



## James Ernest "Jimmy" Dickerson

October 25, 1941 - November 1, 2023

James Ernest "Jimmy" Dickerson passed away at 2:00 AM on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, surrounded by family at the residence of his daughter, Lainie Dickerson Kidd. He was born October 25, 1941, in New Orleans, LA.

Jimmy was a lifelong resident of Tangipahoa Parish, having grown up on the Southeastern College dairy farm where his father worked. Jimmy joined the United States Marine Corps in 1960 and was honorably discharged after completing his service to our country. Upon returning home, he joined the Hammond Police Department in 1964. He retired from HPD at the rank of Captain with over 33 years of service.

During his career with HPD, he continued to serve his country in the US Army Reserve, first with the 433rd Military Police Company in Hammond, and later serving in the 4073rd Army Reception Battalion in Lafayette. Jimmy retired from the Army Reserve as First Sergeant with over 27 years of service. He was privileged to make many lifetime friends in both units.

In 2004, Jimmy joined the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office to work as a deputy bailiff in the 21st Judicial District Court in Amite. He served the community in this role for 16 years before retiring at age 78.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Ethel Vale Dickerson,

and brother Harvey Dickerson, and his mother-in-law Lillian S. Conner.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Jana Dickerson, his three daughters, Darla Gabbitas and husband Ian Gabbitas, Vicki Dickerson, and Lainie Kidd and husband Dr. R. Vincent Kidd III, and his grandchildren, Mark Eleser, Jan McGovern Galiano (Clint), Shannon Trippi Tabor (Dr. John “JJ”), James “Jimmy” McGovern (Kohl), Jonathan Eleser, Rhys Gabbitas, and Lillie Bratton. His two great grandsons, Dominic Eleser and Jensen James Tabor, complete “Pawpaw’s” family. Jimmy is also survived by his brothers, Luther Jr. “Butch”, John, Albert, Danny, Lazon “Lonnie”, Ricky, and his sister Patsy Dickerson Smith.

To honor Jimmy’s wishes, a celebration of his life is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 2023, at the Hammond Police Union Hall from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **12.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Police Union Hall  
201 Natchez St  
Hammond, LA 70403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Ernest "Jimmy" Dickerson*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - November 10, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Ernest "Jimmy" Dickerson.*



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November 10, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Love, James Mclaughlin purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James Ernest "Jimmy" Dickerson.*



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**Love, James Mclaughlin** - November 09, 2023 at 09:45 AM

SA

“ I was so blessed to know Mr. Jimmy when he was with HPD. He was a great friend and a very special man to his family. He had a good sense of humor & could always make you smile. He gave a big portion of his life in service for the people of Hammond and Tangipahoa Parish! He was a kind soul with a big heart! Mrs. Jana and family I would like to share this verse from the Bible. Jesus had just feed the multitude with 3 fish & 5 loaves of bread. Then as Jesus spoke his sermon, this is one of my favorite verses! Matthew 5:4 Jesus spoke “Blessed are those that mourn; for they shall be comforted.” Amen 🙏



Sue Crockett, All my love to you all. - November 07, 2023 at 02:57 PM

JD

Thank you Sue.

Jana Dickerson - November 08, 2023 at 09:40 PM

CS

“ Jana, Lainie, Vince and family,  
Please except my deepest sympathy on your great loss. I know what it is to be a caregiver for those who are the closest to us with caring for my husband Joseph and my mother Helen. Even with the stress involved in their day to day care, I felt honored being there for them in their greatest time of need. And I'm sure you feel the same way. I especially thought of my husband during my recovery from hip replacement surgery last year knowing he would have been there for me in my time of need.  
Please know you are in my prayers now and in the days to come and trust you will keep me in yours.  
Cheryl Schiro  
(Tic-Tock Shoppe)

Cheryl Schiro - November 03, 2023 at 06:21 PM

JD

*Thank ou and God bless you Cheryl.*

Jana Dickerson - November 04, 2023 at 10:19 AM

KM

“ *I am a long-time friend of Darla and Ian. When my son was a toddler, Jimmy babysat for him and my daughter. At Christmastime, he helped my son kick his pacifier habit by tying a ribbon to it and telling him he could put it on the Christmas tree. We still do to this day, 20 years later. Rest in peace Jimmy. You were larger than life.*

