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| <p><a href="#">clavicle</a><br/>(Silver Member)<br/>09/12/09 01:12 PM</p>  | <p> <b>R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <hr/> <p>Jim Carroll was found dead earlier today. No information at this point, though friends have been aware that he was ill recently. I'll miss his readings and music. R.I.P.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">AlecPappas</a><br/>(Diamond Member)<br/>09/12/09 01:26 PM</p>  | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <hr/> <p>Time to go shoot some chinks.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">teverett</a><br/>(Diamond Member)<br/>09/12/09 01:29 PM</p>   | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <hr/> <p>Originally Posted By: clavicle<br/>Jim Carroll was found dead earlier today. No information at this point, though friends have been aware that he was ill recently. I'll miss his readings and music. R.I.P.</p> <p>Where? NYC?</p> |
| <p><a href="#">slider</a><br/>(Platinum Member)<br/>09/12/09 01:29 PM</p>  | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <hr/> <p>"All the people who died, who died. They were all my friends, they died."</p> <p>R.I.P.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#">Duck My Sick</a><br/>(Diamond Member)<br/>09/12/09 01:34 PM</p>   | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <hr/> <p>Shouldn't have ratted on those bikers.*</p> <p>*Absolutely no disrespect to a very talented writer, poet and the man who gave us one of the capital-G Great rock songs of the '80s. RIP.</p>                                      |

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| <a href="#">clavicle</a><br>(Silver Member)<br>09/12/09 02:02 PM      |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b><br><br>Yes, in NYC. He was a no show to a breakfast date, so the authorities were called in to confirm our worst suspicions. An official statement is pending.   |
| <a href="#">hedlo</a><br>(Platinum Member)<br>09/12/09 02:06 PM       |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b><br><br>RIP Jim Carroll, if true...   |
| <a href="#">bkrancho</a><br>(Bronze Member)<br>09/12/09 02:47 PM      |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b><br><br>Source? No story anywhere...  |
| <a href="#">ColouredVinyl</a><br>(Bronze Member)<br>09/12/09 03:14 PM |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b><br><br>Are you sure? I can't find anything anywhere about this. He is a friend. This is so sad..   |
| <a href="#">Andrew</a><br>(Diamond Member)<br>09/12/09 07:56 PM       |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b><br><br>Jim Carroll, RIP<br><br>np: The Basketball Diaries: Soundtrack  |
| <a href="#">Troublepuss</a><br>(Diamond Member)<br>09/12/09 08:03 PM  |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b><br><br>I can't find a source.<br><br>We saw him walking down the street last year. I was beside myself, and my boyfriend had no idea who he was. It's still one of my favorite celebrity sightings ever. |
| <a href="#">dannya</a>  |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b>  |

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| (Diamond Member)<br>09/12/09 10:17 PM                                  | Jesus. Hoping it's not true, but clavicle is not one to joke.   |
| <a href="#">PaulCashmere</a><br>(Platinum Member)<br>09/13/09 01:03 AM |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b>   |
|  | if this is true, it is taking a long time to confirm. There is nothing anywhere online I can find to suggest this is true   |
| <a href="#">anitahahnjob</a><br>(Bronze Member)<br>09/13/09 01:29 AM   |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b>   |
|  | Originally Posted By: PaulCashmere<br>if this is true, it is taking a long time to confirm. There is nothing anywhere online I can find to suggest this is true   |
|  | Agreed,...nothing online. Even his fansite is oblivious to it. I am thinking that some wires were crossed and he is still alive. At least hope so..   |
| <a href="#">teverett</a><br>(Diamond Member)<br>09/13/09 12:15 PM      |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b>   |
|  | I just heard from somebody reliable and in the press who has been in contact with the family (it hasn't shown up officially yet). Don't take my word for it, but if any of you write obits, better start researching. |
| <a href="#">Troublepuss</a><br>(Diamond Member)<br>09/13/09 12:47 PM   |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b>   |
|  | Wiki is showing he died yesterday, but there still isn't any source.  |
| <a href="#">Katchi</a><br>(Gold Member)<br>09/13/09 04:48 PM           |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b>   |
|  | oh no. Some days it's hard to log into the Rope.  |
| <a href="#">kebya</a>  |  <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b>   |

