



James A. "Moose" Morabit Jr.

February 19, 2023

Age 75, of Monroeville, passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2023. Beloved husband of 53 years to Eileen (Rance) Morabit. Loving father to Nathan Morabit and Kara Lorenz (Mark). Beloved Pee-Pa of Jackson and Alex Lorenz. Son of the late James and Annette Morabit. Beloved brother of Dee Bittner (the late Paul), Velma Straw (the late Jim) and the late Joanne Fresch (the late Bill). Brother-in-law of Ron Rance (Laurie). Survived by many nieces and nephews. Jimmy was a graduate of Gateway High School, Point Park College and a member of Delta Phi Kappa fraternity. Jimmy's career began sweeping the floors at Westinghouse Electric, East Pittsburgh and ended as Safety Manager for Distribution & Transportation at GNC. He enjoyed hunting deer and turkey, playing guitar with the Tune Down guys, a good poker game, traveling out west with Eileen and watching The Three Stooges with his grandsons. He was grateful that a heart transplant gave him almost 15 bonus years. We want to thank transplant nurses Chavonne and Bruce, as well as dialysis nurse Karen, for their compassionate care. It was a life well lived and we will miss him dearly. Family and friends will be received on Friday, February 24 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville. (Everyone please meet at the church). Interment private. Donations may be made to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food

Bank or the charity of your choice. Condolences may be made at www.corfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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FEB **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ I just found out about the passing of Mr. Morabit and wanted to extend my sympathies to the Morabit family. Nate and I went to high school together and my father (John Crisafi) and "Moose" were college buddies. Over the years my father would fondly talk about his friend and fraternity buddy, Moose. I am sorry for your loss.

Jennifer Crisafi - November 26, 2023 at 09:19 PM

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.” – Plato

It was nothing short of Divine Providence to have fortuitously run into Moosie at the Monroeville Guitar Center Music Store in July 2014. At the time, didn't know the gentleman, but how could one not avoid his friendly yet gregarious personality. As acoustic guitarists go (and for which spouses can attest), we musicians are smitten with the never-ending search for the instrumental holy grail.

On this fine day at the music counter, Moosie introduced himself (perhaps mistakenly thinking I was a worthy connoisseur of Martin Guitars) and asked my opinion about a Martin D-28 he was considering. I gave him my standard warning: "its easy to spend someone else's money." Nonetheless, Moosie accepted my caveat, and thus, gave him my most biased opinion (along with my email address). Sure enough, Moosie walked out of the store as the proud owner of the guitar.

Shortly thereafter, I received my first Moosie email:

"Date and Time Received: 9 Jul 2014, 3:14 pm

Name: moose

Hey Crum:

I just picked up an excellent D28 some aging hippy talked me into. Let you steal it from me for what I paid. Moosie."

Oh, but that was just the beginning. Far too many good tales and yarns to spin here over the years as Moosie became a good musical pal, who, along with his ever-dear Eileen, graced myself and a musical entourage known as the Tunedowners with their soulfully generous company. We have celebrated joys and sorrows (and even - at times - reached detente on our varying political views). Wink, wink Moosie.

Of particular heartfelt memory is when I was in hospital and Moosie would visit with a Strawberry Milkshake for me along with a particular political campaign button for my "collection." Of course, the milkshake was far more memorable. Wink, wink Moosie. Be it known Moosie's visits were inspirational and shall always be treasured.

Indeed, Moosie's charitable soul combined with an ascerbic wit made for a unique character among we musicians and in all of humanity. We warmly embrace his memory and those eternal moments shared in music, love, and grace.

Eternal rest grant unto Moosie and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace until we may join Moosie at that great Tunedown in sky. Until then, we shall continue to celebrate his life in music.

Peace Brother James. ~Will Crum & Family



Will Crum - February 23, 2023 at 12:29 PM

RH

“Moose and I have been friends since junior high. we shared a love for studio wrestling and attended matches together at the old "Civic Arena. I recall many games of pool we played in my Grandmothers basement. The last time I saw him was at my brother Craigs funeral in 2002. He was great about those types of things. My condolences to his family and God bless!

rick c howell - February 22, 2023 at 12:08 PM

DT

“Moose was my neighbor and classmate. I lived on Northern Pike and he lived just over the bridge. We'd visit his dad's store and he's show us around. Moose was a gentle soul and just a very nice guy. I had a brief conversation with him on Memories of Monroeville a couple years ago, and he hadn't changed a bit. Condolences to his family and I'll keep him in my memories.

Dave Thompson

David Thompson - February 21, 2023 at 11:56 PM

JA

“Jim (aka Moose to the peers of school days) was a great buddy to Jim Anderson and brothers in the Anderson family. In 1965 right after Jim Anderson and I met, Moose picked me up to take me to the Anderson house to meet the rest of the family. He was kind to offer and was well-loved by all the Andersons . Our condolences to you all, and God bless!

Jim and Donna Anderson

jim and Donna Anderson - February 21, 2023 at 09:38 PM

MB

“ *What a great man and Fantastic Uncle. You will be missed. Love,
Michelle*

Michelle Barry - February 21, 2023 at 06:46 PM