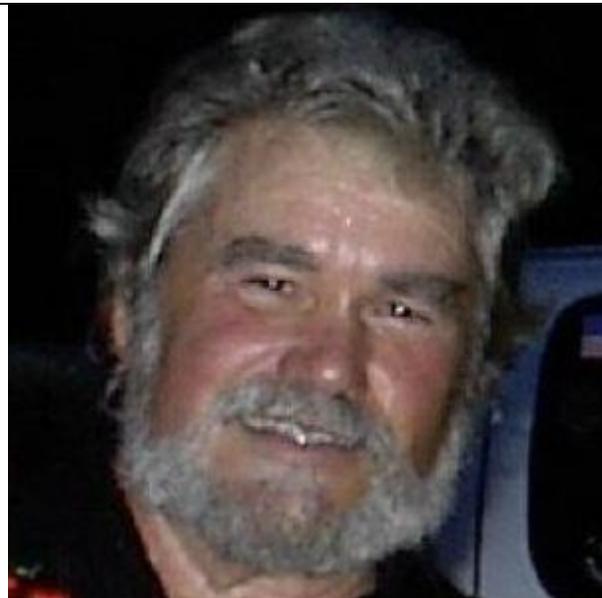


Tribute to Mr. Jim C. Martinson

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Mr. Jim C. Martinson

- January 6, 1944 - August 5, 2012
- Istachatta, Florida

Turner Funeral Homes Brooksville Chapel

504 E. Jefferson Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

Obituary

Jim C. Martinson, co-founder & president of Istachatta Htg & AC, Inc., passed away in his sleep Sunday morning, August 5th, 2012. To say he will be missed would be the understatement of the century! He touched so many lives - gave to so many - helped so many folks whether it was through a lowered or "no-charge" bill while on a service call or through his wonderful music and songs like "Where Will You Be?" We can't count the many customers who had him sing one of his songs while on a service call or at a yard sale!

He is survived by his best friend, partner & wife, Marilee; adopted mom & dad; Jim & Margaret Hammon of Brooksville, his sisters; Betty (husband Tom) Quattlebaum of Savannah, Georgia, Jeannie Cochran of Fox Hollow, Kentucky; daughters Tina Martinson in Georgia and Heather Martinson in Spring Hill, Florida & son James.

Jim was born January 6th, 1944 to parents, Alexander & Martha Lee Martinson in Tampa, Florida near the Lowry Park area. He ran around with long-time friends, Jack & Sharon Voyles. And, thanks to JK (Jerry) Johns he learned metal fabrication and quality air conditioning service & repair in his early 20's, which he did for over 50 years from Florida to Georgia, the Carolinas & Kentucky returning to Croom-a-Coochee, Florida in the 90's, ending up in Istachatta, Florida in 2002.

He loved to tell the story of how he went to Istachatta just to "get some fish" at the local Friday Night Fish Fry at the Istachatta General Store with his mom & daughter, Tina - and ended up getting married to one of the porch singers, Marilee! Over the next six years he entertained hundreds of folks from that front porch as a founding member (along with Tom & Joan Ledford, Ray & Deborah Dickinson, Bob & Louise Frost, Jan & Larry Ladd) of "The Back Porch Pickers Gospel Bluegrass Band" performing at many other venues such as the Kumquat Growers Association Open House, Cloverleaf Farms and Highpoint Fireman's Auxillary to mention only a few...

Jim has written over 250 songs - 10 of which are recorded and are listed on CDBaby online at <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/JimMarilee> with a registered copyright in the United States Library of Congress. Also listed with the USLoC is his book "Watch Out for AC Bandits - You Could Be Robbed Without a Gun!" He had a passion for helping others which was his inspiration for writing the book.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Sertoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville, Florida to help "raise the pavilion" at <http://sertomayouthranch.org/Donations.html>. The hard-working volunteers at Sertoma help so many folks - especially children and the disabled year-round!

A "Homegoing" memorial service will be held 10am, Saturday morning, on August 18th at the Istachatta Community Center on Lingle Road, right across the parking lot from the Istachatta General Store (now Trailside Treasures). And for those needing to get to the special jam on time with Miz Irene - the service should only be about 20 minutes!

For those who would like to stay and visit after the short service by long-time friend & preacher-man at Jim's church - Floral City Church of Christ - Steve Heneghan - just bring a dish and we'll visit awhile and tell tall tales of Jim's wonderful life, crazy sense of humor, yard sale "treasures & collections" and especially of his lifetime of helping his fellow man (and woman!)

Service Information

SERVICE INFORMATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

August 18, 2012

10:00 AM

Istachatta Community Center

Lingle Road

Guest Book

So nice to see your sweet, smiling face again, dear brother. I'm so grateful that the Lord brought you and Marilee together, and for what He's done in and through your life these past years. It's been such a blessing for our family to share your and Marilee's visits to Savannah, and ours to Istachatta. Though the visits were few, they filled us with warm and lasting memories, which have given us such peace since your passing. We so look forward to seeing you again soon, when we have that great reunion with our Lord and our loved ones who've gone before us.

Love you,

Bettie Lee

Posted by: Bettie Quattlebaum - Savannah, GA - Sister Apr 06, 2014

I did not know Jim, but I know his wife Marilee and she is just a wonderful person and he would have had to be wonderful, too. God bless them both for all they did and do for other people

Posted by: Anne - Floral city, FL - friend of wife Oct 31, 2013

Dear Marilee, just learned of Jim's passing, I am very sorry, my heart goes out to you, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

With Love,

Trudy

Posted by: Trudy Blake - Brooksville, FL Aug 20, 2012

Marilee,

We're very sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike & Penny Benzon

Posted by: Penny & Mike Benzon - FL Aug 16, 2012

Heather, Tina and James,

There's a phrase that reads

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal" so keep your dad's memory and love in your hearts with happiness because he would not want you to be sad.

Posted by: Rachel Parrish - Spring Hill, FL Aug 11, 2012

Just learned about Jim's passing. We want to express our sympathy to Marilee and the family. We will certainly miss the "heating and air" conversations. We do have the CD, so can listen and remember the good times. Marilee, we'll get in touch when we reach Florida this fall. Blessings -- Eleanor and Ernie

Posted by: Ernie and Eleanor Hufnagel - Imperial, PA - friends Aug 10, 2012

I'm so thankful to the Lord that my Dad and I, through all our differences, were able to bond in the past few years. He will be missed deeply by me and his grandchildren. God speed Dad.....until we meet up yonder where I know you'll be waiting.

Posted by: Tina Martinson - Sevierville, TN - Daughter Aug 10, 2012

Marilee and family, Just wanted to say that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I hope that in this time of sorrow that you remember that thw lord is standing beside you to help you though this time. Marilee you now how much Terry and I love you. Love Terry and Tracy

Posted by: Tracy Farr - St. Petersburg, FL - Friend Aug 09, 2012

I love you so much dad! Love Always and Forever, your lil Sugar Buger

Posted by: Heather Martinson - Lutz, FL Aug 09, 2012



To Jim, my wonderful, big, gruff, cuddly teddy bear - words can't express how terribly much I miss you every minute of every day (& nite)! You are still the smartest, most generous, kindest, talented, compassionate & bestest friend I've ever had! I love you sweetheart - save me a seat! (I know, get the microwave out of the back of the truck!) Love you, love you, love you! ~m

Posted by: ~m - Istachatta, FL - nagging wife Aug 09, 2012

A Gentleman and a gentle man. Will miss not being able to hear him perform again.

Posted by: john dougherty - brooksville, FL - friend and accountant Aug 09, 2012

Marilee and Family, You are in our prayers. Call if we can do anything. Love Bob & Jacky

Posted by: Jacky Fisher - St Petersburg, FL - friend Aug 09, 2012

We are both sorry for your loss. Tell us if if you need anything we will be glade to help. all our love John and Dianna

Posted by: Dianna Kirlwood and John Stout - Dade City, FL - friends Aug 08, 2012

Dear Marilee and family

Both Bob and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers...we love you!

Bob & Judy

Posted by: Judy Hall & Bob Lind - Sumterville, FL Aug 07, 2012

The staff of Turner Funeral Homes wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Martinson.

Posted by: Denise M. Cronin Aug 07, 2012

Marilee and Family. We are sorry to learn of Jim's death. Jim was a wonderful person and it was great pleasure to have known Jim. Jim will be sorely missed by all that knew him. God speed and blessings to Jim. Joe and Lona Bassett

Posted by: Joe & Lona Bassett - Floral City, FL - Friend Aug 07, 2012

Sincerest condolences from our family to yours. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Posted by: Robert & Laura Madigan - Inverness, FL - Friend Aug 07, 2012