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| <p>(Member)<br/>09/13/09 06:58<br/>PM</p>   | <p>Now official: <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/books/14carroll.html?hp">http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/books/14carroll.html?hp</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">MercuryXL</a><br/>(Diamond<br/>Member)<br/>09/13/09 08:49<br/>PM</p>   | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>NYT: "Jim Carroll, the poet and punk rocker in the outlaw tradition of Rimbaud and Burroughs who chronicled his wild youth in "The Basketball Diaries," died on Friday at his home in Manhattan. He was 60.<br/>The cause was a heart attack, said Rosemary Carroll, his former wife."</p> <p>Very sad, and way too soon. RIP.</p> <p>I wonder if he had health insurance. With his poetry fortune. Dark laugh there. 60 is a young age to die, these days- if you have access to care and prevention. If not, you die early. What HMO would insure a poet who spoke of his drug adventures? I don't know the whole story, obvs. And we never know when the reaper will appear. But did he have access to care that might have prevented this? He could have had another 25 years of life if he did. I'll bet he didn't.</p> |
| <p><a href="#">purplestack</a><br/>(Diamond<br/>Member)<br/>09/13/09 08:58<br/>PM</p> | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>very sorry to hear this. 60 is way too young. Another vestige of old NYC goes away.</p> <p>He lived, though..</p> <p><a href="#">Jim Carroll Band- People Who Died (Live)</a></p> <p><i>Teddy sniffing glue, he was 12 years old<br/>Fell from the roof on East Two-nine<br/>Cathy was 11 when she pulled the plug<br/>On 26 reds and a bottle of wine<br/>Bobby got leukemia, 14 years old<br/>He looked like 65 when he died<br/>He was a friend of mine</i></p> <p><i>Those are people who died, died</i></p>   |

*They were all my friends, and they died*

*G-berg and Georgie let their gimmicks go rotten  
So they died of hepatitis in upper Manhattan  
Sly in Vietnam took a bullet in the head  
Bobby OD'd on Drano on the night that he was wed  
They were two more friends of mine  
Two more friends that died*

*Those are people who died, died  
They were all my friends, and they died*

*Mary took a dry dive from a hotel room  
Bobby hung himself from a cell in the tombs  
Judy jumped in front of a subway train  
Eddie got slit in the jugular vein  
And Eddie, I miss you more than all the others  
And I salute you brother!*

*Those are people who died, died  
They were all my friends, and they died*

*Herbie pushed Tony from the Boys' Club roof  
Tony thought that his rage was just some goof  
But Herbie sure gave Tony some bitchen proof  
"Hey," Herbie said, "Tony, can you fly?"  
But Tony couldn't fly, Tony died*

*Those are people who died, died  
They were all my friends, and they died*

*Brian got busted on a narco rap  
He beat the rap by rattin' on some bikers  
He said, "Hey, I know it's dangerous, but it sure beats Riker's"  
But the next day he got offed by the very same bikers*

*Those are people who died, died  
They were all my friends, and they died*

*Mary took a dry dive from a hotel room  
Bobby hung himself from a cell in the tombs  
Judy jumped in front of a subway train  
Bill died fighting the pain*

*Bill we miss you more like all the others  
This song's for you my brother!*

*Those are people who died, died  
They were all my friends, and they died*

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[JonTiven](#)

(Member)

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 **Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll**

A one-of-a-kind person. Fantastic mind, sharp as a tack and funny funny funny. It was my honor and pleasure to collaborate with him and be in his band. Has not died, just ascended.

[Freddy](#)

(Gold Member)

09/13/09 09:16  
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 **Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll**

RIP Jim Carroll. I dug his books and loved that album when I was a kid. Gave my high school a taste, though they weren't quite ready for it at the time.

We snuck into a bar to see his first visit to our town, totally under-age, first taste of Carlsberg Elephants.

