



James V. Ellis

February 10, 1958 - June 24, 2006

James V. Ellis, was a radio broadcaster, most recently in the area of Traverse City, Michigan. He is survived by his two daughters; Theresa and Amy Ellis, sister; Leona (Rick) Hathaway, brothers; Karl Ellis and Paul (Vicki) Ellis.

He was predeceased by his parents, Betty Lou and Delbert Ellis.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jim, you were a bright light that burned out far too soon - a talent and friend that I am so glad to have known - albeit far too briefly.

I had the pleasure of bringing you to TC and to KLT. The mornings have never been better than when you were there.

Your constant smile, your infectious laugh - the joy you had playing in Guys and Dolls at Old Town Playhouse - just a few of the memories I will treasure.

I guess God had an opening for a morning man and I know you'll do a great show up there.

warmest regards,

John##imported-begin##John Dew##imported-end##

July 29, 2006 at 12:34 PM



“ May God Speed... You will me missed

Mike McElwrath##imported-begin##Mike McElwrath##imported-end##

July 11, 2006 at 08:38 PM



“ Dearest Jim,
I have been away in Italy for the past two weeks. I am shocked..beyond shocked. I know that through the years we spent together, we had some rocky times. Just recently we started emailing and talking again.I cherish the times that I had with you. ...I learned so much from you about the business...and about life. You had a unique look at the world...you had a voice of gold that made anything sound wonderful...we shared some great times together...and some crazy times together..but most of all. I am thankful that We finally cleared the air. Talking with you made me smile and made this business easier to understand and life was a better place. Finally we are friends... until the very end which has come far too soon. I will love you forever, Sam.##imported-begin##Sam/Kathleen##imported-end##

July 05, 2006 at 09:33 AM



“ To Bubba's family and friends

I just wanted to thank you all for welcoming me to Detroit last week with open arms(literally). I am thrilled to have met all of you, but wish I didn't have to under these circumstances. Bubba was such an instrumental part of my life, I knew that but I still took it for granted, who would have ever known. I wrote a poem, when I fine tune it, I will send it to Mike Koss. I must go now...Bubba, I hear you now..."Hey M.F., it's me, call me!!!" I know I will hear you again ,Bubski.... until we meet again, "So Long For Just A While" my friend!!!

Love ya and miss ya,

ADIOS!!!!

Bubski(Stu)##imported-begin##Stuart Sherman##imported-end##

July 02, 2006 at 11:06 PM



“ *dearest gail and the ellis family, we were very sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. We only met jimmy a couple times but they were times that will not be forgotten. i want to thank jimmy for all the love and devotion he showed to gail, his girls, family, and friends. he made an everlasting impression on many lives he will be truly missed by all. you are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cheryl and Richard Mondeau##imported-end##*

June 30, 2006 at 08:27 PM



“ *My sister and I just wanted to express our thanks for all of your kind wishes and prayers for our family. We loved our dad very much, we miss him, and most of all we will miss all of the things we will not be able to share with him in the years to come. My best memories of my dad are watching 2 of our favorite movies together--Blazing Saddles and Young Frankenstein. We must have watched those over and over again (at least 100 times) over the years and each time he would laugh that infectious laugh so hard that it just made the jokes funnier. He was the absolute BEST person to watch something funny with (especially Seinfeld, Naked Gun, and Used Cars) and always seemed to make everything much funnier. He was also just as good at taking a joke as he was at making them. He was a great father, and, as we became adults, a good friend too. I, like my dad, am a worrier, and usually my dad was the ONLY one who could calm me down, like when I was worried about my first day of high school, taking finals in law school, giving a speech, or appearing in court for the first time. We love you dad and we know you are watching over us.##imported-begin##Theresa and Amy Ellis##imported-end##*

June 28, 2006 at 11:28 PM



“ sorry to hear about Jims death he was a great guy i use to listen to him on the radio when,he worked for KLT.both times.he was a good guy and had a heart of gold may he rest in piece and know he will be mised take care Thomas###imported-begin##Thomas W.Ullom ll###imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 10:48 PM



“ We met Jim three years ago when Matt first started working for Northern Broadcast here in Traverse City, and were both saddened to hear of his passing. We considered him a friend, and enjoyed his huge laugh. Jim had a great personality and a truly kind heart. Our hearts go out to his family in this time of sorrow... peace be with all of you.###imported-begin##Matt and Liz Turek###imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 09:41 AM



“ Jim,

As a kid growing up in Detroit you were a friend I let into my house, car as WLLZ was the only station I listened to. When I moved to St Louis I listened to you on KSHE, and you were one of my instructors at BC. We would talk about music, radio, Detroit and the people we both knew. You are the major reason why I got into radio, your delivery, style and all around good nature helped me develop a passion for radio. I really wish we had worked together, we did come close once.

