



James A. Kowalke

May 5, 1949 - January 1, 2015

Funeral service and Interment were held privately.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I was in love with Jim and lived with him for almost 4 years in Chicago from early 1979 - late 1982. I am too am a visual artist (painter & printmaker) as he was (an artist, painter and sign maker) in addition to his being a musician (bass player). He was a good and wonderful man and a magnificent lover and gorgeously handsome. Regretfully, we parted ways during the hard economic times of the 80's and the stress and traumas therein.

He loved the USA and was passionate about his tour of duty in Vietnam and his service to our great country. In addition, he had a wonderful mind and passion for knowledge, that in spite of a lack of higher education never ceased to amaze me. He was fluid and flexible and creative in dealing with the pitfalls of life, especially when we had not very much money to live on. He was worked as hard as I did -- a rare quality to find in a partner.

James Andrew Kowalke is etched in my heart forever -- even though we parted ways, I love him still and do not regret a moment of our time together. I know you are playing your bass up in the azure of above and painting too. God bless love.

Love, Rebecca Gray Schmidt Smith, Chicago IL USA

Rebecca Gray Schmidt Smith - February 06, 2019 at 11:27 PM

CF

“ I knew Jim from high school. Cutting class to go to Burger King for lunch. He joined the Air Force and went to Vietnam and I was in the Army at the same time and went to Vietnam. We had many enjoyable times together. Didn't stay in touch the last few years but he was my best friend for a long time. He will be missed.

Chuck Frank - June 13, 2018 at 09:16 AM

CW

“ So Sad to hear you have passed on... You were a friend to my Joey Woodall. You were a close friend of ours. You and my Joe were in Nam. Have a cold one for me. I know you are with the gang (Tom, Joey, Papa)

Cindy Woodall - June 13, 2018 at 09:16 AM