

## SP5 James C. "Jim" Amross, USA

SP5 Jim Amross was assigned to AFVN 1969 and 1970.

The following is from the Toledo Blade.



James "Jim/Jimmy" Craig Amross died as a result of a heart attack at the age of 68 Tuesday, April 9, 2014, at his home in Sylvania, Ohio.

Jim was born October 19, 1945, to Frances and Thomas Amross in Riverview, Michigan. He was the youngest of four children who survive him, Margaret Smith, Arlene Champnella, and Thomas (Debby) Amross.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children, Pamela (Rob) O'Neil, Erin (Casey), Jessica, and Amanda. He was also the loving grandfather to four beautiful granddaughters, Gabriel, Cameron, Caroline, and Peyton.

Jim graduated from Northern Michigan University, but after being drafted during the Vietnam War, radio became his passion. He was a disc jockey in Vietnam and continued his career when he returned home, expanding into acting as well.

Jim was passionate about many things, most especially his family, whom he loved dearly. He was also an avid gardener and loved showing off his vegetable garden to all who were willing. Jim was an accomplished cook, most famous for his macaroni and cottage cheese and chicken noodle soup and loved using fresh ingredients from his garden. Those who met Jim, knew that the Detroit Red Wings held a special place in his heart, as did the city they hail from.

The Amross family would like to extend a thank you to the emergency respondents and all those who assisted the night of Jim's heart attack. His family will be forever grateful for their dedication and helpfulness. They would also like to thank all those who have

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offered their comfort and support during this difficult time. It means more than words can say.

Jim will be missed by all who knew him. His humor was unique and inimitable. Nevertheless, we know that he will forever be with us, in our hearts and minds, watching over us.

Funeral services and Military Honors for Jim were be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes National Cemetery Holly, Michigan. Urbanski's Bedford Funeral Chapel 8300 Lewis Ave. Temperance, MI were entrusted with Jim's funeral arrangements.

The following is from an email message from Gary Brill dated April 15, 2014:

Just have to share this story about Jim Amross. I did a morning show on FM called Sunrise in Saigon...it was a MOR format, Kirby Stone 4, Mathis, Sinatra...and in the FM control room I had all themes, promos, spots, EVERYTHING on carts.

Jim Amross and newsman Mike Sullivan pulled a April Fools great one on me. Both Amross and Sullivan took about 40 carts and put on one song... *Jefferson's -Baby Take Me In Your Arms*. Then they went to the FM control room and carefully took off all the labels on my carts and put them on the the Jefferson carts. Thus, when I signed on , instead of the theme, there was Jefferson, everything on the program that called for a cart...there was Jefferson...it took me playing about five carts before I finally realized what was going on! To this day still don't know why Amross selected that record.

A note of interest- just two hours before Bob Morecook sent this email about Amross, Sullivan called me and he was going to contact Jim and see if he could get him to come to the reunion.

Lets all who can...make it to San Diego (2014 Reunion)..we ain't getting any younger!