



## James L. "Jimmy D" "Jabber" Davis, Jr.

February 5, 1943 - December 9, 2008

Mr. James L. "Jimmy D" "Jabber" Davis, Jr., age 65, of New Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Ilion, New York on February 5, 1943, James was the son of the late James Loren and Edith (Fragale) Davis. He was raised and educated in Frankfort and Little Falls, graduating from St. Mary's Academy in Little Falls in 1962. He then attended H.C.C.C. and M.V.C.C., where he earned an Associate in Applied Science degree. On July 25, 1971 in St. Louis Gonzaga Church he married the former Bernadette E. Massoud with whom he shared a blessed union of 33 years prior to her passing on January 4, 2005.

For a number of years, Jim was employed by the Univac Co. and Mohawk Data Sciences Corporation in the Data Processing department, and upon both their closures, he took a position with Special Metals in their computer room. He subsequently held several positions in the retail sector at Sangertown Square Mall from Sears Roebuck to the former Klein's Sporting Goods Store, and most recently was working at the Shenandoah Golf Club at the Turning Stone Resort. Upon his marriage, Jim also worked alongside his wife and her family as a bartender at the legendary family concern, Massoud's Oud Lounge. An optimistic and dedicated husband and father, Jim treasured his family above all else. He was thoughtful and compassionate in supporting his loved ones and caring for his wife's medical needs prior to her passing. He enjoyed spending time with his daughter, Christine, "his little Keebler" and

assisting with her creative and tasteful baking. A fun-loving and energetic man, Jim was an exceptional dancer, an avid and dedicated golfer, and a member of the seniors bowling league which met every Wednesday afternoon at Pin-O-Rama Lanes. He was a die-hard New York Yankees fan and he supported the New York Knicks, the Syracuse Orangemen, and the Washington Redskins. He was a communicant of St. Louis Gonzaga Church and St. John the Evangelist Church.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Christina M. Davis of New Hartford; and his sons and daughter-in-law, James L. III and Karen D. Davis, and Christopher M. Davis, all of New Hartford. "Jimmy D" also enjoyed the companionship of his son James' canines. Survivors also include his 27 nieces and nephews, 30 great-nieces and great-nephews, a number of cousins, and in-laws, Ann B. and Dr. Caleb A. George of Whitesboro, Catherine M. and Joseph Tamer of New Hartford, John A. Massoud of Utica, George and Janet (Mazloom) Massoud of Utica, Joseph T. Massoud, Anthony J. "Omar" and Judith (Kinney) Massoud, and William "Bill" Lafferty all of New Hartford. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law, Edna T. Lafferty; and members of the Davis, Fragale, and Jackson families of Frankfort.

The family is grateful to the nurses and staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Room and the Oneida County Sheriff's Dept., especially Deputy Sheriff Reilly, for all the care and compassion shown to Jim's family. Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Prayer of Incense will be offered this evening at 7:30 at the funeral home. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Jim's honor to St. Louis Gonzaga Church or St. John the Evangelist Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Jim's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Bassam Saade, Pastor. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church  
520 Rutger Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ I knew Jim at St. Mary's in Little Falls and remember him as a friendly and gentle guy. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Margaret McKay Costello##imported-end##

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December 13, 2008 at 10:38 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. To have someone you love be taken so quickly is a shock that takes years, if ever, to assimilate. Obviously this was a good man if he was the father of you three. Know that someday, you will be reunited and when you aren't grieving so hard, you'll feel him and dream of him and he's fine.

The quote that helped me is "Sometimes the question no longer is 'What is the answer?' but How to live without one?"

I know this is very difficult and painful for all of your family. I am sorry and care. Louise##imported-begin##Louise White (was Wrate)##imported-end##

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December 12, 2008 at 10:21 PM



“ Christina, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm sorry I did not come tonight. I can not see you in any more pain and sorrow. I hurts me more than you can know. I hope you can understand. I will see you very soon. Just remember you will always have a friend that is a phone call and a short drive away. Love you.##imported-begin##Jeffrey Raiti##imported-end##

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December 12, 2008 at 08:09 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. I work at the golf course and Jim and I would chat once in awhile.  
He was a nice man and I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him  
Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Pat  
Beatty##imported-end##

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December 12, 2008 at 04:53 PM



“ Best friends a long, long time. Best friends, forever.  
Memories.....“Hey Jim, when you go to Salvy's Music  
Store with Uncle Dom, don't forget to buy “Hound Dog” by Elvis.”  
Rest in peace, ole buddy. JPK##imported-begin##Joseph P.  
Kinney##imported-end##

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December 12, 2008 at 12:27 PM



“ I worked with your father at the Shenandoah golf course, he was a  
fine man and proud father. He was fun to be around, we will miss  
Jimmy.##imported-begin##Frank Spinelli##imported-end##

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December 12, 2008 at 10:28 AM



“ *To Jim's Family:*

*I am very saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I went to St. Marys School with him. In our class his nickname was "Fuzzy", Jim was a great classmate and a good and gentle person. Everyone in our class loved him. Jim was a very funny but sincere person. All of my remembrances of Jim are great ones. Although I have not seen him in oh so many years, thinking about Jim brings a large smile to my face.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences on Jim's passing. On Saturday morning I will light a candle for Jim at my church here in Massachusetts. Again, my sincere regrets on your loss. Sincerely,  
Mike Longacre, Mansfield, Ma.##imported-begin##Michael Longacre##imported-end##*

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December 12, 2008 at 09:24 AM



“ *Dear Chris,*

*Tim called and told us of your loss. Our hearts go out to you and we pray that you and your siblings will feel God's comfort and love and that your faith will sustain you during this time. Our prayers will continue for you.*

*Love,*

*Charlene and Tom##imported-begin##Charlene and Tom Schaffer##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2008 at 10:35 PM



“ *To Christina and Family,  
I have known Jim since our Special Metals days. He was a great  
guy and will be missed. He always talked about his wife.  
His wife and daughter were his priority in life.  
My prayers go out to the family.  
Brian Asker##imported-begin##Brian Asker##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2008 at 08:48 PM



“ *Jabber,  
We grew up together and your Dad and mine and us had a  
foursome for many years. Then life separated us for awhile and  
then we got together again as members of the "Losers Club" on  
Sunday's. I'll always remember you and the memories we made and  
shared. Your family will be in my prayers always. Gob Bless and  
keep you buddy.  
Billy##imported-begin##George J. Bianchi Sr.##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2008 at 10:31 AM



“ *I am very saddened by the loss of your father. Jim and I were very  
good friends after high school. We did a lot of golfing together with  
his father. We use to hit the weekend night spots especially  
Massouds. Took some computer classes together in Utica. He  
always made me laugh. I am very privileged to have known Jim. He  
will be missed. My sorrow goes out to the Davis family.*

*Don Rocco  
Johnstown, NY##imported-begin##Don Rocco##imported-end##*

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December 10, 2008 at 09:20 PM



“ Christina, Jamie & Chris...so very sorry to learn of your father's passing...such a good man..  
...will remember the good times with your parents on Gary Ave.  
raising our growing families together.  
With our deepest sympathy,  
Ruth & Fran Pugliese###imported-begin##Ruth & Fran  
Pugliese###imported-end##

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December 10, 2008 at 08:29 PM



“ To Christina and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with your father for almost 2 years now, and everyday was truly a joy to be with him. He always made me laugh and was so nice to me. Jim was the greatest guy. The last time we had lunch together, he gave me one of his desserts. He always was so thoughtful and caring to me. I will never forget all the wonderful memories we shared.  
Christina and family, my prayers and thoughts are with you always. It wont be the same working in the Golf Dept.  
May God Bless You.  
Sincerely, Paula###imported-begin##Paula Nacewicz###imported-end##

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December 10, 2008 at 06:43 PM



“ To Chris and The Entire Davis family, I am deeply sadden by your loss. From my family to yours we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Willam A. Pierret###imported-end##

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December 10, 2008 at 02:46 PM



“ Chris and family,

*My thoughts are prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Andrea Back##imported-end##*

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December 10, 2008 at 07:43 AM