



## James Earl Plummer

April 7, 1945 - April 7, 2016

James Earl Plummer, 71, of Palmyra, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Lebanon VA Medical Center. Jim was born in Lebanon on November 21, 1944, son of the late Clarence E. and Marian C. Houser Plummer.

Jim was a 1962 graduate of Lebanon High School and graduated from the American School of Broadcasting, Washington, DC. Jim was an Air Force Veteran of the Viet Nam War, serving in Scotland and the Aleutian Islands. He was a well known newscaster from 1969 to 2008. He began his broadcasting career at WJRI in Lenoir, North Carolina; later transitioning to WPAZ in Pottstown and WRFY in Reading, PA. In 1993 he joined the Radio Pennsylvania News Network team in Harrisburg, PA where he was a news anchor until his retirement in 2008. During his radio time Jim interviewed many well know personalities and politicians and was known for his deep voiced tag line close of "I'm Jim Plummer". Jim was also co-host of the radio program "The Plant Doctor" for 6 years. For several years Jim wrote a weekly theatre column for the Pottstown Mercury.

Jim was active for over 20 years with Genesis Theatre, Reading and the Reading Civic Opera, both performing in and directing many shows. He played Santa Claus at Stokesay Castle in Reading for several years. He enjoyed antiquing, classic movies, music, attending theatre, Christmas, sitting on his back porch and beating his sister at scrabble.

Jim is survived by his sister Jacqueline A. "Jackie" Plummer of Palmyra, an uncle Charles B. Houser, a cousin Barbara Houser both of New Hampshire, a

cousin Cindy Cannavo of Florida. He was predeceased by his cousin Jill Houser Burns, wife of Frank Burns and mother of Eric Burns of Indiana. Jim was "daddy" to 7 'rescued' four legged family members over 30 years. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Jim's memorial service on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM from Porterfield-Scheid Funeral Directors & Cremation Services, Ltd., 890 Isabel Dr., Lebanon, PA (next to Quentin Circle). Friends will be received Friday, April 15, 2016 from 5 to 6 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made in Jim's memory to your local Humane Society. For other information, please call 717-272-4634 or to submit an online condolence visit [www.porterfieldscheidfh.com](http://www.porterfieldscheidfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Earl Plummer*

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *James Earl Plummer*

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *James Earl Plummer*

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Jackie, Rich and I are so so sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was a class act and will be missed.*

Monica Koontz - Elizabethville, PA - Friend - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *It warms my heart to read all the tributes and fond remembrances of my dear brother Jim. He was not only my brother but he was my dear friend and I will miss him so much. His journey on earth is over, he is in a much better place and his pain is gone which makes me happy. I will treasure all the memories I shared with him my entire life. Thank you to all our family and friends for you love, care, concern, kind thoughts and words. Jackie*

Jackie Plummer - Palmyra, PA - Sister - May 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NF

“Use a mallet”!! Jim's answer to all insect problems. So sorry to read of Jim's passing. Jackie, you have our prayers at this difficult time. It was a delight to have Jim on the program and all his weird horticultural advice. We all loved it! Remembering with fondness!

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**Noel Falk - Harrisburg, PA - Friend** - May 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So sorry to just now hear of Jim's passing. I met Jim at Genesis years ago and we had remained friends for many years after in the theatre and out. He spent many summer picnics with my family and me , and even ushered at my Mom's wedding. He will truly be missed . My condolences to Jackie and the family.

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**Susan Ruth - OceanView, DE - Friend** - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Jackie so sorry for your loss. Jim was a very nice man , I enjoyed seeing both, you and Jim when you would come to Howard's produce stand when I helped out. May your loving memories of Jim be a comfort to you. Mary Howard

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**Mary Howard - Palmyra, PA - Acquaintance** - April 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our prayers and thoughts will remain with you Jackie. It is very sad we lose connections with family due to busy schedules. It is so nice to read of Jim's accomplishments which obviously touched many lives. May all your memories help in the coming days. Hope to see you again soon perhaps at an upcoming concert. Hugs with love from all of us.

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**Barb Miller - Lebanon, PA - Family** - April 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Thanks for not throwing me out of the studios of 1370Kc when I was a punk kid! You helped lead me onto a broadcast career of dubious character and a life of near poverty, and I've loved nearly every moment. Most of you don't know this, but Jim and I once tried to bring an FM signal to Pottstown in 1976. When we were turned down, it led to FCC Docket 80-90, which then allowed thousands of unused FM channels to be freed up (just not in Pottstown). Jim's work gave careers to thousand of people in radio. "You never know how many people one man's life touches" - Clarence Odbody - "It's A Wonderful Life"

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**Bill Cain - Linwood, NJ - Acquaintance** - April 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ It was great to work with Jim, a dedicated professional broadcaster. Our prayers for God's peace to the family, from Mike Reinert & family, Wyomissing (Reading) PA -

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**Mike Reinert - Reading, PA** - April 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I always enjoyed the time I spent with him at Genesius Theatre, and also hearing about how much fun he and my dad had while there building sets and puttering around the building. May he rest in peace, and sending prayers to his family.

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**Donene McGrath - Wernersville, PA - Friend** - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I'm sorry to hear about Jim's passing. God be with you Jackie.-  
George

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**George Reiner - Newark, DE - Family** - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM