



Jim O'Connell

August 10, 1954 - April 3, 2025

Myrtle Beach

Jim O'Connell

Jim O'Connell, age 70, died on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach.

Born in Steubenville, OH, he was the son of the late James and Barbara O'Connell. Jim was a talented musician and solo guitarist who played and sang at many local venues. His stage name was Jimmy "O" (because his wife said so). Jim loved softball, and played for The Greymen in the Local League. He was a Mason and a member of the Local 333 in Union Port, OH. Jim was a motorcyclist and was a member of the HOG Group. He cared for others more than himself. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed by his family, friends and many fans.

Survivors include his wife Debbie O'Connell; daughter, Angie Hill of Myrtle Beach; son, JD O'Connell (Kate) of St Michael, MN; grandchildren, Jayden and Jeo Hill of Myrtle Beach, Kennedy and Reese O'Connell of St Michael, MN; sister Debbie Pickford of Steubenville, OH; and brother Kevin O'Connell.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 7, 2025, at The

Rock Church, 1408 Mill Pond Rd, Conway, Sc 29526. Wear your Jimmy "O" shirt , if you have it.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Rock Church.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

The Rock Church
1408 Mill Pond Road
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

BP

“ I worked with Jim for many years, the last time being the Scrap at Wheeling Pitt. I hate to learn of his passing, but find comfort in knowing that this man knew how to live, enjoyed every moment of his life, his wife, his friends, and his family. All thru covid, when I was quarantining, he was out playing, living his best life, and would send a message saying, “Live your life! I’m so thankful he did!

Barb Provenzano - June 06, 2025 at 12:47 PM

BB

“ I just learned of Jim's passing and I am speechless. Jim was one of the first musicians I met after moving back to SC almost 5 years ago. He was so talented, yet he was very encouraging to me as a newer player. Over the past few years I was blessed to see "Jimmy O" play at several venues and to have him play with our jam group several times. RIP Jim you are a Great Person and will be sorely missed. Jill and I send our deepest condolences to Debbie and the rest of the family.

Bill Boggs - April 09, 2025 at 08:19 AM

CC

“ He was the kindest, most thoughtful man, always the first to be there if you needed him. His love and laughter were contagious. What a gift he was to everyone who knew him. The love he had for his family and for Debbie was beautiful. Until we meet again, my sweet friend.” ❤️🙏 just one of my memories of us out living life. Prayers and love for the entire family.



Cheryl Cannon - April 08, 2025 at 09:17 PM

FW

“ Jimmy and I used to play guitars together when we were in high school with a couple other guys. Those were the days my wife and I really enjoyed seeing him and Deb in Myrtle Beach and listening to Jimmy play at the winery. It won't be the same coming to the beach Without him there. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Deb and the rest of the family. Floyd and Denise Weber.

Floyd & Denise Webber - April 08, 2025 at 10:56 AM

JH

“ My heart goes out to the entire O'Connell family for this tremendous loss. Debbie, you will be in my daily prayers and know that I am here for you always. Although I didn't know Jim for long, it was clear that he was the light in the room and his legacy will live on forever. May he rest in heavenly peace.



Jeannie Herweg - April 08, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Enjoy playing Softball with Jimmy. Also listening to him play a the Island Grill.
You will be missed by all.
John Jones.*

John Jones - April 07, 2025 at 06:15 PM

VD

Prayers for the O'Donnell family at this terrible time. Jim sat behind me in several classes our senior year. He thought it was great fun to squeeze my shoulder so hard and say, "Tarantula. Move and you're dead " He was such a card and cut up and we did a lot of laughing. I can't believe he is gone.

Vicki Monigold Dickinson - April 08, 2025 at 08:45 AM

VD

Sorry your name was misspelled, I can't correct it.

Vicki Monigold Dickinson - April 08, 2025 at 08:51 AM

SS

“ *What a full and creative life Jim lived! You two complemented each other perfectly and that is something to treasure. Our sincere sympathy to you Deb and to your children and families. Sue & Court Stewart*

sue stewart - April 07, 2025 at 05:30 PM

KA

“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May cherished memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time. Isaiah 41:13*

Kathryn - April 07, 2025 at 05:09 PM

LS

“ *Deb, Ang, JD, and your families... I am so blessed to have known and loved Jim (my 2nd Dad). An amazing man with the biggest heart, gentlest voice, and amazing talent. Sending you all my love.*

Lynesha Smith - April 07, 2025 at 12:42 PM

DW

“ *Sending love and prayers to Debbie and family. Jim will be missed so very much.*



Debbie Webb - April 07, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim O'Connell.*



April 07, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set was purchased for the family of Jim O'Connell.*



April 06, 2025 at 11:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim O'Connell.

