



James David Swinamer

July 6, 1954 - August 10, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved James, “Jimi” at the age of 71, on August 10, 2025 following a brief illness in the QEII Health Sciences Centre. His absence in day-to-day life will be felt deeply by his family and wide circle of friends.

Left to mourn his loss and appreciate the memories is his wife, significant other, and best friend of 22 years, Sally Martin. He shared much love and time with his son, Kevin (Shannon); Sally’s three children, Rebecca, Adam and Leanne; and his grandson, Logan, with whom he shared a special bond. Jim’s brother, Tim (Paula) is left to navigate a future without his brother. Also survived by his sister, Joanne (Martin); his step-mother, Rosemary; his mother-in-law, Peggy; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other extended family and countless friends, many of whom, were like family to Jimi. Predeceased by his mother, Harriette; father, Walter; and sister, Susan.

Born July 6, 1954, Jimi grew up in Windsor, Nova Scotia enjoying days of adventure with his brother, Tim in their younger days followed by playing sports and music in their teenage years. Music remained a focus in Jimi’s life and he always enjoyed both playing music and entertaining others. As a 20-year-old, after a brief time in the military as an MP, Jimi became a Police

Officer with the HRM Police Services for nearly 30 years. After retirement from the police force Jimi spent a few years working with Manulife. No matter what role Jimi took on, he did so with dedication, optimism and kindness, qualities that wove through his work, personal and social life. Jimi has always had a love of motorcycles including his role as a motorcycle police officer. In his retirement, this love of motorcycles was shared with Sally; his brother, Tim; and countless friends that he met through the motorcycle community. He has left a legacy through his key role in Bikers Down, raising awareness for biker safety on the roads, fundraising for and supporting injured bikers through Bikers Down. Jimi was so personable and easily engaged with others becoming a quick and cherished friend and he was always willing to lend a helping hand. His smile was infectious and his love for those in his life was unquestionable.

To honour Jimi's memory, share a smile or do a random act of kindness for someone.

A celebration of life is being planned by Bikers Down Society on September 21, 2025 at the Buffalo Club in Easter Passage (see facebook page).

Tribute Wall

JS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jason Swinamer - October 24, 2025 at 09:53 PM

SL

“ Dear Sally and Family.

Sorry to hear of Jimi's passing.

Please accept my sympathies.

Sincerely, Sean Layden (Dartmouth).

sean layden - September 19, 2025 at 02:04 PM

DH

“ *Jimi was always a bright light when our paths crossed at Manulife. He was so helpful and especially happy when he had a song to share. His joy “sure seemed like medicine” to me. Sincere condolences to Sally, family and friends. ❤️🙏. He will be remembered.*

Donna F Hurlburt - August 31, 2025 at 02:19 PM

GW

“ So sad to hear of Jimi's passing. We grew up together in Windsor, where we played Sports, learned to Ride on a Honda 305 Superhawk, and Played Music. We played in Bands together all through Junior and Senior High School (along with Jimi's brother Tim).

During the finals of the CJCH Battle of the Bands, we finished behind an amazing group of musicians called Prism at the Halifax and Westfall Shopping Centers. This group was made up of Ritchie, Jim, and David Henman. They went on, of course, to join Myles Goodwin and become April Wine.

The photos show Jimi, Tim, and Myself at our very first Band Practice, in my family living room. The other Band photo shows our group Crystal Ship getting ready to play at one of our many Dances in 3 Mile Plains.

The third photo shows Jimi visiting me at the Safety Services NS Booth, along with Ed Snow, Motorcycle Manager of SSNS.

Other than at several Bikers Down Events and Rallies, Jimi and I would always get together at the Annual Motorsport Show at HEC, and recently made plans to start playing music together again, after all these years !!

*We'll have to put that on hold ... for now. Rest Easy My Friend.
(Gary Walsh - Annapolis Royal)*



Gary Walsh - August 28, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ So sorry for Jimi's passing. I worked with him when he worked at Manulife. He was so pleasant to be around and always had a smile on his face. As years have been gone by he always wished me a happy birthday every year which I will miss. Rest in Piece Jimi. You will be in my thoughts forever.

Wade Savage - August 24, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JW

“ I was shocked to hear of Jimi’s passing. He was so full of life and such a presence that it’s hard to imagine our world without him. I’ve known Jimi for over 50 years and in that time I watched him evolve into the kind of man I knew he could be. Warm, generous, caring, talented, compassionate, giving and loving. The only thing I wasn’t crazy about was that long beard! It looked better cropped short. ... just sayin... 😏 We dated briefly when I was 16. In that time he taught me some cords on my cheap Sears guitar and introduced me to a world away from my protective parents. We kept in touch over the decades and he became part of my unofficial family.

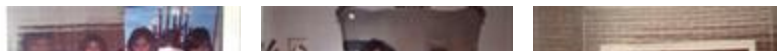
He stopped in from time to time over the years looking like a tough biker and causing my parents next door to worry at the company I was keeping. We would sit outside and catch up on each other’s lives. No matter how long it was between visits, it was like we saw each other last week.

