



## Millard Calvin Bibey Jr.

December 15, 1949 - February 8, 2021

Millard Calvin Bibey, Jr, age 71, of Stover, Missouri, passed away Monday, February 8, 2021 at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri. He was the son of the late Millard Calvin Bibey Sr. and Estella Ruth Bibey and was born December 15, 1949 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was the youngest of six siblings. JR graduated Granby High School in Norfolk, Virginia and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He was a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church.

He was united in holy matrimony in September of 1974 to Constance Ann Connell. They were blessed to have raised three children.

JR was a licensed contractor and extremely talented singer/songwriter. He was plant supervisor for Vanguard Manufacturing in Tulsa, Oklahoma for eight years. He was employed by The City of Gulfport as Cultural Affairs and Promotions Director for eleven years. Being employed by US98 Radio Station he produced numerous commercials and jingles. He founded Division 10 Contracting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Music being one of JR's greatest passions, he started his music career in bands at the early age of twelve and continued throughout his life. His love of theatre shined through his many roles on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In his retirement years, karaoke was his musical output, being known as the "JokeR"

of Outrageous Karaoke playing multiple venues throughout Missouri.

On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, JR served on the board of directors for the Aids Foundation, the Alzheimer's Foundation and the March of Dimes. After moving to Missouri in 2002, he served on the board of Ivy Bend Water Department, Ivy Bend Fire Department and Ivy Bend Animal Rescue. Having a great love for animals, JR was instrumental in helping establish the Ivy Bend Animal Rescue.

JR is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Constance Bibey; son, Robert Bibey (Kelly) of Columbia, Missouri; son, Millard C. Bibey III (April) of Aberdeen, Maryland; daughter, Jennifer Messinio (Christopher) of Eldon, Missouri; sister, Patricia Shields of Virginia Beach, Virginia; brother, Jack Bibey (Tee) of Richmond, Virginia; fourteen grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; numerous nieces and nephews and many dear and devoted friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and three siblings, Warren, Dorothy and Donald.

A jazz funeral and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in JR's memory to Ivy Bend Animal Rescue.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Jr and I were best friends doing our teenage years back here in Virginia. He was a great guy and had such a warm heart. I remember the many hours we spent together with the band. So much fun. He was a wild and crazy guy back then. Loved being around Jr. RIP Jr.

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**Jim Layton** - December 22, 2021 at 01:41 PM

VP

“ Connie, it is sadness hearing the passing of J.R. Sending prayers to you and the family during this most difficult time. I enjoyed working with J.R. during our City years. Heaven gained a talented man..I still remember his smile. Praying

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**Vicki Parkhill** - February 18, 2021 at 02:10 PM

KS

“ Remembering many joyfilled moments in the theater on the Gulf Coast through JR's performances. Sending my condolences and prayers to Connie and family. Kande (late Bobby) Steele, Biloxi, MS

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**Kande DeGrasse Steele** - February 18, 2021 at 09:40 AM

CK

“ Connie, I was so saddened to learn of JR's passing....what a great, talented and fun guy he was....love, love, love.....xxooo

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**claudia keyes** - February 18, 2021 at 08:56 AM

BJ

“ I remember the very first time that I heard JR sing. (1975) I was amazed by his strong and powerful voice. I'm so glad that I had the opportunity share the same stage with him. JR was also a great human being, whom I'm happy to have called friend. You'll be missed old buddy, but never forgotten! Condolences to you Connie, and the rest of your family.

Ben Johnson - February 17, 2021 at 06:43 PM

JJ

“ JR...one of my best friends growing up in Norfolk. We had many great times together. Memories that will always remain. Heartfelt condolences to Connie and all of his friends . Treasure him forever.  
John Jones

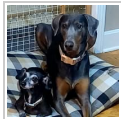
john jones - February 17, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ Renee Forbes lit a candle in memory of Millard Calvin Bibey Jr.



Renee Forbes - February 16, 2021 at 01:32 PM



*I was so blessed to meet JR and Connie during a transport of animals which turned into a wonderful friendship! Connie and I introduced our husbands knowing they would get along as they both had very similar passions, Animals and Music! Our hearts are broken knowing that the world lost such an amazing compassionate man. Our prayers go out to Connie and the family during this time of heartache. We all know that JR will be finding ways to mess with all of us in some way even though he physically is not with us. You will be missed greatly by so many JR. Hugs and Love to you Connie, know we are here for you at anytime!*

Renee Forbes - February 16, 2021 at 01:41 PM

PJ

*Connie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. J. R. was one-of-a-kind in the best possible way. Extremely talented, easy-going and easy to work with, and an all around great guy and true friend. He will be GREATLY missed.*

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**Paul M Newton Jr** - February 18, 2021 at 03:46 PM

CB

*“ Was blessed to meet JR and Connie through a mutual friend. So happy I did. Had some great times at the lake, always asking if Outrageous Karaoke was playing at Skippers so I could plan my trip accordingly!! Going to miss those times. RIP JR, and make some beautiful music in heaven!*

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**Cindy Boothe** - February 16, 2021 at 12:30 PM