You are one of the best in this business and you will be missed by many.

Mike Cooper

KJMO - Program Director

Jefferson City, MO##imported-begin##Mike Cooper##imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 07:16 AM



“ Jimmy,

To the greatest softball player I never saw!!!I'll miss you very much! The guys from the team will you very much!(That was some cheap entertainment!)I will miss our,"I remember doing that" talks. I hope your catching some fish up there! I love you like a brother: The Mustard Kid##imported-begin##matt shedlock##imported-end##

June 28, 2006 at 06:18 AM



“ Hey Jimmie, it's blondie! I just can't believe you left us that quick. I am am so glad you stopped by last week and chatted with me for awhile at the pharmacy. You loved to chat. You were even better at listening. Man, am I gonna miss ya!! I hope you realize how many smiles you brought my way. Your laughter was so contagious. How am I ever going to find my car in the parking lot without you? Whenever I see goldbond powder, I will think of how you laughed at that for at least 2 years. You were a very kind soul, tough guy. You had a heart that most others only dream about. You loved Gail so much and thank you so much for doing so. ("Is that right?") lol It will be hard for her because she also loved you that much. I promise I will be there for her. If only you had your video camera now!!! Wow, that would be something. Your last email subject heading was, I think I finally got somewhere. Sure did Jim!! See you there someday. I will leave you with my favorite verse: I can do all things through Him who strengthens me!! PH4:13 You always had a dream!!! Love and Miss Ya, Dee###imported-begin##DeLynn Bradley###imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 11:27 PM



“ Gail,
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers,
Margaret Rogers(Sams Pharmacy)###imported-begin##Margaret Rogers###imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 10:30 PM



“ I am still in shock about the passing of our much-loved friend, Jim Ellis. He always cheered me up when I was down. He was always a shoulder to lean on. When times were hard, Jim made me laugh and reminded me of what was really important.
I worked with Jim for 5 years. We trained together in New York and saw each other on trips to Minneapolis. I still have pictures of him. I also have some of the squirrel graphics he would send to our team at PR Newswire to give us all a smile.
I will always remember him.##imported-begin##Erika McDonald##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 10:12 PM



“ Jimmy,
It certainly was a shock to hear about you! who is going to pester me at the desk now? who am I going to make No-Bakes for? I will make them for Gail. You were a joy to know and I am glad you were a part of Gail's life. I remember the night I almost had to call you to come check out my roof. I had heard a noise and was scared and wanted to call you to take a drive by adn see what was up there! You laghed when I told you that the next day and said you would have done it for me. You loved my no bakes and suggested I market them. You had picked up a package in the store once and you said they were nasty compared to mine, that always made me feel good. You will be deeply missed, but know that you are loved and we will help Gail through this rough time. Please say hello to my dad and grandma while you are there. You and my dad should get along well.
We love and miss you.
Jeanie & Olivia##imported-begin##Jeanie Marie & Olivia Rose##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 08:26 PM



“ I was so shocked to see Jim's obituary this morning in the Traverse City Record Eagle. I first met Jim 10 years ago, next week, when he and I rode in the Cherry Festival's Mini-Indy Grand Prix as media representatives. I worked with Jim a couple of times filling in doing news on his show. I hadn't had any communication with Jim until a week or two ago. Out of the blue he emailed me and we chatted back and forth briefly through email that day. I will now cherish that conversation. I will miss his laugh, sense of humor and at times, twisted, yet so true perspective on things in the world. Take Care.##imported-begin##Kimberly Purdy##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 06:46 PM



“ Ellis family,I am so sorry for your loss, Jim was a friend who would do anything for you. I will miss him. I'm glad my brother Stuart was able to be there.
God bless you.##imported-begin##Mark Sherman##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 05:48 PM



“ I can't believe that I am writing on this website and that Jim is gone!!! It doesn't seem possible. It doesn't seem real. The last time that I saw Jim was at my son Spencer's 1st birthday party in 2003. He came in town for it and we had such a great time. He was such a great guy and such a wonderful friend. He touched so many people. Look at all the people that are writing about him. His voice was captivating and his laugh was amazing. I can still hear him call me "Honey". He will be missed deeply. I am so glad to have met such an amazing man and so lucky to have been able to call him my friend!!!!
Watch over us all Jim!
All my love!###imported-begin##Alison Sherman###imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 05:48 PM



