



## James Edward Myers

April 11, 1956 - February 4, 2026

James "Smilin' Jim" Edward Myers, 69, of Mooresville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House in Mooresville. Jim fought hard against his cancer diagnosis for over 2 years.

He was born on April 11, 1956 in Lima, Ohio, to the late Donald "Papa Don" Myers and Letitia "Tish" Myers Williams. Jim graduated from Ernest W. Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan in 1974. He then attended Schoolcraft College where he became a passionate chef, inspired by his Mother. He proudly owned and operated Smilin' Jim's Cafe in the heart of Huntersville. He was known in the community for his famous clam chowder, banana pudding and sharing recipes in the Huntersville Herald. His most beloved role as a chef was at the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, where he lived his purpose of cooking delicious meals, teaching others and creating fellowship. After retiring, he took his dream trip out west with his camper and motorcycle "Goldie" and settled in Montana for his last years before his diagnosis.

An avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan, he was also a lover of sweets, dogs, cranking up oldies music, camping and hogging the remote. A dedicated friend of Bill W., Jim cherished his time spent in Old Fort, North Carolina, offering compassion and understanding to many. He was a member of Sugar

Creek and Huntersville Presbyterian Churches. His gift for cooking was matched only by his easy-loving spirit, he never met a stranger and taught us how to laugh. His legacy will live on through his children, recipes and the many friends he made. Treasure the moments.

Jim is survived by his devoted son, Brett Myers; his loving daughter, Lauren Myers and mother of his children, Melinda. As well as sisters, Susie Tompkins (Harry), Sally Brown (Joe) and extended family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Chris Myers.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The family would like to give special thanks to S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, the CCU nursing staff at Duke Lake Norman Hospital, as well as Jim G., Jimmy B, Dennis T., Robin E. and many other brothers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to FeedNC, 2456 Charlotte Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Myers family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church  
575 Brawley School Road  
 Mooresville, NC 28117

# Tribute Wall

VD

“*Kristy and I remember good times in our Life Group. Jim’s recipe for cooking rib roasts made many Christmas gatherings special. Eating at “Smiling Jim’s” was always a delight whether as a family, for lunch meetings, or as a staff. He was always compassionate for the underdog and underprivileged, but never my home team, Big Blue! He was all Buckeye!!*

Vern and Kristy Dodd - April 08 at 03:55 PM

JM

“*Jeffrey "Big Jeff" McKnight lit a candle in memory of James Edward Myers*



Jeffrey "Big Jeff" McKnight - March 18 at 02:03 AM

DM

“*A beautiful friend, a smile never forgotten, love you my Brother.*

Dennis Moore - February 06 at 10:49 AM



“*Our sincere condolences to the Myers Family. 🙏*

*I remember the times that Brett and Lauren played with my brother and sister Tia and Lacy. Always as enjoying my 1st car that my dad Charlie Gentry purchased from Jim.*

*I pray that God will provide comfort to you all during this difficult time.*

Kechele Gentry - February 05 at 08:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Edward Myers.*



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February 05 at 06:25 PM



“ *Hi Lauren thanks for contacting my brother, Charlie. My sincere condolences to you, Brett and the family. Your father was such a nice man. I think of him every time I pass the restaurant in the heart of Huntersville. He was truly a good chef. I never forgot my family's last visit to the restaurant in Huntersville.*



*May God grant your family HIS genuine peace.  
Judy*

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**Judy Gentry** - February 05 at 04:49 PM



“ *Susie. ❤️ lit a candle in memory of James Edward Myers*



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**Susie. ❤️** - February 05 at 03:52 PM

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*My brother will be missed in so many ways....calling him for a recipe, talk about THE Ohio State Buckeyes or Detroit Red Wings, how he's feeling, how his kids are, movies on Netflix, our faith, our family history, etc, etc.*

*He was a Christian who read the Bible daily, had a wonderful sense of humor and most of all, he had that GREAT SMILE.*

*Miss you, little brother. Fly high....*

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**Susie.** ♡ - February 05 at 04:05 PM

DH

*My cook team worked with Jim when he was the chef for the old "Soup Kitchen" when it was located on Broad Street in Mooresville, NC. We learned so much from him and most of us had been cooking for years. He was the "STAR" of the program that was started to help folks that were down on their luck, for whatever reason, to learn how to cook. Jim then mentored them and helped them get jobs in the industry. Jim kept checking on them and lending support when they needed it. I'm glad he was able to take time for himself and visit out West on his motorcycle before his diagnoses. Save us a seat, Jim. You were well thought of in this world. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and all those that loved him. Deb Hensley (Hands & Feet Cook Team)*

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**Deb Hensley** - February 08 at 02:53 PM