



James P. Mercak

March 22, 1952 - January 9, 2024

In loving memory of James “Jimmy” Paul Mercak.

James “Jimmy” Paul Mercak, born on March 22, 1952, bid farewell to this world on January 9, 2024 at his home in Jupiter, FL surrounded by his loving wife and daughter.

Jimmy is survived by his devoted wife, Katherine Mercak; adoring daughter, Melissa Perzanowski; and many nephews, nieces and in-laws. He was predeceased by his son, Jason Perzanowski; parents John Mercak and Eileen Furness; and siblings, Carol Arbour, John Mercak, Betty Mercak, and Paul Mercak.

A dedicated technician and inventive mind in the marine industry, Jimmy’s passion for fixing things was only rivalled by his love for family, golf, fishing, and helping his neighbors and community. Whether casting lines into the ocean, or perfecting his golf swing (but not his putting), he embraced life with a contagious joy. His magnetic personality was a beacon of laughter and wit, always armed with a joke or clever trick up his sleeve.

Jimmy leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and a spirit that touched everyone fortunate enough to know him. As we say our goodbyes, let us celebrate the vibrant life he lived and the lasting impact he made in our hearts.

A visitation will be held Friday, January 19, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, with a special prayer at 6:30 PM, at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, Florida 33458.

Forever in our hearts, Jimmy will be dearly missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Sharing of Memories and Prayers

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Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James P. Mercak.*



January 25, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ *The entire Lofquist family is devastated to hear of the passing of Jimmy. Many fond memories during our time at Palmer's. He always had a smile and a package of powdered doughnuts. Yes, he could fix anything. He was a kind soul. We attended his wedding to Kathy and enjoyed our many company parties together.*

Kathy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and Melissa.

Jeanne Lofquist - January 22, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ *Nina Miano lit a candle in memory of James P. Mercak*



Nina Miano - January 19, 2024 at 09:02 PM

BJ

“ We were devastated to hear of Jimmy’s passing. We knew Jimmy and Kathy as neighbors and, after the hurricanes in ‘05 and ‘06, Jimmy was the first guy out to help the neighborhood. In our family, we started referring to Jimmy as The Mayor of Yacht Club Place or just “The Mayor.”

He had mad mechanical skills and could fix, repair or install anything. He quickly became our go to guy.

A kind and gentle soul. Our world is a poorer place now he’s gone.

brian joslyn - January 19, 2024 at 02:42 PM

PB

“ Phillip Braithwaite lit a candle in memory of James P. Mercak



Phillip Braithwaite - January 18, 2024 at 06:07 PM

PB

“ Brother Jimmy was a very special neighbor to me we would sit just talk about anything my wife and I will miss him
Praying for the family 🙏
Phillip & Carol

Phillip Braithwaite - January 18, 2024 at 06:01 PM

NC

“ I had the same memories as Steve Parker growing up as one of the Indian Hill Boys. Remember playing baseball and football in his back yard, with hard tackles inevitably ending in fights but always quickly getting back with everybody being friends. Loved playing golf with him and his brother Johnny at Goody Park. He had an incredible mechanical ability, building a very fast go cart at about 12 years old that he raced around Indian Hill Circle. I remember him always smiling/laughing with a great sense of humor. One of the true good guys. RIP Jimmy.

Ned Connelly - January 18, 2024 at 12:32 PM

SP

“ Jimmy Mercak

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TAYLOR & MODEEN FUNERAL HOME OF JUPITER

Kathy-



I was so shocked when I heard that you had taken off years ago and married Jimmy Mercak! One of the most beautiful girls I knewinside and out had taken off to to find and marry her Prince Charming, Jimmy Mercak. He must've felt like he had won the love lottery! Jimmy Mercak was by far one of the coolest guys that I ever knew. You probably know that we were neighbors. Just a few doors apart on Indian Hill Road. First of all.... The guy could've doubled for Steve McQueen. Hollywood handsome. With you on his arm you must've been a stunning couple. It seems like only yesterday that I saw him flying up Indian Hill Road on that Motorcycle. A helmet? No way! Not Jimmy Mercak. Way too cool for that. He and his brothers dominated every sport they ever took part in. Baseball, basketball and golf were the 3 that I remember most. And Jimmy was funny....so damn funny. Always laughing. Just like I remember you always laughing with me in school. I'm so happy that Jimmy and I reconnected on FB after all these years. Every now and then he'd shoot me a note and I'd smile as I replied. I wish I'd stayed closer to him through the years.

Kathy, I'm so sorry for you and your daughter my dear friend. Your hearts must be shattered. I lost my wife Kelly back in 2008. We were living in my family house on Indian Hill Road, a few doors away from the Mercaks old house. I wish I could be there to give you a big hug Kath and let you know that I get it. We're all going to miss Jimmy so much.....especially this kid who always looked up to him as the coolest guy....with a heart of gold.

God bless,

Steve Parker

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Steve Parker - January 18, 2024 at 06:58 AM

JC

“ Jimmy was a mentor and friend for many decades who taught me so much always with a smile. I will never forget those life lessons you gave me. Thanks Jimmy! 🙏💔😎

Jeffrey Cummings - January 18, 2024 at 06:06 AM

LM

“ Dear Kathy & Melissa, I am so very sorry for your loss, I enjoyed working with Jimmy over the years at Tides Marine, he always had a smile on his face and he was so kind natured, feeding all the stray cats around our building or helping someone out building, fixing or repairing. He was an excellent machinist and always innovative. Jimmy gave me a Christmas present one year of three beautiful wooden deer family, every year when we put them out at Christmas me and Brad think of Jimmy and his kindness. Our sincere condolences to you both and the rest of the family and friends. Sincerely, Lori Marks

Lori Marks - January 17, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JM

“ I sat behind Jimmy in homeroom all through high school. We had some very good times. Such a great person. We reconnected through Facebook and had some nice chats. Rest in peace my friend. Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

John Mercier - January 17, 2024 at 11:06 AM

MF

“ *Dear Melissa and Kathy, sending prayers and love from our family for both of you.*



Marsh Family - January 17, 2024 at 06:50 AM