“ I am so sorry to read today of Jim's passing. Jim was his own man, no doubt about that. Words cannot express the sympathy I feel for his family and friends , his life was cut way too short.I will miss his honesty. Jim, there were easier ways to get out of TC my friend! I am so sorry, my prayers are with you all today.
Joy###imported-begin##Joy Sell###imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 02:38 PM



“ I am stunned. I can't believe you are gone! I still remember the first time I saw you when you worked at KLT. You came in the office to bum a cigarette (at that time, a man after my own heart)and tell us a joke. After that we would compete every day to see who was funnier. I may have even won once in awhile... You saw me through some tough times, even after you moved to St Louis. Your smile, your humor, your kindness, not to mention that voice! helped me cope and will never be forgotten, my friend. You will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Jim's family.##imported-begin##April Moharter##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 02:07 PM



“ I first met Jim almost 10 years ago in the musical "Guys and Dolls" in Traverse City at the Old Town Playhouse, we were both in the cast! Jim had an infectious laugh, and a great smile. He brought a smile to my face at a time I didn't have one. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Alicia Rice-Flees##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 12:23 PM



“ First of all, I want to send out my dearest sympathies to Jim Ellis’ family and friends. You’re in my thoughts and prayers. It’s amazing how some people we know for a lifetime, and some people we know for just a while, and a few of those people that we know for such a short time make as much as a difference in our lives as those we know for a long time. Jim Ellis was that type of person. I first met Jim at PR Newswire’s Media Research Summit June 2005 in Minneapolis. We met again a year after that, which was just two weeks ago at the 2006 Media Research Summit, which was again in Minneapolis. Between the first and last time I met Jim, we had corresponded via e-mail and sametime for work. Jim has always had my respect not only as a colleague but also as a person. He was a great man with a great personality. Although I am somewhat taken aback by the news of Jim’s death (because I just saw him in person not too long ago, and days after that when we chatted, which turned out to be our last time, my words to him were "see you next year" in which he replied "or sooner...you never know"—Jim had such a positive outlook); nonetheless, I am so glad I had the chance to see him before he passed. Furthermore, I have been so blessed to have met such a wonderful individual even if it was for such a short time. All of us have been blessed. Jim, I know you’re watching over us. Thanks so much for making an impact and difference in our lives.##imported-begin##Hoang Uyen X. Nguyen##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 11:32 AM



“ Jim

So many things I'd like to say, but to sum it all up, I'd like to say thank you! Thank you for taking a chance on me, and thank you for believing in me.

Those 2 plus years we did the morning show together in Traverse City at KLT, where the best years of my life. It was great being your morning show

co-host, but it was an honor to be your friend! I am where am at today, because of you! I'll miss all the laughter on and off the air, the long talks about life, eating Chinese food until we where stuffed, the look on your face when someone would ask if we where Jim and Hotcup, you asking me everyday if I like your boots, there is a thousand great memories I have of you, I cant believe your gone. Goodbye old friend I'll be missing you!

Love ya man! -Hot Cup of Tom###imported-begin##Tom Rowe###imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 10:22 AM



“ *"GMF\$" has been a catchphrase at Emmis St. Louis since the 90s when Jim worked here. Not many people really know how it started or why. I do. It wasn't Jim being greedy, it was Jim trying to take care of his girls and make sure they could have a better life than he did.*

I liked his humor and his voice, but I loved his laugh. I'm going to dig out and wear one of my Lollapalooza "Ellis in Chains" bandanas today in honor of the man -- even though he thought they were a waste of money. There's a great story with that, too. But we can laugh about that when we meet again, Jim.

Next time I see John Kempf, I'll do what you always wanted to do to him for ya.

