



## James "Jim" D. Loader

August 10, 1974 - September 10, 2023

James "Jim" D. Loader, age 49, of Saline, Michigan passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Jim was born on August 10, 1974 the son of Gerald J. Loader Sr. and Janet Coral (Byers) Loader, who preceded him in death. Jim is survived by his brother, G. Joseph (Andrea) Loader Jr. of Saline, and Martha (John) Popyk of Saline. In addition to his parents Jim was preceded in death by his brother Jeffrey (Cathy) Loader of Muskegon. He is also survived by his nieces Kristin (Russell) Girbach, Victoria Loader, great-nieces Ainsley and Sayla Girbach, as well as several other nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Jim was the "Happy Surprise" of the Loader household. The unplanned blessing that no one was ever aloud to call a mistake! His sense of humor was dry and often wicked funny. His loss is unimaginable and his family and friends will miss the incredible giving, passionate, patriotic and loyal man that he was. Jim spent many years as a K-9 Security officer with his beloved dogs Neeko and Bishop at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Jim was also a long-time member of the K-9 Academy where he learned and trained with other K9 Officers. Jim was passionate about his dogs and worked hard to ensure they were a well-trained and high functioning team. Friends are invited to celebrate and share memories of Jim's life with his family and friends on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline at 301 East Michigan Ave. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's name may be made to K9 Partners for Patriots. To leave a memory you have of Jim, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit

[www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" D. Loader*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Tracey Williamson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" D. Loader*



Tracey Williamson - October 01, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Jim was a happy, kind and overall GOOD guy. I remember his big smile from our days together in high school.*

Amy Beckman - October 01, 2023 at 04:19 AM



“ *Jim and I worked on the same platoon together for some time! He was the type of person that would give you the shirt off his back! He always was up beat and made our shift fun! Whether it was with Chuck Royer and I or medical staff! Jim will be forever missed! I love you brother! Until we meet again!*



Ron Marek - September 22, 2023 at 04:45 PM

MA

“ Mandy lit a candle in memory of James "Jim"  
D. Loader



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**Mandy** - September 22, 2023 at 02:44 PM

CH

“ Sending my condolences to Jim's friends and  
family.



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**Chris Hale** - September 22, 2023 at 01:43 PM

LP

“ Marti, Joe, family and friends, my deepest condolences to you...  
When I got the news, my heart shattered. I'd known Jim (Jamie to us) since he was about 6. His sister Marti Popyk was my first friend when we moved to Saline my Freshman year of high school. I became a part of the family over the years.  
I watched him grow from a little kid to a very fine man. He was such a constant in our lives, even if he stayed in the background most of the time. He and his sister became godparents to my children, a role they each took to heart.  
Jamie had an incredible sense of humor, of loyalty, and most of all family. If he loved you, he did it with all his heart. And if you were one of "his" you knew he had your back whenever, wherever, however.  
Jamie (never could get used to calling him Jim for some reason), my dear sweet friend, you will be missed and loved into eternity and beyond.

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**Lisa (Mitchell) Pepper** - September 22, 2023 at 12:58 PM

EG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eric Gunderson - September 22, 2023 at 10:22 AM

JN

“ Jim was an exceptional Master Trainer. His loss will be felt by our tight knit K-9 community for a long time to come. His memory will live on in countless numbers of K-9 Teams he mentored and worked with over the years. I will always carry his advice and wisdom with me. Rest in peace sir.

Jason Niemczewski - September 21, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ Jim holding K9 Dunkin, he was one of our favorite trainers and friend. We will miss him very much!



Breanna Brinkman - September 18, 2023 at 04:45 PM

CM

“ Jim was a good man who always tried his very best. I worked with him for many years and so many memories of him helping others. I know he was a bit lost in the end, but he is not lost anymore.

Clayton Morgan - September 18, 2023 at 06:06 AM

AL

“ Will miss him coming out his back door with a smile and big hello. The neighborhood will not be the same. Rest in peace Jim.

Alene - September 17, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ One of the best security guards I've every known. You will be missed Jimbo ❤️



Madison Bederka - September 16, 2023 at 11:10 PM

WA

“ Shared so many amazing memories with our ER family in the over 11 years I worked there. We all had so many laughs at the podium! Through all the traumatic and intimate moments we all shared as an ER family Loader was always a part of them. We all share so many memories from those days! Loader you will be so missed, you have touched everyone of us. May you be at peace my friend.

Wendy Akers - September 16, 2023 at 01:45 PM

PJ

“ Loader was one of the most dedicated, and caring man I have met. I worked in the ER with him for about 2 years. And every night I went in I felt safe. He always made sure the staff in the ER was safe and smiling. It was never a dull moment with him and Nikko. He will be missed dearly. Until we meet again Loader!

Paige Jones - September 15, 2023 at 09:32 PM

SM

“*Condolences to family and friends, Loader you will be missed! So many memories in the ER! I come back to one in particular when I was getting my GSD puppy and Loader told us to get the food at Feed Rite, Fromm to be exact and when we got our pup, we brought him up to meet “Uncle Loader”. He then gave us the patch in the pic to make Chief an Honorary K9 Unit Member....we ran into him numerous times as he lived only two miles from us in town...so many times we said we’d bring Chief over and life got in the way... this is one of those times that David and I regret not making time....RIP Loader, run free with Neeko and be happy and free of pain!*

*Susan and David McInally*



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**Susan McInally** - September 15, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“*Jim and I were good friends in high school. We were Saine Police Cadets together. This photo is from 1992. My deepest condolences and affection for Jim's family. - Trina Boulter*



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**Trina Boulter** - September 15, 2023 at 12:01 PM

ZD

“ Nothing I say will do this man justice for what he did for us in the ER. He and Nikko kept us safe from violent patients quite frequently. He also knew when and how to deescalate situations when empathy and kindness was needed more than firmness. He was a quiet professional yet would go out of his way to lift others up when the shift had become a dumpster fire. While we mourn him, let us thank God that such a man like him lived. Until we meet again brother.

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**Zach Drake** - September 15, 2023 at 10:55 AM

LJ

“ Jim and I went through CPI training together when it was first introduced to the ED. He was always so engaged and empathetic with the staffs needs when it came to feeling secure and safe in the work environment. I still have pictures of Nikki in his boots to this day. RIP Jim know that angels will keep you safe as you kept others safe.

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**lisa jackson** - September 14, 2023 at 10:23 PM

LC

“ I am beyond shock to hear of Jim. I worked in the ER when I met both Loader and the adorable Nikko. I am sure those 2 are reunited. Rest easy Loader you will be so missed by everyone. Thanks for protecting all of us at St. Joe's. We all love you. 💕

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**Lori Collins** - September 14, 2023 at 07:07 PM

MH

“ I want to send my condolences and deepest sympathies to all that were blessed to be around Jim. For the 5 years that I was working at St Joe's..jim loader was a good man to me and he was a stand up guy to everyone. He was very professional and there's nothing negative about him in any kind of way. He will be truly missed. Rest in paradise Loader.



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**Marcus L Hollis** - September 14, 2023 at 06:54 PM