



## James Henry Surman

August 10, 1954 - December 29, 2012

James Henry Surman, 58, of Bloomington went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at IU Health-Bloomington Hospital.

James was born on August 10, 1954 in Germantown, PA to the late Arthur John and Jeanette Ida (Warner) Surman. On May 29, 1976 Beverly (Brummet) Surman, the woman he so loved and adored, became his wife. James was a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran serving for 9 years. He worked on the assembly line at the Bloomington GE plant and was known by his call name "Jammin Jim" at the radio station WFHB, where he was a DJ. . He was a faithful member of Lifeway Baptist Church. James's life passion was music for the purpose of reaching others.

James is survived by his wife, Beverly (Brummet) Surman; children, Josh Surman and his wife Melissa of Cincinnati, OH and Sara Muniz and husband Julio of Bloomington; grandchildren, Jonathan, Samuel, David, and Eve Surman and Elijah, Malachi, Luke, and Grace Muniz; siblings, Dottie Frey and husband Phil of CA, Jack Surman and wife Helen of PA, Lynn Surman of NJ, and Ginny Gilbert and husband Alan of Columbus, IN; and mother-in-law, Jackie Brummet of Bloomington.

Funeral services will be held at Lifeway Baptist Church on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve VonBokern officiating. Burial is to follow

at Chambersville Cemetery with military honors performed by the Monroe County Honor Guard. Friends may call upon the family at the church on Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to Lifeway Baptist Church to upgrade their sound equipment.

# Cemetery Details

## Chambersville Cemetery

North County Line Road and State Highway  
46  
Spencer, IN 47460  
(812) 327-1553

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 4.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lifeway Baptist Church  
7821 West State Road 46  
Ellettsville, IN 47429  
<http://www.lifewaybaptistchurch.org>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeremy Williams lit a candle in memory of James Henry Surman*



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**Jeremy Williams** - February 25, 2013 at 07:02 PM



“ *I miss you making us laugh! I miss your smile!*

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**Sara Katterhenry** - February 25, 2013 at 06:48 PM



“ *this is jason love u brother and miss u! i will see you again cant wait man! love you your friend always jason!*

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**jason eric kent** - January 22, 2013 at 05:56 PM



“ *Jim had a special presence here on Earth and while I know of it only through our mutual involvement with WFHB, you didn't have to experience it much to see what his beliefs meant to him. When he did the overnight shift on Friday-into-Saturday, I was the one who followed him and follow Him I did, through listening to the music Jim played. I cherished the connections made. We were blessed to have him involved with the radio station...he will definitely be missed. Thanks to his family for sharing him.*

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**Mark Richardson** - January 04, 2013 at 04:54 PM

CC

“ Beverly, my heart is breaking for you and your family. Larry and I cannot attend the services for Jim but want you to know that we are thinking about you. Praying for continued strength for all of you. We love you, Larry and Cindy Carpenter

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**Cindy Carpenter** - January 04, 2013 at 02:01 PM

KE

“ Our thoughts are with you during this time... it's difficult to find the right words. It is our hope that you will find peace in knowing he will always be alive in your hearts and the great memories you shared as well as in the knowledge that you will all be reunited again one day! Much love to all of you...

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**Kevin, Deb, Amanda & Jake Evens** - January 04, 2013 at 11:48 AM

DF

“ I never saw Jim without a smile. He also bounced when he walked. He was always friendly!!! I noticed this past year he joined the choir :) I always liked seeing Beverly and him come down to sit after the choir dismissed. I also liked seeing all the pictures in the last year of him and his kids and grandkids. It is clear he was loved much on this earth. Prayers for the whole family from the Finchers.