April 06, 2025 at 11:41 PM



“ My "Cuz", My favorite guitar player, my guitar mentor, my friend. Prayers for Debbie, JD, Angie, Debbie and Kevin. I've looked up to this man since I was a little kid staying at their house. He taught me House of the Rising Sun and away we went. Even though I was younger he always took time to talk to me and show me chords on the guitar which meant the world to me. He was also a great athlete and we would go anytime they came down to play in Wheeling.

I still remember the first time we met my mom saying we are going to Uncle Jims. She could see my excitement level wasnt what she expected, so she said your cousin Jimmy plays guitar and sings and that was all it took.

As my older "cool" cousin I looked up to Jimmy as an athlete, a musician and most importantly as a man. He probably had no idea the impact he had on me. I will miss our texts talking about music gear, family, and life. He is one of a kind. We have lost a beautiful man on earth but heaven gained one. I still laugh at this picture as I can hear Jimmy telling his dad if your gonna get a Christmas gift at least get a gift that fits.

We love ya Cuz,

Stan "Butch" and Susan Stazenski



stan J stazenski - April 06, 2025 at 11:34 PM

JW

“ Our memory of jimmy was when we were in north Myrtle beach and we surprised him at one of his gigs to listen to him play! John and I walked in with our friends Tom & Jodi Mack and Jimmy saw John and said “hey Johnny Wickham” we had a great time that night! We are so sorry for your loss Deb, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️

John & Denise Wickham - April 06, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jim O'Connell.



April 06, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim O'Connell.

April 06, 2025 at 07:44 PM

RA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richie Argeroplos - April 06, 2025 at 05:11 PM

TK

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

The Hazelgroves - Bruce, Patty, and Kyla - April 06, 2025 at 04:41 PM

JE

“ Very,very sorry to hear this sad news. I hired Jim from Wheeling Pitt and he not only became my Site Manager at Gerdau Petersburg, he quickly became one of my best friends!! Can't imagine the pain and anguish for the family. You are in my prayers Debbie. The man was truly one of a kind!!! RIP MY FRIEND!!!!

Jeff Epler - April 06, 2025 at 03:49 PM

KG

So sorry to hear my cousin Jim has passed away. Kathie Muldrew Graham

Kathie Muldrew Graham - April 06, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SR

So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our prayers are with you Debbie and your family. Thinking of all the memories we had with your family back in Richmond, Ohio. Sending our love.

Sandy Meredith Russell - April 06, 2025 at 05:59 PM

MS

“ Mike, Jamie, Saorla, Fianna, & Seamus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim O'Connell.

Mike, Jamie, Saorla, Fianna, & Seamus - April 06, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MS

“ Mike, Jamie, Saorla, Fianna, & Seamus purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jim O'Connell.



Mike, Jamie, Saorla, Fianna, & Seamus - April 06, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jim O'Connell.

April 06, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Jim O'Connell.



April 06, 2025 at 01:22 PM

DC

“ *Doug And Lynne Cambria lit a candle in memory of Jim O'Connell*



Doug and Lynne Cambria - April 06, 2025 at 10:58 AM

CP

“ We have lost a treasure. My life has been blessed to know Jimmy O. His sense of humor and talent fill my memories. My favorite song by Jimmy O is Bob Segar... Turn the Page. Jimmy ...I enjoyed when you would ask me to come up and sing...Long Haired Country Boy. When we meet again I know you will be smiling. Clay Peddycord



Clay Peddycord - April 06, 2025 at 10:37 AM

YM

“ Your MANY Friends at RHI MAGNESITA purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jim O'Connell.



Your MANY Friends at RHI MAGNESITA - April 06, 2025 at 10:11 AM

YM

“ Your MANY Friends at RHI MAGNESITA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim O'Connell.

Your MANY Friends at RHI MAGNESITA - April 06, 2025 at 10:11 AM

CP

“ Craig P. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim O'Connell.

Craig P. - April 06, 2025 at 10:08 AM

NF

“ Nicole, Robb McDonald and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jim O'Connell.

Nicole, Robb McDonald and family - April 06, 2025 at 07:02 AM

NF

“ Nicole, Robb McDonald and family purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Jim O'Connell.



Nicole, Robb McDonald and family - April 06, 2025 at 07:02 AM

FM

“ 😭 Jim was one of my classmates. We graduated in 1972. I remember him playing his guitar on the cafeteria stage (7th grade) at Richmond Elementary. We rode the same bus beginning in 3rd grade. His sister Debbie too. This is hard for all who knew him. He was down-to-earth and a ready friend, even at a distance. Just a few days ago, he liked a FaceBook post about my brother, Sam, being released from the hospital. Just days ago, he was playing softball, just days ago he had plans to play solo at a major venue. His music lives on.... 🙏

Freda Morris-Chaney - April 06, 2025 at 05:46 AM

CP

“ To all of the family, my deepest sympathies for your loss. There are many great memories of the fun we had at Tappan Lake . Campfires, pot luck dinners and haunted hikes and more. Followed your adventures on Facebook. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cheryl Paskowitz

Cheryl Paskowitz - April 06, 2025 at 02:27 AM

CR

“ Clayton, Brenna, Avery, & Reagan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jim O'Connell.



