

# JIM DAVIS



James Robert Davis was born in Marion Indiana, July 28th, 1945 and grew up on a small farm in Fairmount Indiana. Jim probably would have become a farmer, had it not been for his serious bouts with asthma as a child. Forced inside, away from regular farm chores, he spent hours alone sketching and doodling and observing others which would later spawn into creations, characters expressing irony and humor for millions of people's entertainment. His passion

for art took him to Ball State where he studied art and business. From there Jim Davis went on to advertising and eventually became an American Iconic Cartoonist who created the Garfield Franchise.

Jim Davis, opened his production company PAWS in 1981 and chose to stay in Indiana to build a creative house to support Garfield licensing. Paws' staff of artists, writers, designers, web designers, sculptors, animators, and A/V engineers support the creativity that goes into each Garfield product, promotion, and entertainment venue.

Jim Davis has had many successes with GARFIELD including four Emmy Awards for Outstanding Animated Program and induction into the Licensing Hall of Fame (1998), but his most prized awards are from his peers in the National Cartoonist Society: Best Humor Strip (1981 and 1985), the Elzie Segar Award (1990), and the coveted Reuben Award (1990) for overall excellence in cartooning.

Today, PAWS Inc, does business in 111 countries and GARFIELD is read in 2570 newspapers by 263,000,000 readers around the globe. Recently, Guinness World Records, named GARFIELD "The Most Widely Syndicated Comic Strip in the World."

Because of the artistic talents of this small town Grant County farm boy, Jim Davis has created millions of jobs around the world in marketing, sales, distribution, accounting and every job that is affiliated from his creations from comics, tv shows, movies, toys, shirts, books, etc ...

Davis is married to Jill Davis and has three children, James, Ashley, and Christopher. Mr. Davis remains kind to Grant County and recently signed these drawings (made by another one of our beloved Grant County artist Eric Reaves, who works for Mr. Davis) for Mayor Seybold for his recent trip to Japan.