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**Debbie Fincher** - January 04, 2013 at 11:37 AM

JW

“ John And Kathy Wiegand lit a candle in memory of James Henry Surman



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**John and Kathy Wiegand** - January 04, 2013 at 10:40 AM

AT

“ To my dear friend Bev,

*My heart is broken for you, Sara, Josh and all the family. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I have thought back in the past 20 years of knowing you and your family. I will always remember Jim's smile and how funny he was. Also, I will remember talking to Jim at the Hospital work out place. I think we talked the whole time that day when we worked out. I love you so much and will be there for you if you need me.*

*Love,  
Amy Truelove*

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**Amy Truelove** - January 04, 2013 at 09:24 AM

JO

*Jim was a true treasure to those of us who volunteer at Opportunity House. He sorted and prepared for sale all the videos and recorded music that was donated. He had such a likeable personality and you knew that he had so many things he wanted to get accomplished right then! I don't know how we can manage without him. Our sincere condolences go to all his family and friends.  
Jeanne Overly, former Co-chm. of the Opportunity House Board of directors.*

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**Jeanne Overly** - January 05, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ Once upon a time a guy named Jim had much emptiness and spiritual darkness. He was given a great gift of salvation. Jim had the unique ability to take spiritual truth and put it in a language and vocabulary of common people of his time. He was never afraid to risk everything for what he found to be real and right. He was nothing if he was not intense and and many times, crazy. In that intensity he question everything and everyone that seemed to hold a key to life and reality. And once he found that answer (as we know he did) nothing could turn him from it.

*With the command given by God, Jim began a lifelong crusade to see his world likewise transformed. No one who knew Jim would deny that at times, he offended many. he often especially shocked established religious people in his zeal to bring compassion, honesty and reality back to the church. He truly walked by Faith and not by sight as his phone voice message said.*

*When Jim Would DJ at a public radio station he didn't tell people things they wanted to hear. He was blunt and many times, he was funny. He steadfastly refused to except the spiritual status quo. Jim quietly mocked hypocrisy with laughter while he laid bare his own struggles and fears with sometimes tears. His christian music was controversial, he was criticized, he was cut off by some, and many times mocked. His life and his hobby affected many, as he spoke the Gospel Truth wherever he went or whoever would listen.*

*Although gone from us now, he impacted the people he came in contact with like a spiritual bomb. Many people today have never before had the opportunity to experience who Jim was. Even though his Life was but a vapor, he celebrated every heartbeat. I had many intense years communicating with Jim and celebrating music with him that has built up many great memories.*

*I was privileged to know Jim. He was someone who loved Jesus. I gotta keep reminding myself, this is not good bye but I will see you later. He has finished the race, He was my friend and I miss him.*

*-Jon Boynton (Gal 6:9)*

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**Jon Boynton** - January 03, 2013 at 10:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Jon Boynton** - January 03, 2013 at 07:24 PM



*Gosh I miss my dad*

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**Sara Katterhenry** - October 29, 2013 at 09:21 PM

SA

“ *Bev, Josh & Sara, I was so sad to hear about Jim. Many thoughts and prayers are with you & your families. I always remember Jim being happy, smiling and funny! Thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Sandy Arnold*

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**Sandy Arnold** - January 03, 2013 at 12:19 PM

MG

“ *Dear Surman Family~We are so Sorry to hear about the lost of Jim. He was a great man and loved you all. We remember the good times we all had at Lifeway. He is with the lord now and signing is praises up there. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Gray family*

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**Melissa Gray** - January 03, 2013 at 07:30 AM

DG

“ Beverly- I was so encouraged by the many answers to prayer I saw in your's and Jim's lives over the last year! When we walked in to that hospital room and he smiled at us, it was obvious that Jesus was his peace. What a blessing to have known him!

