



# James Michael Chimento

December 18, 1946 - September 24, 2025

James (Jim/Jimmy/Jazzbo/MSJ) Michael Chimento took his final curtain call on September 24, 2025, following a 4-year battle with cancer, at the age of 78. Born in Fairfield, Ohio on December 18, 1946, he was a long-time resident of Destrehan, LA. He also resided in Metairie, LA, South Bend, IN, Orlando, FL and Mobile, AL during his lifetime.

Jim was the Fire Sprinkler Inspector for Merit Sprinkler Company for 34 years and was proud to be a Life-Time member of the Eastside St. Charles Parish Volunteer Fire Department. He also worked for decades performing in community theatre, TV commercials, TV programs and movies. He had featured roles in movies (French Quarter Undercover, The Big Easy and Under Siege) and The Big Easy TV Series. Jim graduated with a Theatre degree from the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL.

Beloved son of the late Joseph & Henrietta Chimento, he is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sheila Shea Chimento, sons JJ (Sandra) Chimento and Tim (Lisa) Chimento, and siblings Henry (Kate) Chimento, Judie (Bill) Critchley, Debbie (Gary) Tucci, Mike (Susan) Chimento and sister-in-law Leone Chimento. He was preceded in death by his brother Joe Chimento. He also leaves behind 9 beloved grandchildren and their spouses and 10 great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Jim was so proud of his family and loved them all immensely.

A Celebration of Life event for Jim's family and friends will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local Volunteer Fire Dept, Community Theatre or local Cancer Society in Jim's memory.

Jim would want everyone to know he Had A Good Show (H\*A\*G\*S)...a VERY good show.

To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Many years ago, Jim and I were discussing auditions for him for film and TV projects ... and he told me was ready to work as a "day player, anywhere in the world!" That now includes Heaven, too. Rest in Peace, Daddy Warbucks! Until we meet again ...

Anne Massey - October 09, 2025 at 04:20 PM

AK

“ Jim was such a fun person with a great sense of humor, always laughing and upbeat. And nothing made him happier than his family. He was also so knowledgeable and inventive. I loved his "Chimento-izing" way of fixing things. He was always willing to lend a hand to someone (like me) who needed help. I'm grateful for that, and I was able to learn from him as well. Jim will be missed!

Alexis K - October 05, 2025 at 09:48 AM

CO

“ Colleen lit a candle in memory of James Michael Chimento



Colleen - September 30, 2025 at 08:34 PM

CO

Deb and Judy and the rest of the family, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Colleen - September 30, 2025 at 08:37 PM

CM

I am so extremely sorry to learn of my Daddy Warbuck's passing. I am so grateful that our paths crossed a few months back in the grocery store. We hadn't seen each other in almost 40 years, but I will always remember him as being a great man. He was so good to his little orphan Annie. May you rest in peace, sweet friend. And may God shower your loved ones with his amazing grace of peace amidst the sorrow.

Cindy Huber McCrossen - September 30, 2025 at 08:46 PM

KA

“ I didn't know Jimmy well, but he was, to me, a happy, fun-loving guy who loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was so proud of his kids and grand kids. He loved to fish so, Jimmy, I know you're up there sailing in God's heavenly ocean with your mom, dad, Joe, Faith and Melissa. You are missed.



**Kate** - September 30, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ extremely sad news, I shared the stage with him on quite a few productions in several New Orleans area theaters,, he was a pro ... we were friends when i lived there,, friends, theater, and the world has lost a good man,and a dear friend . prayers of comfort to all

**John Scott** - September 30, 2025 at 05:32 PM

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“ My brother Jim was always my main cheerleader during my 22 year Air Force career, and an avid supporter of the the branches of our military. Knowing my long love affair with the venerable B52 bomber (I worked this beautiful bird as a Jet Engine Technician), he would always send me You Tube videos he labeled "BUFF STUFF." I shall miss those, as I will miss him. Rest in God's loving arms, my dear brother.



**Henry T. Chimento (Brother)** - September 30, 2025 at 04:19 PM

MA

“ Melissa Addison lit a candle in memory of James Michael Chimento



**Melissa Addison** - September 30, 2025 at 03:12 PM