



## James "Chef Jim" Christopher Gilmore

May 16, 1967 - April 22, 2016

James "Chef Jim" Christopher Gilmore, 48, of Murphysboro, was found at his residence in Murphysboro at 6:25 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2016.

James was born on May 16, 1967, in La Salle, Illinois, to John Gilmore and Lynn (Pearson) Gilmore.

Jim was graduate of Anna-Jonesboro High School.

He collected wildlife art and bird carvings. He loved the outdoors including hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, kayaking, but most of all his love was cooking.

He was a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. He was a chef all over the United States including New York, Colorado, Georgia, and South Carolina, and most recently he was employed as a chef at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Mr. Gilmore was a member of the Elks Lodge in Murphysboro, where he was known as Chef Jim.

He is survived by his father John Gilmore of Anna and his step mother Patty (Murray) Gilmore of Murphysboro;

two sisters Robin Blumenfurth of Georgetown, SC and Lorna Gilmore of Champaign; one brother Christopher Gilmore of Chandler, AZ;

two nephews Ryan Blumenfurth and Michael Blumenfurth of Scottsdale, AZ;

one aunt Pam Regulus of Webster Grove, MO;

and his beloved dogs Sunny and Stormy.

He was preceded in death by his mother, grandparents, and his aunt Susan Diesbach.

His body will be cremated and a Celebration of his Life will be held at 5 pm Saturday, July 16, 2016, (PLEASE NOTE DATE) at the Murphysboro Elk's Lodge In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Francis CARE. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ James "Chef Jim" Christopher Gilmore

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ I hope you know how much i miss you. There were very few days we did not speak in the last 2 years. I wrote this for you because this is how i see you my friend. "MY Friend James Gilmore" The Earth she is his ground, as he feels her gentle pull. Fire is in his heart; Can you feel his passions burn. Gentle is the sound of the rippling brook as it cleanses his soul; The powerful pull of the Ocean tells him move on, let go..... Gentle is the breeze underneath his wing, as it gently lifts him higher yet higher..... Your Spirit, Your Heart, Your Being, Your Soul; What a wonder to know you 'MY FRIEND' MAY THE SPIRITS GUIDE YOU YOUR WITCHY FRIEND WISPERIA



"Wisperia your witchy friend" Fire is in his heart - July 01, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ John and Patty. I was so very sorry to hear about Jimmy's death. I felt as if I knew him through the many years of working with you, John. I know how much you cared for him. Thinking of you. Take care

Vicki Hamann - April 27, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ Robin and John  
My prayers are with the Gilmore Family during this difficult time.  
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DW - April 26, 2016 at 08:50 PM

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“ *RIP, Jim.*

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**Kelly Strader** - April 26, 2016 at 12:10 PM

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“ *Always remembering the good times and good food we shared. Your welcome at my home and pool forever. Love and miss you, Jimmy.*



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**Heather Foley & Alana & Alexis** - April 26, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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“ *I am sorry to hear about Jimmy's death. I will always miss the sweet little boy who loved to dance to Elton John with me. My condolences to the family, John and Robin.*

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**Cheryl Strahm** - April 25, 2016 at 09:16 PM

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“ *Chef Jim was part of our University Housing family. I'm so very sad to hear of his passing. My condolences to the family. God bless.*  
*Crystal*

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**Crystal Bouhl** - April 25, 2016 at 02:00 PM

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“ *sorry for your loss John*

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**billie clover** - April 25, 2016 at 10:04 AM

JK

“ *Stunned and saddened by the news I recieved tonight. Jim and I were great freinds from the time we were kids playing baseball, back when his nickname was Tooth, until I saw him last in 2010 in Jonesboro after he'd made it back home following many years of travel. We chased a lot of turkeys, ducks, and geese as young bucks in Southern Illinois and I will never forget those times. His Colorado stint was in large part due to our friendship and his quick visit to see an old friend turned into a new adventure for Jim that opend many new doors and new opportunities. I cherish the years sharing wonderful food, loving the outddors, and most importantly, a brotherly friendship. Jim, whether in Anna, Fort Collins, or Steamboat Springs, was always by Brother. My heart goes out to John and Robin and all of the family back home.*

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**John Kennedy** - April 25, 2016 at 12:34 AM