



## Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr.

October 17, 1949 - August 8, 2023

Jimmie Lee Morris, Sr. was born October 17, 1949, in Mount Pleasant (Marshall County), Mississippi. He was the son of George W. Morris and Juanita B. Morris.

Jimmie eventually relocated to Jackson, Tennessee, where he was educated in the public school system. He is a 1967 graduate of Merry High School. He went on to have a long and successful career as a mailroom supervisor at the Jackson Sun newspaper. Jimmie joined the Tabernacle of David House of Israel.

Jackson, Tennessee, would also be the place where Jimmie found everlasting love. In Jackson, Jimmie met and fell in love with Phillis Lean Hegmon Morris. The two wed on July 6, 1971. The loving union of Jimmie and Phillis Lean produced three wonderful children: Kimberly Shannon Morris, Jimmie Lee Morris, Jr, and Clifford McClain Morris, Sr. In a continuation of the Morris legacy, there are currently five Morris grandchildren: Maya I. Morris, Myles A. Morris, Jordyn N. Morris, Clifford M. Morris, Jr., and Josiah E. Morris. Of course, the Morris gang would not be complete without Tyrone, a huge and intimidating four-legged member of the family. Tyrone remains a trusted and valued member of the family.

Jimmie was an accomplished musician whose talents allowed him wide-spread recognition. An extraordinary bass guitar player, Jimmie was affiliated with numerous musical groups, including the Jacksonians, Vision, and the Tyler Goodson Band. Jimmie's musical talents allowed Jimmie to travel nationally and internationally, showcasing his craft. Even when Jimmie was not performing on stage, he could be found creating tunes on the bass guitar in his home. He often made creating music a family affair, including having his wife Lean and his daughter Kim lend their powerful vocals to songs. The rise in technology meant that, in recent years, Jimmie could be found studying musical performances on the internet and using his computer to enhance his musical techniques. Jimmie's house was more than a residence; it was a magical musical haven.

An excellent cook, Jimmie loved to treat family and friends to his culinary creations. Every

Christmas morning, Jimmie looked forward to hosting a breakfast for loved ones. This was one of the many gifts of love that he provided. However, no special events or occasions were required for Jimmie to provide love through cooking. If you stopped by his house, he was sure to invite you into the kitchen to indulge in one of his latest masterpieces. He was also known to make visits to the homes of others to drop off gifts of food.

Jimmie's life was characterized by his passion for his family, music—especially the bass guitar—and cooking. His infectious smile and witty conversations brought joy to those who had the honor and privilege of encountering him. There can never be a replacement for Jimmie Lee Morris, Sr. However, the impact of his greatness will live forever.

Jimmie is preceded in death by his mother Juanita B. Morris, his father George W. Morris, his brother Raymond “Junebug” Harvey, Jr., and his songbird daughter Kimberly.

Left to celebrate Jimmie's life and continue his legacy are his loving wife Lean and his sons Jimmie Jr. (Rhonda) and Clifford (Inyang). Jimmie's legacy also includes five amazing grandchildren Maya, Myles, Jordyn, Clifford Jr. (CJ), and Josiah. These five grandchildren helped to inspire Jimmie's creativity. They also made sure he was never bored.

Jimmie's siblings provided him a lifetime of love, support, and compassion. His surviving siblings include Deborah A. High, Kathey P. Mercer (Michael), Marie Morris-Maxie (Jerome), Gary J. Morris, and Marcus Morris Floyd (Cassandra).

Tyrone, the family's furry best friend, is left to miss and mourn Jimmie as well. Tyrone was a constant companion of Jimmie and will continue to offer protection to the family just as Jimmie taught him.

Numerous other family members, including nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and dear friends honor Jimmie's memory. The man who was affectionately called “Big Pop” “Big Jimmie” “Daddy Jimmie” “Uncle Jimmie” or simply “Jimmie” left lessons, legacies, and love that can never be replaced.

Jimmie departed this earth unexpectedly on August 8, 2023. His loved ones will continue, for the rest of their lives, to mourn the loss of this great man. He will forever be missed. But the bassline in eternity will now be a little stronger.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **18**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
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## Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church  
150 Davis Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr.*



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**Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc** - August 19, 2023 at 11:39 AM

DB

“ *Uncle Jimmie, I still cannot believe that you are gone, but the legacy you leave behind will never die. I love you with my whole heart forever.*

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**Dione Bedell** - August 19, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr..*

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August 19, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr..*



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August 19, 2023 at 02:53 AM

DD

“ I remember a time when Jim and I were on the road with the Jacksonians/Lanier and company band. Location was in one of the many cities that we played in. Money was short, and we, as a band, slept two members to a room. Jim and I shared a room. As I said, the money was tight. So, once we got settled into our rooms waiting for our next show. The food situation wasn't looking good either. While sitting around the room pondering, Jim came up with this brilliant idea. He said, "hey Duck how much money do you have?" I think I had about \$1.75 cent in my pocket at that time. Jim came up with this idea after seeing a coffee pot in our room. The idea was for us to pool our money and buy a pack of hot dogs and boiling them in the coffee pot. Let me tell you, those were the best hot dogs that we both had eaten. Jim, you were then, and you are even now a very dear friend. I will miss you my brother and rest in peace! I will see you on the other side!

David Lewis Duckworth - August 17, 2023 at 11:48 PM

MB

Such a beautiful and peaceful person. I have fond and memorable thoughts of Jimmie. Just knowing him was a GIFT from GOD.

Mark E. Brown - August 19, 2023 at 12:32 AM

NB

I will always have fond memories of my cousin Jimmie who loved very much. Lean I love you and come see when I back in the country. Much Nathaniel Butler.

Nathaniel Butler - August 19, 2023 at 09:54 AM

EH

To the Morris family. My name is Edsel hegmon and I'm the cousin of Lean Morris and I want to say that I share my deepest condolences to the family. I have never had the privilege of meeting him. I'm sure he was a great person and I want to say RIH.

Edsel Hegmon - August 19, 2023 at 10:06 AM

DD

“ David Duckworth lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Morris



David Lewis Duckworth - August 17, 2023 at 07:49 PM

JR

“ James C. Roberson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr..

James C. Roberson - August 17, 2023 at 06:46 PM

JR

“ James C. Roberson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr..



James C. Roberson - August 17, 2023 at 06:46 PM

CP

“ Deepest condolences and prayers from the Pewitt family



Chris & Dawn Pewitt - August 17, 2023 at 02:40 AM

SG

“ Sarah Goyer lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Morris



Sarah Goyer - August 16, 2023 at 04:31 PM

SF

“ Sarah & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmie Morris



Sarah Goyer & Family - August 16, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr..



August 16, 2023 at 12:34 PM

MM

“ Marion McCurry lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Morris



Marion McCurry - August 16, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jimmie Lee Morris Sr..



August 16, 2023 at 01:52 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Love lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Morris



Carolyn Love - August 14, 2023 at 07:23 PM

EF

“ Eunice & family lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Morris



Eunice Spencer & family - August 13, 2023 at 06:18 PM



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August 13, 2023 at 08:24 AM



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