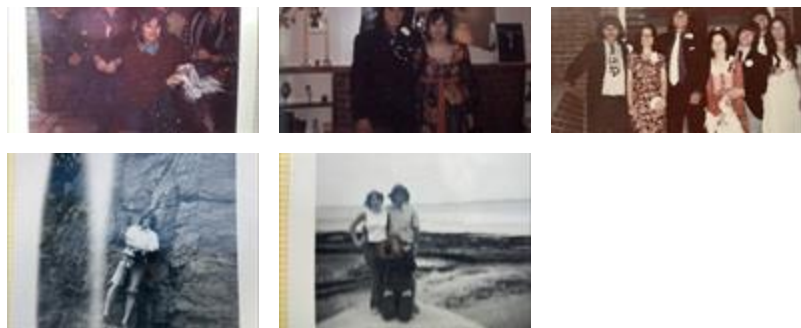
Every Christmas he recorded Silent Night so I could harmonize along with him like the old days. It made my Christmas! As busy as his life was, he always took time to touch base with me. Just as he did with so many others.

He will be missed by many but my heart goes out to you, Sally. It was too soon. He loved you fiercely and I’m positive his spirit is watching over you. I wish there was something ... anything to ease your pain but only time will do that. I am keeping you in my prayers as I’m sure many are.

God Bless you and may He give you strength to carry on. 🙏❤️

I’m including some old photos. They aren’t good. I gave Jimi the better ones the last time he stopped in. It’s just a peek from 50 years ago.





Judi Millard Wile - August 23, 2025 at 03:52 PM

DJ

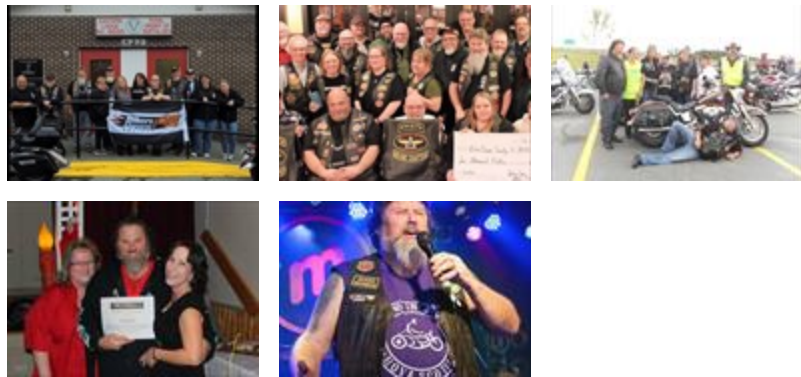
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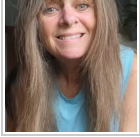
Dan and family, love ya Jimi - August 21, 2025 at 04:51 PM

TG

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Tracy Gauvreau - August 20, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ Jimi will leave a huge void in the Motorcycle Community, he was well loved and was there for anyone that needed him. I met Jimi over 20 years ago when I went into Sallys basement shop to get some leather work done and she showed me the picture of her handsome boyfriend Jimi, who walked through the door and made you feel like you knew him forever. We started Bikers Down together with Pam and Marlene. We used to walk around with a bucket collecting money for bikers that went down, and were in need.. I had the waterfront, Pam had Arby's and Jimi had Fall River. It got to a point that people would see us coming and turn the other way.. ohhhhh nooooo there they go again. Lol. That is when Jimi, Pam and I got together to came up with a game plan.. We just lost Toad at the time and Marlene stepped up to the plate to start the Bikers Down off with a real good start with at Toad Bike to raffle. Jimi was amazing and earned the President title right from the get go. We remained good friends over the years, and I will miss his hugs, phone calls to check in and his wonderful smile. There will never be another one like Jimi. His strong faith in the Lord, gives me great peace, cause I know I will see him again. My sincere condolences and may God bless all those that loved Jimi. And may he now Rest in Peace. Janice



Janice Gould - August 20, 2025 at 07:05 PM

TG

“ *Jimi, you're more than a friend, you're like a big brother/father figure to me and losing you from this life. It's been difficult to process because I know you're up there watching over us! I know you're up there guiding us like you always did. and I promise you that whatever it takes I will do what I can to make this legacy last until my last breath and I can just hear you on my head saying sister I'm right where I need to be no longer in pain I'm in paradise. JC don't make no mistakes. I taught you everything. I know to continue this and my brother you will never be forgotten and you will be always loved by so many! I miss you, Jimi and I love you always rest in peace my brother, as hard as it been to say goodbye to you rest easy until we meet again is JC makes no mistakes xoxoxox* ”



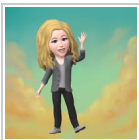
Tracy & David Gauvreau - August 20, 2025 at 06:46 PM

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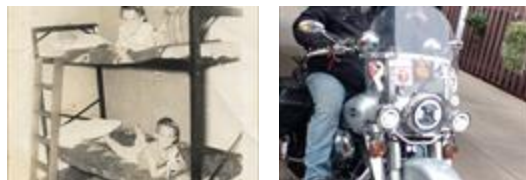
“ *This is the man I remember....posted by Jason “James” Swinamer* ”



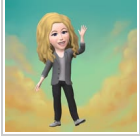
Jason Swinamer - August 19, 2025 at 03:59 PM



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Paula Wickenden - August 19, 2025 at 10:06 AM



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Paula Wickenden - August 19, 2025 at 09:42 AM