If it wasn't for a family situation (those D.A.Rs you loved for me to make fun of all the time), then I'd be up there to see you one more time. But I want you to know we are thinking of you down here in St. Louis.##imported-begin##Carl, Nicholle & Maggie Middleman##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 09:43 AM



“ *Please accept my sympathy on the passing of Jim.##imported-begin##Gordon Atkins##imported-end##*

June 27, 2006 at 09:08 AM



“ I will miss talking to Jim, he always made me laugh when he would call our office. And when he worked down the hall he would always stop to say hello or crack a joke. You are in a much better place than we are, go with peace. I Hope your family can find comfort in this time of loss. Gods blessing be with your family.##imported-begin##Kristy Helsel##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 08:49 AM



“ Jim you will be sadly missed,I will best remember you for all the plugging you gave me for Muffin Mania while at KLT and also for being that special love in my best friends life. Our sympathy goes out to your girls and family.##imported-begin##Jim & Kathy Burbank Interlochen Mi##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 08:43 AM



“ JIMMY, WOW! WE CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE GONE. WE SO ENJOYED THE WEEKENDS YOU AND GAIL SPENT WITH US WHILE VISITING IN T.C. THE SOMETIMES HEATED CARD GAMES WITH YOU GUYS AGAINST US GIRLS, YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR NEVER CEASED TO AMUSE US, JACK MOST OF ALL, YOU GUYS WERE JUST ON THE SAME LEVEL. YOU SUITED US WELL, THE KIND OF GUY THAT LIKED A GOOD TIME AND ALWAYS ENJOYED A GOOD MEAL(EVEN COMPLIMENTED THE BAD ONES) YOUR LIFE STORIES WERE ALWAYS SO ENTERTAINING TO US AND YOU LOVED TO SHARE THEM, AND SHARE HOW MUCH YOU LOVED GAIL AND YOUR GIRLS AND THE HAPPINESS THAT THEY BROUGHT YOU. JIM, YOU HAD SO MUCH CONCERN AND COMPASION FOR THOSE IN YOUR LIFE, I ONLY HOPE THAT THEY COULD ALL SEE HOW DEEPLY YOU FELT ABOUT THEM AND HOW THE LITTLE THINGS TOUCHED YOU. YOUR LOSS WILL BE HEAVY ON THE HEARTS OF ALL THAT LOVE YOU FOR A WHILE BUT THE MEMORIES WE HAVE OF YOU WILL FOREVER BE WITH US MAKING US SMILE AND LAUGH. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR LIVES. WE WILL MISS YOU ALWAYS. MAY PEACE BE WITH YOU. LAURIE AND JACK##imported-begin##Laurie & Jack Hency##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 08:34 AM



“ I was shocked and saddened to read this morning of the passing of Jim this past weekend. Jim and I spent years together at Northern Broadcast, with him at KLT and me at the Bee. Since we were just a door apart, we'd share info, talk about sports and life in general. He was SUCH a talented guy. Great pipes, funny, creative, and he had a infectuous laugh. I last ran into him at the mall awhile back, and he was so complimentary to me about my new venture at Sunny Country, WLDR. He looked great and we caught up on all of the news. Periodicly, he would check in with me to see what was going on. It breaks my heart to know that he was not able to live out his life to the fullest. To all of his family and friends, my wife Jane and I send out our heartfelt condolences. May God be with you during this time of sadness.##imported-begin##DC Cavender##imported-end##

June 27, 2006 at 07:42 AM



“ Jim came to St. Louis and he stepped into my life. We helped each other through the hard times, lonely times and happy times. Jim, you left too soon. There was still more to talk about and places for me to show you!! The words of Van Morrison from the first CD you gave me, say it best:

Memories. All I have is memories. All I have is memories. Memories of you. Now you're gone. They linger on, these memories. All these precious memories. Memories of you. How they linger in the twilight. In the morning in the small hours. Just before dawn. Memories. Of summer days so long ago. People in the places that we used to know. Oh those memories. How they linger in the twilight. And in the wee small hours. Sometime just before the dawn.

Oh those memories. Oh happy times those memories. All I have now is memories. Memories of you. Oh memories. All those precious memories. All I have is memories of you.

You will be missed by many.

I will hold you close to my heart.

My prayers go out to his girls, family and friends. Pat

Komlos(PK)###imported-begin##PK###imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 10:54 PM



“ Jimmy was one of the few guys that I truly loved and had a deep admiration for. To me, we were friends in the real sense of the word. I knew I could always count on him to "have my back." I knew I could always run something by him and he would always give me the straight. I knew I could always count on his life's expertise and advice to get me through my tough situations. I knew I could count on him to bring the laughter. He and I had the same sense of humor. He and I had the same temper (only his was way shorter).

You never know when one's call will come. It's always a lesson in appreciation. You don't know what you've got 'till it's gone. I wish that I could have every day back that I didn't talk with him. Because with Jimmy I knew who my friend was...I knew who my brother was.....and now I know who my angel is. See you on the next level, partner. You are forever loved.

