. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jim had a deep love for animals, especially those he was predeceased by: Buffy, Harley, Geegi, Thor, Trouble, Squirt, and Tiger. Barb will continue to care for Stalker and Guido; Stalker was his inseparable "partner-in-crime."

Known for his genuine and kind nature, Jim will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He brought joy and laughter to every conversation and left a lasting impression on everyone he met. Selfless by nature, Jim was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He had a special place in his heart for those who were down on their luck and was known for rooting for the underdog. Jim's compassion and generosity extended to everyone he met, as he constantly sought ways to support others.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 30th, from 1 PM until 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. The funeral service will take place on Friday, May 31st, at 1 PM at the funeral home, followed by a procession to Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the River Rouge Animal Shelter, 100 W Pleasant St, River Rouge, MI, or to Saving Cats & Kittens in Michigan, P.O. Box 51283, Livonia, MI 48150.

Jim was truly a remarkable man. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure to share a conversation and a laugh with him.

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# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Memorial Cemetery

34205 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
[plymouth@vermeulenfh.com](mailto:plymouth@vermeulenfh.com)

## Funeral Service

**MAY 31.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Mark Thayer



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - June 04, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James Mark Thayer



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - May 31, 2024 at 03:00 PM

AJ

“ Andy J. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Mark Thayer.



Andy J. - May 30, 2024 at 11:02 AM

TF

“ Trish & John Glover, and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Mark Thayer.



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**Trish & John Glover, and family.** - May 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM

DW

“ I have many favorite memories with Jimmy, one is when I used to go help him clean his garden city house and we would take a break after hours of working and we would just go sit in the garage and just talk about our lives and we used to always go to breakfast at Mary's Grill in Livonia where we would share lots of laughs. Jimmy was the best older cousin I could ask for without him I wouldn't have half of the knowledge of the things that he taught me. Rest easy Jimmy I love and miss you until we meet again ❤️



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**Diana Rose Weronka** - May 29, 2024 at 11:43 PM

KM

“ Karen, Wendy, Sharon and Mary purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Mark Thayer.



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**Karen, Wendy, Sharon and Mary** - May 29, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JL

“ Jim was an amazing guy to talk tech with, not only computers and networks but we could easily lose 30 minutes to an hour talking about 3D printers, laser engravers, robotics, drones, all the fun stuff. He was always exploring new things; each time he'd drop in at AMI it was a blast hearing about what cool experiments he'd done since the last time we'd talked and what he was looking forward to next. To say he'll be missed is an understatement. Until next time, my friend.

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**Joe Long** - May 29, 2024 at 04:29 PM

SA

“ I can't believe I won't hear your voice again for the weekly calls to Slacker (Scott Coiner) Grizzly Ole Bear (as I playfully called you) I called you once and told you to take Scott back to Mi., and you said "deal with it" and we both laughed knowing I'd do as you suggested. Thank you for welcoming me as your family, I love you and miss you.

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**Satsia** - May 29, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JL

“ Joe L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mark Thayer.

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**Joe L.** - May 29, 2024 at 04:19 PM

GA

“ Gerald A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mark Thayer.

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**Gerald A.** - May 29, 2024 at 02:20 PM

AM

“ Amanda Mfg.-UniBond-Ferndale purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James Mark Thayer.



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Amanda Mfg.-UniBond-Ferndale - May 29, 2024 at 12:40 PM

YI

“ Your friends at Automated Media, Inc purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James Mark Thayer.



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Your friends at Automated Media, Inc - May 29, 2024 at 12:38 PM

TP

“ Tim & Stephanie, & Penelope planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Mark Thayer.

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Tim & Stephanie, & Penelope - May 29, 2024 at 08:55 AM

TP

“ Tim & Stephanie, & Penelope purchased the Fier y Lily and Rose for the family of James Mark Thayer.



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Tim & Stephanie, & Penelope - May 29, 2024 at 08:55 AM

SL

“ Jim was the most kind-hearted and giving soul. He would do anything for anyone who needed it! I loved sharing birthday parties with him when we were growing up! You will be missed be all, Jim!  
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**Sharon Lollo** - May 29, 2024 at 04:35 AM

JQ

I am so sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. I had worked with Jim at AMI for many years. He was a very kind person who was always willing to help you with anything that you needed. I can still hear him say his famous words, " Just another day in paradise." Well dear Jim, may you rest in eternal peace in paradise. ❤️ Jill Queen

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**Jill Queen** - May 29, 2024 at 09:02 AM

DJ

Jim was not just a co-worker but a true friend. My kids who both worked under Jim as IT specialists said they could not ask for a better boss. Jim and I were both part of the M/C world. Jim with the Justice Riders and me with the Scorpions. Jim was a very knowledgeable and caring person. He would always tell me to lighten up and try to enjoy life. I will try Brother and until we meet again give em hell in heaven!

Dewey Johnson S.F.F.S.

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**Dewey Johnson** - May 29, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home** - May 28, 2024 at 11:13 PM