Clayton, Brenna, Avery, & Reagan - April 05, 2025 at 10:35 PM

LD

“ Just didn't come any better than Jimmy-O!! Tracy & I met him and Debbie at Duplin, NMB. One night, a few of us were still relaxing on the Duplin porch after closing hours, and Jim asked what my favorite song was. I told him and he went straight to his truck, grabbed his guitar and played and sang my song. I felt so special! And that's just who Jim was....always making people feel good, whether through his music, his encouraging words, or just a simple smile. I will miss him, a lot!, but I am certain Tracy met up with him in heaven and took him to the best venues so he could continue entertaining! Prayers and much love to Debbie and the family. ❤️

Lisa Davis - April 05, 2025 at 10:35 PM

JW

“ My sincere sympathy Debbie, Angie, JD, his sister Debbie & brother Kevin and all who loved him. Very sad to hear this. Jim always seemed to enjoy even the little things in life and shared his joy through his music. He made folks laugh often and I truly can't remember him not joking around. Our family's long time friend will be missed by many. Debbie your marriage was admirable and I know you will cherish all your great fun & loving years together.

Jean Woodward - April 05, 2025 at 10:34 PM

AD

“ Aunt Joan, Uncle Dick and Dawn purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jim O'Connell.



Aunt Joan, Uncle Dick and Dawn - April 05, 2025 at 09:49 PM

TB

“ Jim was always a caring Christian man who listened to people and expressed his words thru his talented voice and guitars. We are blessed to have known him and send our prayers to Debbie and the family.
Terry and Susan

Terry and Susan Bradley - April 05, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JS

“ Prayers for Debbie & the O'Connell family. So very sorry to hear of this loss.

Janice C Sanchez - April 05, 2025 at 08:55 PM

JH

“ I grew up in the neighborhood with Jim. Great guy. Hard to believe he's gone. Rest in Peace my friend.

Joe Hammer - April 05, 2025 at 08:53 PM

KM

“ I graduated with Jim from. JUHS. Following graduation he was in a band which played at local venues such as Lake Lodge. A group of us (friends) would follow him and the band around wherever they were playing. Always enjoyed his music. When I married, Jim and his band played at my reception. More recently a friend and I had the pleasure of traveling to Myrtle Beach and was able to hear Jimmy O sing at Duplin Winery and join him and Debbie for dinner. Loved and prayers to Debbie and family ❤️🙏

Kathy Cooper McCart - April 05, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JU

“ I knew Jim from high school. We played on the same baseball team for our school. I am praying for his wife and family. Until we meet again Jim. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

John Ulasiewicz - April 05, 2025 at 05:33 PM

KM

“ My sincere condolences to Debbie and the entire family. Jim was a classmate at JUHS in Richmond, Ohio. We reconnected on FB several years ago and I just missed visiting with him and Debbie a couple of years ago when I was in SC. I know his family and community will miss him dearly. Prayers for Debbie and his family.

Kathy K McClellan - April 05, 2025 at 05:21 PM

KC

“ Judy & I offer our sincere condolences to Debbie & family. We enjoyed seeing Jim perform at different venues locally. Jim was also my teammate on the Myrtle Beach Senior Softball team "Graymen". He was always a pleasure to chat with & be around. I will certainly miss him on the field. May you have Eternal Life & Peace Jim.

Judy & Ken Chrusch



Kenneth Chrusch - April 05, 2025 at 04:10 PM

BG

“ Me and Rick Stephens met Jim and Debbie several years and they became family. We traveled with them on several occasions and Jim was always the perfect driver and would open my doors, such a wonderful man that we love. He told everyone I was his proclaimed manager. Such a good Christian man that loved Debbie and his family tremendously. We will miss him everyday.

Brenda Gladson - April 05, 2025 at 03:49 PM

VS

“ Vicki, Coleen, Doug and Bobby Scott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jim O'Connell.



Vicki, Coleen, Doug and Bobby Scott - April 05, 2025 at 03:06 PM

ST

“ Jim was one of the first people Ronnie and I met after moving to Myrtle Beach. Both he and Debbie welcomed us into their home and world as if we had been old friends. Not only were we touched by his beautiful music but we will cherish the memories of the man who always spoke with humor, kindness and love. He had a willingness to help like I have rarely seen anywhere. Our entire community of Forestbrook Estates is heartbroken to lose Jim as every single person who met him called him “their” friend. Please know you are surrounded on all sides by people who love and care and will be there for you in the coming days and weeks.

Susan Taylor - April 05, 2025 at 02:18 PM