Benrubi###imported-begin##Asher Benrubi###imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 09:51 PM



“ Jim, I'm going to miss the squirrel jokes; I'm going to miss your emails stating "Quit making trouble Tex;" I'm going to miss your outrages comments that always left me speechless and you laughing; and I will miss your calls of concern when you hadn't heard from me in a while. Indeed, I will miss you. Vicky###imported-begin##Victoria Harres###imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 03:48 PM



“ *It is with a heavy heart that I send this note. Jim was an absolute joy to work with and he will be greatly missed every day. My prayers are with the family.*

*Best regards,
Rhonda Bennett
West Coast Media Researcher - Los Angeles,
California.##imported-begin##Rhonda Bennett##imported-end##*

June 26, 2006 at 03:17 PM



“ *Jim, getting to know you was truly one of the few bright spots in my two-year sojourn in a craparrific corpville job. Your sense of humor was often a balm, and who didn't love that voice?. I will miss you, boo. Wish you and your squirrels would have stuck around a bit longer, the good ones are so hard to find these days.*

*xo
Lara##imported-begin##Lara Moon##imported-end##*

June 26, 2006 at 03:14 PM



“ Words cannot express the sadness we all share with this news. Everyone knows how great this man is, was, and forever will be.

His great sense of humor and his ability to be a great listener will be missed. His advice...will be cherished.

I will never forget the last lunch we shared in Minnesota. As I said goodbye, I asked you to take care of yourself. You told me "Dont worry...I'll be ok kid". And your're right...you're ok now.

We will miss you dearly!

-Kenny Lozano (PR NEWSWIRE)###imported-begin###Kenny Lozano###imported-end###

June 26, 2006 at 03:03 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was one of the first friends I made at KSHE, he helped me along and encouraged me when I was the nervous new girl. Jim was always there when i needed a kind word.

I will always hold a place in my heart for Jim and I will always remember his smile.

I will send prayers of comfort to his children, family, and friends.

Sad In St. Louis,

Katy Kruze###imported-begin###Katy Kruze###imported-end###

June 26, 2006 at 02:48 PM



“ My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##mark Stanow##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 02:47 PM



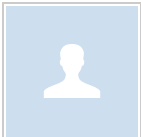
“ My sincere condolences:
There are no words to express my profound sorrow for the loss of Jim. Take some solice in knowing that he is home now with the Father, and he will keep watch over us, until we are joined again forever. God be with you.##imported-begin##Gabe Junco##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 02:27 PM



“ My sincerest sympathy to all of Jim's family and friends. He had many friends here at PR Newswire and he will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Ken Dowell##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 12:51 PM



“ We'll all going to miss you Jim--Kevin##imported-begin##Kevin Frey##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 12:45 PM



“ Jim will surely be missed but never forgotten. He was like an uncle to me giving advice even though I was hundreds perhaps thousands of miles away from him. He sure loved Motown and we're going to miss his funny pictures of squirrels he use to email. Jim will live in my memory forever. Miss you Jim.##imported-begin##Victor Rodriguez##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 12:45 PM



“ I only had the privilege of meeting Jim once. We were in the same work group at a company conference. He was enthusiastic and added many great ideas.

The other thing I noticed about him were "The Pipes." I worked in radio, before I joined PRN, and while I may have had a professional delivery and an inoffensive voice, I was always jealous of the "Voice of God" guys. Jim was definitely one of those guys. It was a timbre (yes the pun is intended) as beautiful as anything you'd find in the forest near Traverse City and as deep as the Great Lakes.

Jim, I wish we had met before June 2006.##imported-begin##Michael Mannino##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 12:39 PM



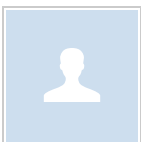
“ Dear family of Jim, My Deepest Sympathy To the entire family. When my son STUART called and told me the TERRIBLE NEWS ,WHAT A SAD DAY. When Jim was in St. Louis We had so many talks and so many stories ,sooo many laughs. Jim did his radio show in our restaurant one morning at 5am .. What a great time.. Jim called me at home on several occasions and we talked and discussed topics and laughed for hours. I told him a true story about a situation that happened at one of our restaurants years ago. Jim could'nt stop laughing and Stuart said Jim told him about it and laughed about it again, just last week. JIM WAS A GREAT GUY, WE ALL LOVED HIM. WE WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH ...Sincerely, Mel Sherman###imported-begin##Mel Sherman###imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 12:32 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to your family. He was a wonderful person with a terrific sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss. Rest in peace, Jim. I was blessed to have met you. God Bless.###imported-begin##Heather Robertson###imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 11:41 AM



“ Brother I'll never forget you. NOTR forever!