I posted this up here a long time ago in honor of my friends who I lost not due to drugs - but Apple. Just for fun, and don't sweat it - I'm a Mac guy.

People Who iDied

Teddy sniffing iPod he was 12 years old  
Fell from the roof on East Two-nine  
Cathy was 11 when she pulled the plug  
On 26 reds and an iBook line  
Bobby got Final Cut, 14 years old  
He looked like 65 when he died  
He was a friend of mine

## Refrain:

Those are people who iDied, iDied  
 They were all my friends, and they iDied

G-berg and Georgie let their gimmicks go rotten  
 So they died on a G4 in upper Manhattan  
 Sly in Vietnam took an AirPort in the head  
 Bobby OD'd on Safari on the night that he was wed  
 They were two more friends of mine  
 Two more friends that died / I miss 'em--they iDied

## Repeat Refrain

Mary took a Mac Mini in a hotel room  
 Bobby hung himself from a iPhone in the tombs  
 Judy jumped in front of an Xserve train  
 Eddie got slit in the iTunes vein  
 And Eddie, I miss you more than all the others,  
 And I salute you brother/ This song is for you my brother

## Repeat Refrain

Herbie pushed Tony from the Genius Bar roof  
 Tony thought that his rage was just some goof  
 But Herbie sure gave Tony some bitchen proof  
 "Hey," Herbie said, "Tony, can you iFly?"  
 But Tony couldn't fly . . . Tony iDied

## Repeat Refrain

Brian got busted on an iWork rap  
 He beat the rap by rattin' on some iLifers  
 He said, hey, I know it's dangerous,  
 but it sure beats Riker's  
 But the next day he got offed  
 by the very same iLifers

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| <p><a href="#">The Hound</a><br/>(Gold Member)<br/>09/13/09 09:41<br/>PM</p>        | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>Will never forget going to see him do a reading circa 1988 or 1989, must have been the St. Marks Church, and afterwards, went over to shake his hand. He spotted the Communion medal I had on my jacket and went nuts, laughing hysterically, telling me had one just like it, launching off into a long discussion about being raised that way.</p> <p>Basketball Diaries is still my favorite book about New York. Could do without the heroin stuff (although I recognize it as elemental to his story), but the real truth of that book is the heart and sense of common decency he showed beneath all that more flashy/hip stuff. That's the sort of stuff I want to feel about New York (and tend to reject all else). The guy was the essence of that vibe.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">radiogirlnpr</a><br/>(Diamond Member)<br/>09/13/09 09:49<br/>PM</p>  | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/books/14carroll.html?em">http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/books/14carroll.html?em</a></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">Anne Leighton</a><br/>(Diamond Member)<br/>09/13/09 11:20<br/>PM</p> | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>Originally Posted By: JonTiven<br/>A one-of-a-kind person. Fantastic mind, sharp as a tack and funny funny funny. It was my honor and pleasure to collaborate with him and be in his band. Has not died, just ascended.</p> <p>nice comment, especially the ascended part.</p> <p>I wish all poets could have the career and triumphs through adversity, influence....and--most of all-- output that Jim Carroll had.</p> <p>He was definitely the most successful rock &amp; roll poet ever. I know a lot of folk put him in the whole Ginsburg thing, but really Jim set a lot of precedence here in the poetry world. I really can't think of any time where he didn't think of his listener. He was always doing readings, poetry is supposed to be an aural medium. There are not enough videos on youtube for me to offer a suggested link. Hopefully over the next few weeks folks will put up some of their recordings.</p> |

