



## John William Melms

January 14, 2010

John W. Melms, 51, went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2010 after a short battle with cancer. John was a local musician who loved playing his guitar any chance he got. He has touched the lives of many people. He was predeceased by his parents Delores and Lonnie Melms. He is survived by his 2 brother's, Dennis Melms and his family of Portsmouth, Jason Melms of NYC, NY; a sister, Michelle Rivera and family of Florida; daughter, Jennifer Melms Thompson and her husband, Anthony; 2 grand-children all of Portsmouth; along with many other people who loved and admired him dearly. A memorial service will be held at 6p.m. Saturday at Sanctuary of Hope 3516 Winchester Drive, Portsmouth by Rev. Frank Allen. Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ HEY JOHN WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR 40 YEARS! KIDS RIDEN BIKES,RAISEN HELL& GARAGE BANDS. YOU TAUGHT ME GUITAR UP SIDE DOWN & BACKWARDS THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES REST IN PEACE. ROB MOORE###imported-begin###ROB MOORE###imported-end###

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January 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

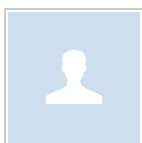


“ John,

*I deeply enjoyed your music throughout the years and I, also, was priveleged to have shared the stage with you on occasion at various open mike nights. Your talent and humor will be sorely missed. To our loss, they gained another talent in Rock and Roll heaven. God bless!###imported-begin###Fred Andy###imported-end###*

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“ We will miss you John, Many a good time many a memory to behold.You played a mean guitar and made a many a person get up and dance. You will be surely missed. You owe me a G string.I will collect it later my friend. Our condolences to brother Dennis and all the family of John Melms. You will remain in our hearts and minds always.###imported-begin###Larry & Linda Dixon###imported-end###

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January 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to extend my Condolences to John's Family. You will be Missed Dearly. Til we meet again, God Bless. Rest well!!!  
##imported-begin##Joni Ramirez##imported-end##

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“ God bless and keep you John... 'til we meet again! Heartfelt sympathies to the family. Already missing you my friend... Thanks for all the memories. Heaven is in for a special treat!  
##imported-begin##Mike and Marsha Fink##imported-end##

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“ Our Prayers to the family, as he will be truly missed.. John was such a cool guy with alot of talent.. I had so much fun singing the TelephoneMan with him, he always made it better.. Though my favorite was the IcecreamMan... Singing in Heaven always and forever... Keep singing John...  
##imported-begin##Phil and Shannan##imported-end##

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“ To the family you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry that things have happened the way they did. I am here if you need anything, Melissa has my number and I am available all the time. Keep your heads up because things will get better.  
##imported-begin##Brittany Brown##imported-end##

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January 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I'm gonna miss that smile, I'm gonna miss you my friend, so play it sweet in heaven..." In Loving Memory of John. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Luv Beth & Ray Iuliano and Willie Viola*###imported-begin###Beth & Ray Iuliano & Willie Viola###imported-end###

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“ *I met John a few months ago when our band , Bushhawg played at a benefit for him, he is an awesome guitar player and person, and now he is taking the music to another level in heaven, playing his guitar, upside down and left handed for sure, we are praying for all of his close family and friends during this time of loss, but we are celebrating the powerful life he did have.*  
*Johnny B Goode*

*Neil from Bushhawg Band*###imported-begin###Neil###imported-end###

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“ My heart is saddened by his loss. I am happy he is not in pain anymore. He was a trooper. I will miss him so much. I am honored to have had the chance to play with him every Wednesday from February to August. I have great memories of him. What a great guy. I know his music will live on as my Grandson will be playing his guitar in a few years. Like in Jimi Hendrix's song that I loved to play with him The lines :

*I said I didn't mean to take up all your sweet time  
I'll give it right back one of these days*

*Oh yeah*

*If I don't meet you no more in this world then uh  
I'll meet ya on the next one  
And don't be late  
Don't be late ....*

*Save me a song John.....##imported-begin##Karl  
Westfall##imported-end##*

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“ *"Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow. May looking back in memory help comfort tomorrow". My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Darla P Sallinger##imported-end##*

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“ Goodbye John, you will truly be missed by everyone who knew you!!!!!! I'm so glad you're no longer in pain and have no more suffering!!!!!!The only suffering now is all ours going on with out your smile. I hope I have half the strength,courage and dignity you showed during your illness.God bless your family.They have the hard job going on with out you. thought and prayers are with them always...##imported-begin##Dawn Mosley##imported-end##

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“ We would like to extend our Condolences to Dennis, Jason, Michelle, Jennifer and their Families. May John Rest In Peace.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Harvey F. Moore Sr.##imported-end##

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“ John has gone to Heaven to be with his Mom and Dad and many others. He is playing his left handed, upside down, backwards lead guitar for everyone to hear. He is in a much better place; no struggling or in pain. He still loves each and everyone that is still here on Earth. He will be missed so much and never forgotten. He was like an Uncle to me and I loved him very much. Please keep John's wonderful family in your prayers as this will be a hard time for them all. God Bless! We will miss your smile Uncle John! We Love You!##imported-begin##Brooke Consolvo##imported-end##

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“ *Godspeed your journey to Heaven John, You have earned a special place in The Band Up There! Thank You for the memories & long friendship till we meet again. ##imported-begin## Suzee Hicks Goss ##imported-end##*

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“ *John will truly be missed. He was a good friend, especially to my brother. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. ##imported-begin## Lenore Wade ##imported-end##*

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