Jeff Jennings###imported-begin##Jeff Jennings###imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 11:19 AM



“ Dearest Jim,

"WHAT r u doing?" "No, what are you doing!" I love you! From the time I started PR Newswire in 2000 (when we both started the same day), you emailed me and said "I'm Jim. How are you?" I was straight out of college and you took me under your wing. I learned so much from you about life. A strong mentor, I often spoke of you to my parents and they thank God for you. When I went through an abusive relationship, you were the only one I confided in. My family and few friends were there, however you were "Girl, call me at anytime of the day or night and I'm here for you." And you meant it. A truly gifted soul, I don't think you knew how loved and talented you really are. I used to say "you and I are jacks of many trades." You took an interest in my paintings. You listened to me laugh and cry. You helped me in my personal life and relationships. We loved "The Witches of Eastwick" - Girls, girls! This has left a whole in my heart. You are my best friend and I know we will be forever like we said. At our conference, I recall you showing us all the video you had made about your mom and so much love and soul was put into it. At Bubba Gumps, you showed the group the gift you had bought for your daughter's graduation and you were SO very proud of her. You told us all how much you loved and how proud you were of your girls. I just got off the phone with Vicky and we both commented on how at peace with yourself you were at the Minneapolis conference - the most we had ever known - and that in itself it what makes me be joyful for you that you have made it to the Lord with your mom and dad and all your loved ones. I know you are with me and I know I will see you again and you'll ask "WHAT ARE YOU DOING!" All my love Jim, Andrea Millazzo - the boxer lady.##imported-begin##Andrea Millazzo##imported-end##

June 26, 2006 at 09:38 AM



“ Jimmy,

The last year of my has been the hardest year ever. -Ever! You knew better than most the trials I have endured in the past. You were the one to help me with the loss of my Daddy.

But, baby, this is not how this is supposed to go. You Loved me so much you always were on my case about eating right and taking care of myself. But why didn't you?? You knew you were high risk, we had a couple of years-we could have taken care of it. I tried so hard, because I loved you so much - but I knew it was something you had to do for yourself. There was nothing I or your mother or daughters could have done.

We had that in common, didn't we? We had the "market share" of Stubbornness! ("radio speak")

But our very best, and so important, common trait was our exact senses of humor. (I still say I'm funnier!) But the jokes on me, isn't it honey? I lost my best friend. How many laughs we shared; I'll never forget them. Never. And I cannot imagine I'll never hear your laugh again. The very thought takes my breath away.

You had so many people that cared about you, Jimmy. More than you ever dreamed. And you left us so quickly - left us suffering because we never got to say Good-Bye.

You were my shelter from the storms of life, and you remain with me still. You'll always be in my heart, and a part of my soul. Somehow, with God's help, I will make it through. And we will dance the Golden Streets of Heaven. Remember I Love You to the moon and back!

***Not to worry - I have Pearl (the kitten, THE KITTEN!) with me and she brings me comfort. Not so much for Maggie :o)*

For Jimmy:

THE DANCE

Looking back on the memory of

The dance we shared 'neath the stars alone. For a moment all the world was right; how could I have known that you'd ever say goodbye-

*And now I'm glad I didn't know
The way it all would end, the way it all would go
Our lives are better left to chance
I could have missed the pain
But I'd of have to miss the dance.*

*Holding you I held everything
For a moment wasn't I a king
But if I'd only known how the king would fall
Hey who's to say you know I might have chanced it all*

*And now I'm glad I didn't know
The way it all would end the way it all would go
Our lives are better left to chance
I could have missed the pain
But I'd of have to miss the dance*

*Yes my life is better left to chance
I could have missed the pain, but I'd of had to miss the
dance.##imported-begin##Gail##imported-end##*

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“ *Bubba(jim)*

I can't believe I missed your last call last Tuesday, but I thank you for part 3 of your book you emailed me Wednesday. You are and always will be a big brother to me. I can't believe i will never hear your voice on my phone again or have you stay at my house when you come to St. Louis. I love you and always will. I will be their Tuesday and Wednesday to say goodbye. You will always be with me. ALWAYS!!!!

I love you Bubba

*Stuart(Bubski, Baby Bubba)##imported-begin##stuart
sherman##imported-end##*

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