



James Franklin Green

April 30, 1956 - September 18, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of JAMES FRANKLIN “JIMMY” GREEN, age 65, the founder and owner of J. Green Jewelers who passed away on September 18, 2021 at his San Antonio home from natural causes. His family rests in comfort and knowledge that Jimmy now resides with his Lord and Savior.

Born in Cherry Point, North Carolina outside the local Marine Corps Air Station in 1956, Jimmy’s childhood revolved around the routines and sacrifices of a military family. As a “military brat”, Jimmy's family eventually moved to “Military City USA” San Antonio. (OORAH!)

Jimmy was a giant in the jewelry industry. At an early age, after achieving State Honors in Distributive Education at MacArthur High School, he discovered salesmanship to be his strong suit and rose quickly among the ranks in local fashion retail stores. Jimmy was introduced to the fine jewelry industry in 1975 when he became a buyer and salon manager for Frost Brothers Precious Jewels of the Ben Adams Family who mentored and encouraged Jimmy to pursue a career in the jewelry industry. In 1985, Jimmy accepted an offer to become General Manager of Dennis Jewelry Company. Jimmy loved the close-knit relationships of the jewelry industry among store staff, vendors, customers, and even competitors. After two decades of service to the Dennis Family, Jimmy decided to fulfill his destiny by opening his own

fine jewelry store by establishing J. Green Jewelers. After a year of construction on his unique and inviting store, Jimmy and his team (including his wife, son and daughter) opened the doors on November 30, 2005.

From its inception, J. Green Jewelers reflected Jimmy's dedication to design innovation, service excellence and quality delivery. The store set the global standard in jewelry service and selection, won outstanding awards both locally and nationally (including the WALL STREET JOURNAL's naming the store in 2008 as the Couture Jeweler of the Year and Best Jewelry Store in the United States), and enjoyed a sterling reputation throughout the industry. Cap Beasley, the world's foremost authority on colored stones referred to Jimmy Green as "one of the leading authorities on colored stones in the United States". The store reflected a lifelong commitment between its loyal customers and long tenured staff of sales and jewelry designers. Although the store bears his name, Jimmy never considered J. Green Jewelers as "his" store; it belongs to the staff and customers.

Jimmy believed in public service and giving back to the community.

Throughout his life, Jimmy donated his time, talents, merchandise, and money to charities in San Antonio and the surrounding communities. There are over a hundred local and national charitable organizations that benefited from his compassion. The highlight of his community service was his work with The Rey Feo Consejo Educational Foundation where he served as El Rey Feo LXVI, raising \$203,000 in scholarship funds. Serving as a goodwill ambassador for the city of San Antonio throughout the year of his reign (2013-2014), Jimmy and his court visited nursing homes, hospitals, orphanages, and more than 120 elementary schools where he encouraged thousands of young people to stay in school. Reflecting on his experience, Jimmy wrote "the citizens of San Antonio and South Texas brought together their spirit of community and their collective generosity and gave me an incredibly rewarding and blessed year during my reign as El Rey Feo."

Sunday was Jimmy's favorite day of the week. Jimmy was a devout Christian man who spent his Sundays attending selected church services in the morning, afternoon and into Sunday evening. Local pastors were among his closest friends. Jimmy felt grateful and blessed to have men and women of faith who prayed both with him and for him. Prayers were answered, and miracles happened. Jimmy enjoyed preaching the Good News to everyone, singing in praise, and praying with and uplifting anyone in need.

Next to his faith, family was at the center of Jimmy's life. He was the best dad ever (with apologies to any reader who thinks their own dad holds that title). He was smart, funny, loving, playful, and generous with his family. He was a dad who was always supporting and encouraging. Jimmy was the loudest cheerleader on the sidelines of his children's numerous activities. From Boy Scouts to Booster Club, Jimmy was present in every aspect of his children's lives. Jimmy's life was full of adventures. Jimmy leaves his family a legacy of love and kindness.

Jimmy Green is survived by: his loving wife Pamela Green, his son James Preston Green, his daughter Rebekah Annaliese Green Anderson, her spouse Burton Hill Anderson, his granddaughter Payton Michelle Green, his mother Anna Belle Giese Green, his sister Patti Russell, her husband John Russell, his brother Henry Moss Green III, his sister Debbie Schwind, father in law Jimmie H. Work, sister-in-law Karen Work, sister-in-law Sandra Anderson, her husband Kurt Anderson, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Henry Moss Green Jr.. Jimmy also leaves behind his J. Green Jewelry family of employees, their families, vendor partners, and innumerable friends.

In lieu of flowers the Green Family asks that contributions be made to The

Rey Feo Consejo Educational Foundation.

A visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Home Cherry Ridge location on Wednesday November 17th between 6pm-9pm, and a memorial service will be held at Community Bible Church on November, 18th at 11am.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Memorial Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Bible Church
2477 North Loop 1604 East
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *I will always remember his kindness. My prayers continue for his family, and for the J Green store family!*

Rose Aguilar - November 29, 2021 at 06:45 AM

SK

“ *To the Green Family,
We were sadden to hear about Jimmy passing. I considered him a friend and loyal customer in the jewelery business. Always willing to help me with whatever I needed. He touched the lives of many people. He will be missed.*

Steve Konetzke

Steve Konetzke - November 17, 2021 at 04:16 PM

TT

“ *Tawana Timberlake purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.missionpar ks.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of James Franklin Green.*

Tawana Timberlake - November 17, 2021 at 03:41 PM

TT

“ Jimmy Green was truly a King, whose passing will leave a huge void for many people personally & the entire community. His lively personality, kind deeds, and words of inspiration are legendary and he was loved beyond measure.