Donna Getts - January 02, 2013 at 10:07 AM

DC

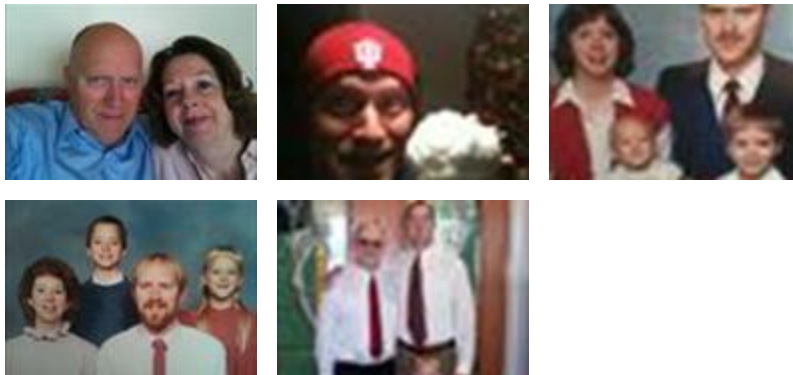
“ Derek & Cherie lit a candle in memory of James Henry Surman



Derek & Cherie - January 02, 2013 at 09:23 AM

JS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Josh Surman - January 02, 2013 at 08:16 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Josh Surman - January 02, 2013 at 08:13 AM

CL

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Chandler Funeral Home, LLC - January 02, 2013 at 08:01 AM

CE

*This movie makes me really want to praise the Lord; that no matter what happens God is in complete control and He loves us so much! Jim's right celebrate each day, because each day is a gift of God!*

Carol Esquibel - January 02, 2013 at 11:06 AM

RB

*Beverly, Josh, and Sarah-You all have been such great friends for 27 years. The Loss of Jim is heavy on your hearts, but may the Lord wrap His arms around you with His love and Grace. We will all get to see Jammin Jim in heaven some day. God needed another DJ for the heavenly choir and got a great one. Keep your eyes on the Lord. We love you all.*

*Rev Richard Borden and family*

Rev. Richard L. Borden - January 02, 2013 at 12:29 PM

RW

*Beverly, Josh, and Missy, Sara and Juilo, Jackie and Grandkids, We Love You Guys so much and will Miss Jim too. I think it was 1980 when we first Met You Guys at Church in Newport News, Va. The Coast Guard Years at Yorktown. The few Visits since then---not enough! But One things for sure We will see Him again Jammin in Heaven--- Because of Christ,  
Ron and Clair Williams, Atlanta, Ga*

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**Ronald Williams** - January 02, 2013 at 02:36 PM

RG

*Jim will be missed by all of his coworkers at GE. He has always been an inspiration and a jokester! So sorry for your loss.  
Rebecca Gaddis*

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**Rebecca Gaddis** - January 02, 2013 at 08:42 PM



*Once upon a time in a generation steeped in much emptiness and spiritual darkness, a gift was given to a friend of mine and his name was Jim. It was the gift of salvation. He had a unique ability to take the spiritual truth and put it in the language and vocabulary of the common people of his time. He did this in public radio.*

*A man not afraid to risk everything for what he found to be real and right. He was nothing if he was not intense and many times; crazy. And in that intensity he questioned everything and everyone that seemed to hold a key to life and reality. Once he found that answer (And we know he did) Nothing could turn him from it.*

*That commitment given, Jim began a lifelong crusade to see the world around him transformed. No one who knew Jim would deny that he offended many. He often especially shocked established religious people in his zeal to bring compassion, honesty, and reality back to the church. When it came to the gospel truth he was not the one telling people the things they wanted to hear.*

*So Jim was blunt. He was funny. Jim was tactless and sometimes even crud. He steadfastly refused to accept the spiritual status quo. He quietly mocked hypocrisy with laughter while he laid bare his own struggles and fears with sometimes, tears.*

*Jim was controversial. He was criticized. He was cut off by some and many times laughed at by others. Jim was impossible to ignore. His life and hobby literally affected many.*

*And this, of course is not his story. But in another century, another culture, and in another country. On a smaller scale, with not as much time to accomplish a task, It might have been, Jim Loved Jesus. He did what he could in a few intense years I was privileged to know him. If you have never had the opportunity to share in the life of someone like Jim who lived for Jesus, then taste and see that the Lord is good.*

*He was my friend, and I miss him*

*-Jon Boynton (Gal 6:9)*

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**Jon Boynton** - January 03, 2013 at 06:49 PM