



## James Walter Karstein

August 22, 1943 - March 27, 2022

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# Tribute Wall

TW

“ I just learned of Jimmy’s passing recently. It was heartbreaking. I was privileged to have known and worked with him over the years in Tulsa with a multitude of incredible musicians. Of all the drummers I’ve worked with, Jimmy was a world class drummer and a great guy who always made me laugh. May you rest in peace my friend.  
Tommy Tex Waggoner

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**Thomas Waggoner** - November 21, 2024 at 09:59 PM

SM

“ I just recently learned about Jim's passing. I was the guitarist with the Everly Brothers when Jimmy joined us in the late 60s' and toured England, Ireland, Canada and Australia with us. A warm, wonderful guy with a great sense of humor, he could lay down a groove as deep as it was solid. One fantastic drummer, anyone who knew him thought the world of him. He'll be sorely missed by a lot of people. My deepest condolences to his family and all who knew and loved him. Sam McCue

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**Sam McCue** - December 17, 2023 at 12:10 PM

TH

“ Ah James Karstein, what a wonderful chap. I can't remember when we first met ! It was either when he was playing with Joe Cocker or JJ Cale. He stayed at my place in London and came out to play percussion with Hinkleys Heroes. Anyone who spent any time with Jimmy will have fond memories of rare, funky 45 records being played. What will happen to the famous bus? I'll miss ya brother.  
RIP James Karstein.

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**tim hinkley** - April 27, 2022 at 11:38 PM

SA

*So handsome. Had a major crush when he played drums with Gary & The Playboys*

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**Sonia Y Atherton** - August 08, 2023 at 11:29 PM

CH

“ *I was so sorry to hear the news. I first met Jimmy in Sydney, Australia when he was on tour with Joe Cocker; he put me up in his hotel room for a couple of nights. After the gig ,out would come the famous portable 45 player and the congas. I met him again in London, U.K., he was a good friend of my brother ,Tim Hinkley. We met again in Sydney at an Average White Band concert (I think he was on tour with J.J. Cale); he walked up the aisle in the auditorium and I said Hey Jimmy. We all know Jimmy was a great drummer, but he was also a sweet man, kind and generous and I was very lucky to be on the receiving end of such generosity. Thank you Jimmy.*

*Chris Hinkley, Sydney, Australia*

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**Chris Hinkley** - April 27, 2022 at 11:24 PM

SC

“ *His reputation preceded itself!*

*Steve Cox*

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**Steven Cox** - April 14, 2022 at 04:50 AM

DB

“ *I loved Jimmy. He was a world class musician and friend. Some people try to be cool, but Jimmy was Dean Martin Cool! RIP my brother you will be missed.....*

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**Danny Baker** - April 04, 2022 at 12:29 PM

LB

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**Little Danny Baker** - April 04, 2022 at 12:27 PM

BW

“ *I don't know what to say. Such a bummer. Jimmy helped me more than he ever knew. As a wannabe bass player I was so lucky to get to play with a guy like Jimmy. Then fronting my own band to have Jimmy behind me ... no words can express how much confidence that gave me. He treated me like a peer, even tho I in no way deserved it. I will forever be grateful. I feel like I've lost my hero. A real gut punch.*  
*Bob Wiles*

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**Bob Wiles** - April 01, 2022 at 11:25 AM