

JAMES MICHAEL GRIMES

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Two of the most important things in life are love and loyalty. We find this in our families and in our friends and we bestow this upon our families and our friends. It is what gives our lives balance and significance. Without it we have no roots, stability or purpose. It nurtures our being, shapes our character and enriches our lives. It is one of the greatest gifts two people can share with one another.

Each one of us in our own special way shared this gift with Jimmy. We honor the love and loyalty of this very exceptional man, James Michael Grimes. A man who unwaveringly honored his commitment to family and friendship.

Jimmy had no acquaintances. He had an abundance of friends. Regardless of time, distance or boundaries, if Jimmy called you friend once, you were his friend for life. By example, Jimmy taught us well the true measure and importance of friendship.

To Jimmy's fellow brothers who have traveled here from other towns and other states, I'd like to welcome you to Jimmy's home. For this is where Jimmy's heart is. Cumberland has two unofficial ambassadors, so to speak, Bonnie Large and Jimmy Grimes. You would be hard pressed to find any two people who love their home and town more than Bonnie and Jimmy. They are who you hook up with if you want to know where to go; and, they'll also be the first to tell you where to go. You can not mention Jimmy without acknowledging how funny he was. When you crossed his path, you always walked away laughing.

As an officer, Jimmy Grimes heroically and fervently embraced the challenges of justice. He was an officer of profound integrity and uncompromising values of right and wrong. We honor the pursuit of his dream to be the best at what he loved best.

The impact of Jimmy on our lives and on our community will sustain and remain with us always. Jimmy was one of life's greatest blessings. We love you Jimmy and when we count our blessings, we count you twice.

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Rebecca Hayes

