



James Thomas Peraino

November 23, 1946 - February 20, 2018

On Tuesday, February 20, 2018, James Peraino, husband, father, son, and brother, passed away at the age of 71 years. Jimmy will be forever remembered by his wife Terry, his precious children Theresa and Debbie, son-in-laws Shawn and Rob, his mother Marie, sisters Maria, Annette, and Margaret, his brother Michael, and his four grandchildren Gavin, Rebecca, Lucas, and Brooke. Jimmy will also forever be remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and dear friends. Jimmy was a veteran of the Vietnam War, proudly serving in the United States Army.

Visitation and Service Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 22, between 3pm and 6pm, at Beyers Funeral Home, 134 North Highway 27/441, Lady Lake, Florida, 32159. Prayer Service on Friday, February 23, at 11am. Interment Burial with military honors will follow at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, at 1pm.

Memorial Donations In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, Florida 32162 or the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Jimmy Peraino eight years ago when I moved to The Villages, Florida, we sat next to each other at a Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Meeting at Lake Miona Recreation Center. The Villages DAV was just starting up in the Villages and there must have been a hundred folks at that meeting.

As Jimmy and I talked about why we were at the DAV meeting we learned we lived on the same street (Heath Springs Drive) in The Villages. Amazing how we can run into someone at a meeting and find out we are neighbors.

The first year my wife Ann and I were in The Villages we got together with as many neighbors as possible and started having neighborhood parties or get-togethers. Jimmy was starting to have health issues at that time and was trying to get the DAV to assist him in getting a better disability rating from the Veterans Administration.

Jimmy and his wife Terry were not able to make it to all the neighborhood parties for health issues and doctors appointments, but all of us who live here in The Villages have similar problems.

Over the next few years many of our neighbors had parties and we would see Jimmy and Terry at those parties and could tell Jimmy was getting worse, but Jimmy never seemed to give up and kept on trying to get better.

As mentioned our small group of neighbors took turns having parties to get all of us together to keep up with what was going on with each other. After all, even though we lived on the same block, most of us did not see each other except at our neighborhood parties and get-togethers.

Jimmy and Terry gave a party and we all had a great time, Jimmy was still not doing great health wise, but he and Terry gave a great party. I would say Jimmy gave a great party with a smile on his face, but those of you who knew Jimmy know he did not smile all that much - smiles - part of his charm.

Jimmy was having a heck of a time with his health, but the DAV came through and got Jimmy a 100% VA disability and that helped Jimmy and Terry a lot. As Jimmy's health got worse he was able to get treatment at the VA, local and not so local medical facilities and when it looked like we were going to lose Jimmy to his ills he received a totally different treatment and he bounced back and had energy once more.

I use to talk with Jimmy when he walked his dog cuddles, Jimmy would say cuddles held him back from a brisk walk and Jimmy was thinking about not taking cuddles with him. This was all before Jimmy had sort of a relapse in his health which caused him to stop walking cuddles.

This last year Jimmy got worse, but he and Terry made an effort to get out of the house, attend parties and get-togethers even though Jimmy had to use a wheelchair this last year.

I saw Jimmy just a week ago, he was in his wheelchair being pushed by his health care worker, he was getting some fresh air, we talked and he mentioned he had no energy, felt bad, but was going to hang in there as long as he could.

Two days ago, my fellow DAV member, Army veteran, and neighbor died from his ills. Jimmy will be missed, but we will keep him alive in our memories and the stories we tell about his life. RIP Jimmy

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“ *Dear Marie and Family,
I was sorry to learn of Jimmy's passing, and send my sincere condolences to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
Prayerfully,
Pat (Patty) Ward Kuntzi*

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