Kristen Maglia - November 03, 2023 at 04:23 PM

JD

*Thank you Kristen for sharing sweet memories. They are appreciated.*  
Jana Dickerson

Jana Dickerson - November 03, 2023 at 05:24 PM

NL

“ *I am so sorry, a long time friend, certainly will be missed , love and prayers for all....Jana, Lanie, Jan and Jimmy.*

Nadine Burton Lagarde - November 03, 2023 at 02:44 PM

JD

*Thank You*

Jana Dickerson - November 03, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Ernest "Jimmy" Dickerson.*



November 03, 2023 at 11:29 AM

JE

“ *What a privilege to have served with Jim in the U. S. Army Reserve. So many stories come to mind. As we reminisce, we will be thinking of him dearly and laughing...just as he would want us to do. We miss you my friend. Prayers to Jana and the entire Dickerson family.*

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**Jan Ernst** - November 03, 2023 at 11:08 AM

JD

*He loved you all very much. Thank you for your treasured friendship.*

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**Jana Dickerson** - November 03, 2023 at 02:51 PM

PJ

“ *Just met Jimmy a few months back. As pastor of St. James Baptist Church in Holden Ia, it was honor to meet him and visit with him on several occasions. He always had a smile and a laugh. And it's an honor to have heard the testimony of Jimmy, that he knew God thru his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. That being said, what a hope we have of meeting again in a better land. Altho its sad to say goodbye, and so sorry for the loss this family must endure, it's awesome to know I have another friend in heaven tonight.*

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**Pastor Randy Ede and wife Jackie** - November 02, 2023 at 08:04 PM

JD

*Thank you for your time with Jimmy and for your recent visit with us.*

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**Jana Dickerson** - November 02, 2023 at 09:39 PM

PJ

*I am truly sorry for your loss Jana. It was an honor to meet you and to have the few visits with Jimmy I had. I hope you know if there's anything you need or anything we can do for you or the family feel free to call on me. My number is 3373754443. Day or night. God be with you in these times.*

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**Pastor Randy Ede and wife Jackie** - November 03, 2023 at 11:24 AM

PN

“ *Jana & family you are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you at this difficult time.*

**pam newman** - November 02, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JD

*Thank you Pam. It's so good to hear from you. 🙏❤️*

**Jana Dickerson** - November 02, 2023 at 09:41 PM

JJ

“ *Jana and girls ,sorry for your loss , Joe wanted to express his greatest appreciation for everything Jimmy did for him in his career,All the great memories they shared at HPD, they had each others backs. And especially the stories and laughs they shared in the last few months .Always in our thought and prayers.*

**Joe and Kathy Juhasz** - November 02, 2023 at 05:43 PM

KL

🙏 *So sorry for your loss. 🌹  
Mr Jimmy was a great police officer & public servant to this community-  
he will be missed by many. Prayers and love to all, Kat (Katherine Lavigne)*

**Katherine ( Kat) Lavigne** - November 02, 2023 at 08:08 PM

BB

*Jana--I am glad that we re-connected these past months, even though it was not in the best of circumstances. Please know that my prayers have been and are with you and your family now and in the future.*

*Betty Burroughs*

**Betty Burroughs** - November 02, 2023 at 08:46 PM

ND

*Jana, I am so sorry about Jimmy we were so close for many years it breaks my heart to know he is gone. I pray for you and the girls. If I can do anything for you let me know.*

**Norman Davidson** - November 02, 2023 at 09:36 PM

JD

*Thank you Norman.*

**Jana Dickerson** - November 02, 2023 at 09:45 PM

VD

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.💔*

**Vita Dowell** - November 03, 2023 at 12:11 AM

RH

*I will always remember , Captain "Jimmy Dickerson" , as a well respected Police Officer and Brother Co-Worker! The memories that we shared, for many years, working with the Hammond Police Department, will never be forgotten. Jimmy was inspiring, in his dedication to his Community and to all that he worked with. Jimmy was as much a man , as any man could be. He always held his ground and treated everyone with respect. God bless him for being the person he was and God bless his family during their time of need. I Salute you my friend !!!!*

**Retired Captain Dennis Knight, HPD** - November 03, 2023 at 12:45 AM