He has gained a new CROWN - one that rivals the one he proudly wore during his rein as Rey Feo 2014. Now, a HALO adorns his head and it will shine brightly with all the stars he will be awarded by the KING he served, our Lord & Savior, who he believed in, honored & served faithfully.

I'm sharing a picture from 2014 during his rein ad Rey Feo, when he and his court attended The Woman's Club of San Antonio Fiesta hat lunch & contest. I do believe that was the most memorable one I've participated in! His court was never boring, and his personality largely filled the room!

I know it will be oh so difficult for the family to continue without his earthly presence, but I know his spiritual essence is within each of them. We can all take comfort, that we had him as a friend. We were blessed. Jimmy Green, you will be missed, but never, ever forgotten.



Tawana Timberlake - November 17, 2021 at 03:33 PM

GD

“ *Dear Green Family,
I was shocked and saddened to learn of
Jimmy's passing.
May God bless Jimmy and may God bless
your family during this sad and difficult time.
George Dennis*



George Dennis - November 16, 2021 at 04:24 PM

JT

“ *As patrons of Jimmy's jewelry store over many years, we were
shocked and saddened to learn of his passing. He was a kind,
personable human being who was skilled both at his craft and at
taking care of his customers. We will miss his enthusiasm and
smile. Our sincere condolences to his family.*

- John and Alice Troy

John and Alice Troy - November 14, 2021 at 09:55 PM

EC

“ *my condolences to the family of our beloved Jimmy. He is in my
prayers everyday. I will truly miss him. all my love eve caldarola*

Eve caldarola - November 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM

DH

“ *Debra Hurtado lit a candle in memory of
James Franklin Green*



Debra Hurtado - October 14, 2021 at 10:32 PM

JJ

“ From helping my husband design my wedding ring, back on San Pedro at Dennis Jewlers, to helping us choose special pieces for children's accomplishments, and special occasions (or just because) he was such a delight. We came thru once or twice a year, and were welcomed like family. Jimmy knew us, knew our family, and always made us feel special. May he rest in peace.

Jennifer Johnson - October 09, 2021 at 07:53 PM

NI

“ I was taken aback as I entered the store on 10/5/21 only to learn of Jimmy Green's sudden passing on 9/18/21. My husband was also shocked as he just saw him the Saturday prior. We will miss his exceptional customer service and sunny smile. We've enjoyed his craftsmanship and knowledge over the years. Praying for his beautiful family and rejoicing in a magnificent life lived as he peacefully rests in the loving arms of our Lord.

Nanis Iskander - October 06, 2021 at 07:43 PM

DS

“ We are saddened to hear about the sudden loss of Jimmy Green. Jimmy was a friend of my parents for nearly 30 years going back to his time at Dennis Jewelry when my dad would work security there on the weekends. He was always generous and friendly and when it came time for me to purchase my engagement and wedding rings, Jimmy spent several hours with us over several appointments to design the rings and find the perfect diamond. He had the unique way of making us feel like we were his most important customers. Even for our wedding day, he let my wife borrow a set of diamond earrings for the special day. He was such a generous man. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

-David and Jennifer Serene

David Serene - October 03, 2021 at 10:37 PM

SA

“ I will miss Jimmy’s friendly smile and welcome hug every time I saw him. He helped me with gifts for my family and me too. He was my sister in law’s neighbor and even came over to witness her will. May he Rest In Peace. Sandra Rosenberg

sandra - October 03, 2021 at 02:56 PM

SR

“ To Pam, Annalise and Preston, we were so saddened to hear of Jimmy’s passing. He was a sweet and gracious man and will always be remembered as much. We love you and send our sincere thoughts and prayers. Aunt Shelia and Uncle Randall.

Shelia and Randall - September 30, 2021 at 05:37 PM

DJ

“ Jimmy came to our wedding rehearsal bearing new ring guards for my engagement ring simply because he didn’t want us to worry that it wasn’t going to be ready. He sat...watched the rehearsal and smiled. Hugged all of us afterward and was off...he didn’t have to do the millions of things that he did out of kindness and love, but it came naturally to him. We were fortunate to be the beneficiary of Jimmy Green’s friendship. He will be missed greatly. Our most sincere sympathy to the family.
Joey and Debra Janes - Gleitman

Debra Janes - September 29, 2021 at 06:32 PM

SR

To Pam, Anneliese and Preston, Was so shocked hearing of Jimmy’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jimmy was such a sweet and gracious person. He will long be remembered by so many.

Shelia and Randall - September 30, 2021 at 05:28 PM

KS

“ Jimmy always looked for the positive in life! Such a selfless man!
May you shine like a diamond in heaven! Kim Sheridan

Kim Sheridan - September 25, 2021 at 03:10 PM

AP

“ We are saddened to hear this news. Jimmy will be missed by many
in the jewelry industry. You are in our prayers. Mary and Aaron
Penaloza

Aaron Penaloza - September 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM