



Jimmy Ray Brunt

August 19, 1970 - November 21, 2021

ADRIAN – Jimmy Ray Brunt age 51, of Adrian, died on Sunday afternoon, November 21, 2021 after a courageous battle with Covid.

He was born on August 19, 1970, one of four sons to Albert Lee and Geneieve (Miller) Brunt of LaFollette, Tennessee. The family moved to Michigan in 1976 and Jimmy Ray graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1988.

On August 19, 2003 Jimmy married Kendra Neumann in Monroe, MI and they have shared over 18 years of making memories and building a family.

Jimmy Ray was the owner of Auto Trim Design “Express” of Monroe for over 20 years. He had many hobbies that he loved such as playing the guitar, billiards, and strategizing over chess. Jimmy Ray stayed active through his smooth roller-skating skills, playing tennis, cutting wood and riding motorcycles.

Jimmy Ray had a huge heart full of love, kindness, knowledge, laughter and a little bit of stubbornness. That’s what made Jimmy....Jimmy. He took his time to analyze and think things through, always trying to make the best-informed decisions. Jimmy was fortunate to not only have a job that he was extremely good at, but a job that he loved. He treasured all the relationships he built over the years with the Dealerships and Body Shops he visited.

But Jimmy wasn’t all about work. He enjoyed coming home and curling up on the couch to watch a movie with his family. He loved to sit outside and cook country style ribs on the grill especially when his girls and grandsons would visit. He loved camping, canoeing, walking through the woods shaking trees and stacking rocks. Jimmy always found a way to leave his mark behind on these adventures. Jimmy often enjoyed zoo time with family and friends. His mission was to get at least one animal to respond to him. Peacocks, gorillas, baby alligators, tigers, cheetahs you name it, he would find a connection.

He had a special way of connecting to people also. Instead of shying away from someone who was having a bad day, Jimmy would take as much time as needed until he found a way to encourage you, put things in perspective and even make you laugh.

Jimmy Ray's all time favorite thing to do was – make a fire. Give him nothing more than a single match and a wet blade of grass and within minutes he'd have a raging fire, even if it was 100 degrees outside, he loved making a fire.

He also loved sharing things he learned from his study of the Bible. Jimmy Ray was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on January 14, 1996. He had a strong faith in his God Jehovah and the promises held out in the scriptures. Now our Jimmy is asleep, safe in God's memory awaiting one of those future promises himself. He always looked forward to the fulfillment of Acts 24:15 "And I have hope toward God...that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

Jimmy was always singing a song out loud. His song will now live on in each of us as memories that will never be forgotten. His memory will forever burn in our hearts. May we remember Jimmy Ray every day for the beautiful, the kind, loving, generous man he was to family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Kendra, he is survived by his mother and stepfather, Geneieve and Jim Scheffler; his son, Dakota Ray Brunt; daughters, Danielle Marie Brunt (Sean A. Chipman), Julia Reeves and Tarah Renea Machtakova (Pavel Machtakov); grandsons, Coen Michael Vaughn and Trevor Jace Chipman; brothers, Joey (Desheng) Brunt-Zhuo, Richard (Tamara) Brunt and Billy Jack Thompson; and niece, Hayden Brunt and nephews, Richard L. Koa Brunt, and Izaak, Elias and Noah Thompson Jimmy Ray was preceded in death by his father.

At the family's request, cremation will take place and all services will be private.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall

V

“ It is with heavy heart that I just found out that one of my roller skating friends had passed away. Jimmy loved roller skating at the Adrian Skatery. I would walk by their house during the warmer months and we always said hello or stopped and chatted. This is very sad to loose another friend. You are another angel looking down upon us and watching over us. Kendra and Dakota have lost a great person, husband, dad and friend to all. Laura VanSickle

‘Laura` VanSickle - February 15 at 09:50 PM

MS

“ I want to share a couple pics I've found recently. Jimmy was a true friend who would always lend a hand. He was like the brother that I never had and I'm really going to miss him.



Mike sherman - December 06, 2021 at 08:01 PM

JL

“ I loved jimmy a lot. He was a great peson! I miss him.

Julia Lipkowski - December 02, 2021 at 01:44 PM

EM

“ It is with heavy heart that I sit here and attempt to find fitting words to put to print. Jimmy's easy-going nature, kind heart, infectious smile and the ability to bring sunshine to the most dismal of days, made trading with him (and later the both of you) something that I always looked forward to. The gift card I passed along that time for lunch really was in good faith (I sure didn't know the place was closed up) but how we laughed the next time we got together, and he got some good mileage out of it! Tho I've been out of the repair business for a while, Jim often comes to mind as the two of you tinted some windows in our home some years back. We have lost a truly great person..... I will miss him. Sincerely and with my deepest sympathy,

Ed Moore - December 01, 2021 at 09:34 PM

KB

Ed, It just wasn't the same going to the shop & you not being there. We always looked forward to going to your shop and having a good laugh with you. Thank you for reaching out on here and sharing your thoughts about Jimmy. It brought tears to my eyes and made me smile. We often talked & laughed about that coupon! And that memory will never be forgotten.

Kendra Brunt - December 06, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Brunt.*



December 01, 2021 at 07:25 PM

ME

“ *My deepest sympathy for the passing of Jimmy.*



Melissa - December 01, 2021 at 04:19 PM

DB

“ *My Dad was a gentle, fun loving, and exceptional person. I have been flooded with memories of him as a child, following him around, trying to help him fix things around the house. He played "Iron Man" on his electric guitar and I didnt even know how cool he was then. As I got older he tried to teach me things but of course I knew it all and had quite the stubborn streak and we butted heads constantly. He always told me he loved me and I know he meant it today. Our relationship over the last several years has been the best it has ever been in my adult life. My Dad has helped me become the woman I am today by his example of living life to serve others and to have faith in something outside of myself. My last memory of him was at my brother's band concert. We all had a great time, especially when Dakota pulled Dad down to the field to try and teach him a song on his Oboe. After the concert that night I said my Goodbyes and rushed off to my car. My Dad followed me to make sure I got to my car safe, he was always looking after me. I waved the last time as I pulled away, unknowingly this was the last time I seen him well. I will cherish every moment, the good and the bad. Dad, thank you for everything you have taught me and for loving me no matter what.
Love Always, Nelly*

Danielle Brunt - November 30, 2021 at 09:25 PM

JR

“ *My Dad will always live on in my heart* ❤️

Julia Reeves - November 30, 2021 at 08:29 PM