



## Mr. James R. "Jim" Holley

October 21, 1961 - July 30, 2013

James R. "Jim Bob" Holley, 51, of Bluffton, passed away at 1:27 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at his home.

Jim was born in Bluffton on October 21, 1961 to Alfred E. Bailey and Sharon M. (Huss) Holley.

Jim married Michelle A. (Solloway) in Bluffton on December 5, 2002 and she survives.

Jim graduated from Bluffton High School in 1980 and was a life-long resident of Wells County. He worked for fifteen years at UTA in Berne. Jim played the guitar in several bands and was a member of New Beginnings Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by six step-children, John Gradel, Heather Weaver, Heidi Buffenbarger, Paul Adkins, Brittany Adkins, JoAnn Shuler, two step-brothers, Rodney Browning, Michael Browning, one step-sister, Barb Deese, two half-brothers, Robert Bailey, John Bailey, one half-sister, Kathy Bailey, one uncle, Jerry Marshall, two aunts, Malvra Grover, Betty Boyle, and by ten grandchildren.

Calling hours are 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 2, 2013 at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Memorial service is at 3:00 p.m. Friday at

the funeral home with Pastor Steve Sutton officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Following the burial, there will be a jam session at the Hideaway Lounge. Preferred memorials are to the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James R. "Jim" Holley*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I remember sneaking into Joes bar and listen to him play it was always very cool you will be mist. now he can jam with some of the best R.I.P. BUDDY*

Robert Thompson - August 02, 2013 at 07:38 PM



“ *Jim Holley was my best friend and brother since we were 5 years old! i can barely remember a time in my life that he was not a part of it and i cant even imagine the rest of my life with out him in it! he touched so many people with his music and his upbeat personality and his big love of life!!!! i will miss him very very much!!!!*

John Stammen - August 02, 2013 at 10:58 AM



“ *he will always be in our hearts and memorys he was so fun to be around and just loveed to watch him jam RIP my brother*

elzy and mae west - August 02, 2013 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ Jim Holley has been my best friend and brother since we were 5 years old! i can barely remember a time in my life when he was not there and i cant even imagine a life without him! he touched so many people thru his music and just his pure kindness and love of life that..we were all lucky to have shared a moment or 2 of this great mans life! he will be very very missed!!!

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**john stammen** - August 02, 2013 at 09:39 AM

CM

“ Jim, I just wanted to say that you will me missed very much .An great guitarist and friend. I still remember when we all played together when we were kids. And your first guitar that you built. Now you have been reunited with many of your family members. Including your mom and my mom. Keep those wild girls under control. And give them an hug from us. And tell them we love them. You will be in our memories forever.

*Chris Morey*

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**Chris Morey** - August 02, 2013 at 09:28 AM

KG

“ Kathy & Gary Gephart lit a candle in memory of Mr. James R. "Jim" Holley



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**Kathy & Gary Gephart** - August 02, 2013 at 09:17 AM

TM

“ Jim was always a great friend. He will live on in my memories forever.

Tom and Marisa McIntire - August 01, 2013 at 02:43 PM

JM

“ He had a good heart. I met him once though shane brown at my late wife's benefit.

jay martin - August 01, 2013 at 06:41 AM

 Randy Wolfe

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Randy Wolfe - July 31, 2013 at 11:22 PM

DB

jim was a great guitar player, played with jim in bands for a lot of years, will miss you jim,

dave bell - August 01, 2013 at 06:01 PM

SR

“ Gonna miss you! One of the best lead guitar players i ever work with. God bless

Stephanie Richardson - July 31, 2013 at 05:02 PM

DB

your right Steph, a great guitar player Jim was

dave bell - August 01, 2013 at 06:03 PM

GA

“ Jim Bob and I worked in Paint for a few years and then assembly. The guys in racking ( Bret Orme, and Mark Sprunger) use to tease us and call me Gwen Jim Bob Holley Bost. He got a kick out of it. He was serious in paint maintenance to make sure we had clean spray guns. He was there if we had a problem. He would tease me, and if I ever had some kind of a sticky message or sticker on my back it was usually from him. I knew when he became sick his bad days and good days ,but I do not recall him doing alot of complaining. He just always wanted things to get better. Until he lost his voice he was a talker. He wrote to me once how hard it was to communicate. Although he succeeded in making known what he was expressing. I admire Jim for his Warrior Spirit. He loved being called dad and Loved his gran babies. Shelley was a gift for him and I am thankful to the Lord. May God Comfort you and your family.  
Peace