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| <p><a href="#">DevilsAdvocate</a><br/>(Diamond Member)<br/>09/14/09 12:15 AM</p>  | <p>☹️ <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>Yeah, I said I was out...but I'm back in to pay the just homage due a true rock &amp; roll original.</p> <p>Just last month I had a jones to hear <i>Catholic Boy</i> and went to Amoeba in search of...couldn't find it, but did pick up the <i>Best of the Jim Carroll Band</i> omnibus, and was crankin' it through the stereo on Friday afternoon, ironically.</p> <p>This bums me out much more than I thought it would...hope he has indeed ascended to a better place....</p> <p>np: "It's Too Late"</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">Meyer</a><br/>(Platinum Member)<br/>09/14/09 12:56 AM</p>   | <p>📖 <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>RIP - just got home after a weekend out of town and out of touch, thrilled to see my Niners won, only to see this bad news soon thereafter. In some small way, Carroll helped keep me on the straight and narrow, and for that, I'll always be thankful.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">ColouredVinyl</a><br/>(Bronze Member)<br/>09/14/09 01:08 AM</p>   | <p>📖 <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>It's a very sad day for me.</p> <p>Reading that obituary in the New York Times, it occurred to me that Jim told me I could use a quote of his about Coloured Vinyl's music as long as I didn't list him as author of the Basketball Diaries. Apparently he was tired of being referenced by that. Now that's practically the focus of that article. Anyway here's a bio I wrote of Jim a couple years ago that pleased him, it's mostly about his music which I thought was just so underrated.</p> <p>Though he is more renowned as a poet and author, few acts in the history of rock have as powerful a musical presence as Jim Carroll. His music burst upon the scene during the punk era, with a amazing record called <i>Catholic Boy</i>, filled with memorable songs which provide a combination of hard rock and lyrical depth unequaled in the annals of popular music. The band's live shows had a manic energy all their own</p> |

- Carroll emitted a primal glow from the stage as he delivered the tribulations of his life.

By the time the Jim Carroll Band came into existence, Jim was already well known in the underground art culture. A book compiled from his teenage journals, *The Basketball Diaries*, told the story of his life in sports, heroin, and the city that he loved. That book later became a major movie in 1995 with the role of Jim played by Leonardo DiCaprio. Carroll's poetry has been praised by the likes of Jack Kerouac and William S. Burroughs. His life and times read like an epic journey: he worked for Andy Warhol, lived with Patti Smith and Robert Mapplethorpe, recorded with Lou Reed and Pearl Jam, his band was "discovered" by Keith Richards, and he actually held the microphone for the recording of the Velvet Underground's *Live at Max's Kansas City*. He continues to write, occasionally doing live readings to sellout crowds, and his sphere of influence in that field is enormous, his body of work studied by scholars and taught in colleges.

But in contrast with all this prestige in one realm, the Jim Carroll Band never received its full due as a force in rock music. Yes they got critical acclaim and the song *People Who Died* is occasionally found on lists of the top songs of the 80s, but overall, Carroll's music is remarkably unknown to the masses, considering the musical force and passion of his songs. The vibrant, urgent colors of his lyrics were probably too explicit, too brutally honest for a music business that at the time wanted to sell punk rock using far more simple terms. Nonetheless, the music of Jim Carroll effortlessly withstands the test of time, and the vision and wicked gravity within his songs make for some of the most vital rock ever created

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 **Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll**

RIP.

Drive by Truckers do a great version of *People Who Died* and most of the shows.

[Deer Prudence](#)  
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 **Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll**

Not sure if anybody noticed the "other" Jim Carroll when searching for the news before it was confirmed. It appears as if he was a fan, as well

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| 09/14/09 03:06<br>PM  | as having shared the same name, and posted some short condolences.<br><br><a href="http://www.jimcarroll.com/">http://www.jimcarroll.com/</a>   |
| <a href="#">gearheadgirl</a><br>(Silver Member)<br>09/14/09 03:17<br>PM | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>Jim Carroll had a great band which I witnessed one night uptown in NYC at JPs with Keith Richards joining on guitar. Small club, big sound, and the powerful Jim Carroll. R.I.P.</p>  |
| <a href="#">wicked1</a><br>(Member)<br>09/16/09 07:59<br>PM             | <p> <b>Re: R.I.P. Jim Carroll</b></p> <p>I had the privilege of writing and playing guitar in his band for over 3 years and two albums. Jim was the real thing; an artist of the highest caliber. I'm sorry I was out of the country when he passed and couldn't be in NYC this morning for the funeral.<br/>Goodnight Jim. See you down the road.</p> |