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**Gwen Adkins** - July 31, 2013 at 03:08 PM



“ Worked with Jim Bob for a few years and all I can say he was a character, never a dull moment when Jim Bob was there! He helped so many of us during our work hours and brought laughter to us during break time, well, really almost all the time he brought us laughter! I know how much he loved his family and music, he will be missed by many and admired by those of us who know the struggles he went through, may he be at peace now and just think of the band he has in Heaven! God's comfort to his family and friends and remember you will see and sing with him again....Judy Wheeler

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**Judy Wheeler** - July 31, 2013 at 02:23 PM

MF

“ I enjoyed his music and his wife shelly had many good times with them, he is an amazing man love his music, another good angel in heaven now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**mary fisher** - July 31, 2013 at 02:21 PM

 Jeff  
Karen  
Bailey

“ Well Jim it has been many many years since I have seen you and talked to you- from the times when we would talk downtown bluffton, I always loved hearing you play your guitar in the bands at joes bar in bluffton, but seeing you have passed made me a little sad, why because all the times we talked I like yourself never knew we were cousins, it is a small world it seems, but all in all we all on this planet are brother and sisters, you always were an upbeat jolly little guy who always treated folks with respect, with all the reality shows on today I remember you as jim bob, but today reminiscing to the past of the way I remember you, you remind me of CHUMLEE FROM PAWN STARS- even tho we might of not known we were cousin until today I know your in Heaven with your dad ALFRED JEAN BAILEY rest in peace cousin and we will keep your family and friends in our prayers as they say their final goodbye to your earthly body.

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**Jeff Karen Bailey** - July 31, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ Jim was an AMAZING Friend, Brother, and Confidant. I will Truly miss him very much, we met when I was "maybe" Eleven yrs old, and he became my Immediate brother. The thing he liked most was when I would beat My biological brother up. LOL, poor Les got his butt whooped by a girl, and Jim LOVED IT!!  
So Many Wonderful Memories to share, which we will share one day when we meet again.  
Love you Very Much Jim.... God Bless your Family, They meant the WORLD to you <3  
Your Lil' Sis , Betty (Ball) Bisel

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**Betty Bisel** - July 31, 2013 at 07:42 AM

B(

“ Jim was truly a great person, he will be missed.  
The good memories will out do any sad memories.  
So many stories of him.  
Shelley may you and the family feel God's comfort and peace through this time!  
~Love and Prayers~~



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**Becki Taylor (cousin)** - July 30, 2013 at 05:50 PM

GH

“ Jim was a brother to me and I remember all the days at the farm house. It was Jim who gave me the nickname "Prick" and who also tatoood it on my arm. I will always love Jim. A Brother, freind, loves ya lots and will see ya in Heaven. I know you are playing for all on your gold guitar. rock on Brother.

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**Greg Halfacre** - July 30, 2013 at 05:09 PM

SF

*There is so much to say about Jim that i could write a book when I was 14 my very best friend Kellie Arnold & I would go to her house Grandma Edith her 2 Brothers Rick & Kieth Arnold live there to they would have RandyWolfe & of course Jim Bob Would all be there playing around on there instruments There was there Kiss Albums scattered out all over the floor All of them guys playing around but then you could hear Grandma Edith yelling Rick & Randy Wolfe Jim & Kieth getting in trouble she called it the devil music thats how it first Jim & the guys started playing they were all like brothers all these guys But then Jim Bob & Randy Wolfe & Arnold boys would be over Randy Wolfe practicing & then Jim Bob & Randy Wolfe & other guys playing at Joes Bar All i can sayJim was Blessed to have Randy Wolfe to have all you guys for his Friends Thank you guys for all the good times you cant ever take them away Peace Out Brothers God love you Jim Bob!!*  
Sherry Lee Foss

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**Sherry Lee Foss** - July 31, 2013 at 03:28 PM

GB

*It is hard to remember one memory with Jim. I could tell you about are parting days. But the I thing I remember is listening to him and Rick Arnold and Jamie Hedrick play!!! I was always amazed at how good they were. Just listen to song and after a few tries. They would be playing it!!!! In the end Jim was a Family man. It was all about the Kids and Grandkids. I will miss him!!*

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**Greg Buckland** - July 31, 2013 at 11:31 PM